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MILK PRICES
paid by
CREAMERIES AND CHEESE PLANTS

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Milk of manufacturing grade used in making cheese in the United States averaged \$3.74 per 100 pounds in April, the Crop Reporting Board reports. This is 15 cents less than in March, but 48 cents more than in April 1965. The milkfat price of \$1.03 per pound in April compares with \$1.06 in March and \$.89 in April a year ago. Milkfat tests declined from 3.67 percent in March to 3.64 percent this April. A year earlier they averaged 3.67 percent.

At American cheese plants, milk prices in April were \$3.71 per 100 pounds, compared with \$3.87 in March and \$3.25 in April 1965. The milkfat price of \$1.02 per pound was off 3 cents from March, but ^{up}14 cents from April 1965. The milkfat test of 3.65 percent contrasts with 3.68 percent in both March this year and April a year earlier. Milk price declines in all regions ranged from 1 percent in the Pacific to 5 percent in the East North Central. Decreases in the other regions were 2 percent in the West North Central, 3 percent in the Mountain and 4 percent in the South Central. Compared with April 1965, increases in all regions varied from 11 percent in both the Pacific and the South Central to 16 percent in the East North Central.

Milk used for miscellaneous or foreign-type cheese brought producers \$3.81 per 100 pounds for April receipts, as against \$3.92 in March and \$3.30 in April 1965. Milkfat prices averaged \$1.06 per pound in April, compared with \$1.07 in March and \$.91 in April a year ago. Milk prices decreased 3 percent from March to April at all miscellaneous type plants. Compared with April 1965, milk price increases ranged from 14 percent at Italian plants to 18 percent at Brick and Munster factories.

Milk for butter and creamery by-products averaged \$3.60 per 100 pounds in April - up 1 cent from March and 31 cents from April 1965. Milkfat tests declined from 3.63 percent in March to 3.61 percent in April. Milkfat prices averaged \$1.00 per pound this April, as against \$.99 in March and \$.91 in April 1965. Milk prices declined about 3 percent from March to April in the Mountain States, but were nominally unchanged in the remaining regions. Compared with April 1965, milk price increases in all regions varied from 4 percent in the Pacific States to 11 percent in the East North Central.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID FARMERS FOR MANUFACTURING GRADE MILK USED IN MAKING CHEESE
BY VARIETIES, AND BUTTER AND BY-PRODUCTS, UNITED STATES, APRIL 1966 ^{1/}

Dairy Products	Price paid per 100 lbs. milk					Average milkfat test			Price per lb. of milkfat		
				Change from:							
	Apr. 1965	Mar. 1966	Apr. 1966	Apr. 1965	Mar. 1966	Apr. 1965	Mar. 1966	Apr. 1966	Apr. 1965	Mar. 1966	Apr. 1966
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
American cheese	3.25	3.87	3.71	+ 14.2	- 4.1	3.68	3.68	3.65	.88	1.05	1.02
Misc. cheese:											
Swiss	3.27	3.93	3.82	+ 16.8	- 2.8	3.62	3.63	3.59	.90	1.08	1.06
Brick & Munster	3.22	3.93	3.81	+ 18.3	- 3.1	3.55	3.59	3.54	.91	1.09	1.08
Italian	3.35	3.95	3.83	+ 14.3	- 3.0	3.64	3.66	3.63	.92	1.08	1.06
All Other ^{2/} ..	3.28	3.86	3.76	+ 14.6	- 2.6	3.64	3.70	3.65	.90	1.04	1.03
TOTAL-Misc. Types	3.30	3.92	3.81	+ 15.5	- 2.8	3.63	3.65	3.61	.91	1.07	1.06
All cheese	3.26	3.89	3.74	+ 14.7	- 3.9	3.67	3.67	3.64	.89	1.06	1.03
Butter and By-products	3.29	3.59	3.60	+ 9.4	+ 0.3	3.63	3.63	3.61	.91	.99	1.00

^{1/}Preliminary; subject to revision. Except for California, where milk is generally priced at the ranch, prices are f.o.b. plant or receiving station before hauling costs are deducted. Include quantity, quality, bulk tank or any other premiums. ^{2/}Includes Cream, Nonfat, and Blue Mold, etc. ^{3/}Includes some states not shown separately.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID FARMERS FOR MANUFACTURING GRADE MILK USED IN MAKING

AMERICAN CHEESE AND CREAMERY BUTTER, UNITED STATES, APRIL 1966 1/

STATE	Price paid per 100 lbs. milk					Average milkfat test			Price per lb. of milkfat		
	Apr. 1965	Mar. 1966	Apr. 1966	Change from:		Apr. 1965	Mar. 1966	Apr. 1966	Apr. 1965	Mar. 1966	Apr. 1966
				Apr. 1965	Mar. 1966						
<u>AMERICAN CHEESE</u>	<u>Dol.</u>	<u>Dol.</u>	<u>Dol.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Dol.</u>	<u>Dol.</u>	<u>Dol.</u>
Ohio	3.26	3.86	3.80	+ 16.6	- 1.6	3.92	3.98	3.92	.83	.97	.97
Indiana	3.31	3.99	3.90	+ 17.8	- 2.3	3.89	3.95	3.86	.85	1.01	1.01
Illinois	3.12	3.57	3.46	+ 10.9	- 3.1	3.75	3.80	3.72	.83	.94	.93
Michigan	3.27	3.77	3.76	+ 15.0	- 0.3	3.67	3.70	3.65	.89	1.02	1.03
Wisconsin	3.29	4.02	3.82	+ 16.1	- 5.0	3.60	3.60	3.58	.91	1.12	1.07
E. N. CENTRAL STATES	3.28	4.00	3.81	+ 16.2	- 4.8	3.62	3.62	3.60	.91	1.10	1.06
Minnesota	3.10	3.66	3.63	+ 17.1	- 0.8	3.47	3.52	3.51	.89	1.04	1.03
Iowa	3.28	3.77	3.66	+ 11.6	- 2.9	3.69	3.66	3.62	.89	1.03	1.01
Missouri	3.45	3.84	3.75	+ 8.7	- 2.3	3.96	4.00	3.90	.87	.96	.96
Kansas	3.26	3.67	3.57	+ 9.5	- 2.7	3.71	3.78	3.68	.88	.97	.97
W. N. CENTRAL STATES 3/	3.26	3.72	3.65	+ 12.0	- 1.9	3.70	3.68	3.65	.88	1.01	1.00
Kentucky	3.17	3.75	3.57	+ 12.6	- 4.8	3.83	3.94	3.82	.83	.95	.93
Tennessee	3.25	3.74	3.62	+ 11.4	- 3.2	3.96	4.02	3.90	.82	.93	.93
Mississippi	3.32	3.75	3.65	+ 9.9	- 2.7	3.95	4.07	3.96	.84	.92	.92
Oklahoma	3.17	3.63	3.48	+ 9.8	- 4.1	3.78	3.90	3.82	.84	.93	.91
S. CENTRAL STATES 3/	3.22	3.73	3.58	+ 11.2	- 4.0	3.87	3.97	3.86	.83	.94	.93
Idaho	3.04	3.58	3.49	+ 14.8	- 2.5	3.49	3.58	3.49	.87	1.00	1.00
MOUNTAIN STATES 3/	3.04	3.55	3.44	+ 13.2	- 3.1	3.52	3.61	3.53	.86	.98	.97
Oregon	3.70	4.18	4.14	+ 11.9	- 1.0	4.25	4.40	4.26	.87	.95	.97
California	3.63	3.97	3.90	+ 7.4	- 1.8	3.95	3.93	3.90	.92	1.01	1.00
PACIFIC STATES 3/	3.70	4.16	4.11	+ 11.1	- 1.2	4.23	4.35	4.22	.87	.96	.97
UNITED STATES	3.25	3.87	3.71	+ 14.2	- 4.1	3.68	3.68	3.65	.88	1.05	1.02
<u>BUTTER AND CREAMERY BY-PRODUCTS</u>											
Ohio	3.29	3.72	3.66	+ 11.2	- 1.6	3.87	3.96	3.85	.85	.94	.95
Illinois	3.35	3.74	3.72	+ 11.0	- 0.5	3.76	3.82	3.74	.89	.98	.99
Michigan	3.22	3.56	3.54	+ 9.9	- 0.6	3.75	3.83	3.76	.86	.93	.94
Wisconsin	3.38	3.73	3.75	+ 10.9	+ 0.5	3.69	3.69	3.68	.92	1.01	1.02
E. N. CENTRAL STATES 3/	3.37	3.73	3.74	+ 11.0	+ 0.3	3.70	3.71	3.69	.91	1.01	1.01
Minnesota	3.20	3.50	3.51	+ 9.7	+ 0.3	3.50	3.52	3.51	.91	.99	1.00
Iowa	3.36	3.67	3.65	+ 8.6	- 0.5	3.64	3.65	3.61	.92	1.01	1.01
Missouri	3.37	3.78	3.63	+ 7.7	- 4.0	3.96	4.10	3.95	.85	.92	.92
Kansas	3.35	3.75	3.62	+ 8.1	- 3.5	3.76	3.75	3.66	.89	1.00	.99
W. N. CENTRAL STATES 3/	3.22	3.52	3.52	+ 9.3	0	3.53	3.55	3.53	.91	.99	1.00
Idaho	3.29	3.62	3.53	+ 7.3	- 2.5	3.74	3.87	3.71	.88	.94	.95
MOUNTAIN STATES 3/	3.26	3.58	3.48	+ 6.7	- 2.8	3.72	3.84	3.69	.88	.93	.94
Oregon	3.27	3.40	3.43	+ 4.9	+ 0.9	4.25	4.32	4.22	.77	.79	.81
California	3.39	3.55	3.53	+ 4.1	- 0.6	3.81	3.85	3.79	.89	.92	.93
PACIFIC STATES 3/	3.34	3.50	3.49	+ 4.5	- 0.3	3.92	4.01	3.95	.85	.87	.88
UNITED STATES	3.29	3.59	3.60	+ 9.4	+ 0.3	3.63	3.63	3.61	.91	.99	1.00

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