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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR MAY 2012**

	PRICE @ 3.5% BF <i>(per cwt.)</i>	SKIM MILK PRICE <i>(per cwt.)</i>	BUTTERFAT PRICE <i>(per lb.)</i>
<b>CLASS I PRICE <sup>1/</sup></b>	<b>\$19.25</b>	<b>\$14.16</b>	<b>\$1.5973</b>
Transportation Credit	0.15	0.15	0.0015
Processor Assessment <sup>2/</sup>	<u>0.20</u>	<u>0.20</u>	<u>0.002</u>
Total	\$19.60	\$14.51	\$1.6008
<b>CLASS II PRICE</b>	<b>\$15.19</b>	<b>\$10.47<sup>1/</sup></b>	<b>\$1.4532</b>
<b>CLASS III PRICE</b>	<b>\$15.23</b>	<b>\$10.54</b>	<b>\$1.4462</b>
<b>CLASS IV PRICE</b>	<b>\$13.55</b>	<b>\$8.80</b>	<b>\$1.4462</b>

**FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR MAY 2012**

Product Price Averages:	MAY 2012 Monthly Averages	2 Week Averages Ending April 14, 2012 <sup>1/</sup>
Cheese <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.5215	\$1.5431
Butter <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.3657	\$1.4624
Nonfat Dry Milk <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.1551	\$1.2642
Dry Whey <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$0.5389	\$0.6022

**Advanced Pricing Factors <sup>1/</sup>:**

Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>	\$10.76
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>	\$9.77
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.5633

<sup>1/</sup> As announced on or before the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the previous month. Class I skim milk price is announced at the higher of the advanced Class III or IV skim milk pricing factors plus the base zone (Mecklenburg County, NC) differential of \$3.40 and is subject to location adjustments.

<sup>2/</sup> The processor assessment is an obligation under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order (7 CFR § 1160.101 *et seq.*). The Order requires that all persons who process and market commercially more than 3,000,000 pounds of fluid milk products in consumer-type packages in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia on a monthly basis, excluding those fluid milk products delivered to the residence of a consumer, be assessed 20 cents per hundredweight on all marketings of such packaged fluid milk products during the month.

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