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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR OCTOBER 2015

| | PRICE @ 3.5% BF <i>(per cwt.)</i> | SKIM MILK PRICE <i>(per cwt.)</i> | BUTTERFAT PRICE <i>(per lb.)</i> |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CLASS I PRICE ^{1/} | \$19.24 | \$9.97 | \$2.7492 |
| Transportation Credit | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.0015 |
| <u>Processor Assessment ^{2/}</u> | <u>0.20</u> | <u>0.20</u> | <u>0.002</u> |
| Total | \$19.59 | \$10.32 | \$2.7527 |
| CLASS II PRICE | \$16.44 | \$6.46 ^{1/} | \$2.9157 |
| CLASS III PRICE | \$15.46 | \$5.47 | \$2.9087 |
| CLASS IV PRICE | \$16.43 | \$6.48 | \$2.9087 |

FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR OCTOBER 2015

| Product Price Averages: | OCTOBER 2015 Monthly Averages | 2 Week Averages Ending September 19, 2015 ^{1/} |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Cheese <i>(per lb.)</i> | \$1.6790 | \$1.7191 |
| Butter <i>(per lb.)</i> | \$2.5734 | \$2.4136 |
| Nonfat Dry Milk <i>(per lb.)</i> | \$0.8951 | \$0.8144 |
| Dry Whey <i>(per lb.)</i> | \$0.2309 | \$0.2416 |

Advanced Pricing Factors ^{1/}:

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|---|----------|
| Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i> | \$6.57 |
| Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i> | \$5.76 |
| Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor <i>(per lb.)</i> | \$2.7152 |

^{1/} As announced on or before the 23rd 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.

^{2/} 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.