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## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES FOR MARCH 2024**

	PRICE @ 3.5% BF	SKIM MILK PRICE (per cwt.)	BUTTERFAT PRICE (per lb.)
CLASS I PRICE 1/	\$22.20	\$11.54	\$3.1609
Transportation Credit 2/	0.20	0.20	0.0020
Delivery Credit 3/	0.60	0.60	0.0060
Processor Assessment 4/	0.20	0.20	0.0020
Total	\$23.20	\$12.54	\$3.1709
CLASS II PRICE	\$21.12	<b>\$10.11</b> 1/	\$3.2455
CLASS III PRICE	\$16.34	\$5.19	\$3.2385
CLASS IV PRICE	\$20.09	\$9.07	\$3.2385

## **FACTORS USED IN PRICES FOR MARCH 2024**

Product Price Averages:	MARCH 2024 Monthly Averages	2 Week Averages Ending February 17, 2024 <sup>1</sup>
Cheese (per lb.)	\$1.6082	\$1.6012
Butter (per lb.)	\$2.8457	\$2.7536
Nonfat Dry Milk (per lb.)	\$1.1863	\$1.2242
Dry Whey (per lb.)	\$0.4788	\$0.4621
Advanced Pricing Factors <sup>1/</sup> :		
Advanced Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)	\$5.38	
Advanced Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor (per cwt.)	\$9.41	
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor (per lb.)	\$3.1269	

<sup>1/</sup> As announced on or before the 23rd of the previous month, Class I skim milk price is announced at the average of the advanced Class III and IV skim milk pricing factors plus \$0.74 and the base zone (Mecklenburg County, NC) differential of \$3.40 and is subject to location adjustments.

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<sup>2/</sup> The Transportation Credit Balancing Fund is a marketwide assessment pursuant to §1005.81 of the order. The per hundredweight assessment is applied to the total pounds of Class I producer milk.

<sup>3/</sup> The Distributing Plant Delivery Credit Fund is a marketwide assessment pursuant to §1005.84 of the order. The per hundredweight assessment is applied to the total pounds of Class I producer milk.

<sup>4/</sup> 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.