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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR MARCH 2019

	PRICE @ 3.5% BF	SKIM MILK PRICE (per cwt.)	BUTTERFAT PRICE (per lb.)
CLASS I PRICE 1/	\$19.38	\$10.65	\$2.6010
Transportation Credit	0.10	0.10	0.0010
Processor Assessment 2/	0.20	0.20	0.0020
Total	\$19.68	\$10.95	\$2.6040
CLASS II PRICE	\$16.61	\$7.95 ^{1/}	\$2.5531
CLASS III PRICE	\$15.04	\$6.35	\$2.5461
CLASS IV PRICE	\$15.71	\$7.05	\$2.5461

FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR MARCH 2019

Product Price Averages:	MARCH 2019 Monthly Averages	2 Week Averages Ending February 16, 2019 ^{1/}
Cheese (per lb.)	\$1.5383	\$1.3769
Butter (per lb.)	\$2.2740	\$2.2912
Nonfat Dry Milk (per lb.)	\$0.9589	\$0.9811
Dry Whey (per lb.)	\$0.4127	\$0.4616
Advanced Pricing Factors ^{1/} :		
Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)	\$4.97	
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)	\$7.25	
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor (per lb.)	\$2.5670	

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.

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^{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.