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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

	PRICE @ 3.5% BF (per cwt.)	SKIM MILK PRICE (per cwt.)	BUTTERFAT PRICE (per lb.)
CLASS I PRICE ^{1/}	\$18.25	\$9.32	\$2.6458
Transportation Credit	0.10	0.10	0.0010
Processor Assessment ^{2/}	0.20	0.20	<u>0.0020</u>
Total	\$18.55	\$9.62	\$2.6488
CLASS II PRICE	\$15.13	\$6.43 ^{1/}	\$2.5512
CLASS III PRICE	\$16.09	\$7.45	\$2.5442
CLASS IV PRICE	\$14.81	\$6.12	\$2.5442

FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018			
Product Price Averages:	SEPTEMBER 2018 Monthly Averages	2 Week Averages Ending August 18, 2018 ¹	
Cheese (per lb.)	\$1.6533	\$1.5418	
Butter (per lb.)	\$2.2724	\$2.3282	
Nonfat Dry Milk (per lb.)	\$0.8548	\$0.8109	
Dry Whey (per lb.)	\$0.4028	\$0.3709	
Advanced Pricing Factors ^{1/} :			
Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)	\$5.92		
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)	\$5.73		
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor (per lb.)	\$2.6118		

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.

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