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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR DECEMBER 2017

	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/}	\$20.28	\$11.70	\$2.5675
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	\$20.63	\$12.05	\$2.5710
CLASS II PRICE	\$14.49	\$5.94 ^{1/}	\$2.5021
CLASS III PRICE	\$15.44	\$6.95	\$2.4951
CLASS IV PRICE	\$13.51	\$4.95	\$2.4951

FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR DECEMBER 2017

Product Price Averages:	DECEMBER 2017 Monthly Averages	2 Week Averages Ending November 18, 2017 ^{1/}
Cheese <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$1.6481	\$1.7641
Butter <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$2.2319	\$2.2636
Nonfat Dry Milk <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$0.7237	\$0.7563
Dry Whey <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$0.3030	\$0.3561

Advanced Pricing Factors ^{1/}:

Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>	\$8.30
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor <i>(per cwt.)</i>	\$5.24
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor <i>(per lb.)</i>	\$2.5335

^{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 20-cent per hundredweight processor assessment is an obligation under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order (7CFR§1160.101 et seq.) imposed on any person who processes and markets commercially more than 3 million pounds of packaged fluid milk products on a monthly basis. Deliveries to consumer residences are excluded. Effective February 29, 2016, processors of certified "organic" and "100 percent organic" fluid milk products may apply for an organic assessment exemption for those products.