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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 $3.69 per 100 pounds in May 1966, the Crop Reporting Board reports. This is 5 cents below April, but 45 cents above May 1965. The milkfat test of 3.64 percent in May was unchanged from April, but down from the 3.66 percent in May 1965. The price per pound of milkfat was $1.01 - down 2 cents from April, but up 12 cents from May a year earlier.

Milk used in making American cheese averaged $3.68 per 100 pounds in May - 3 cents under the April price, but 45 cents above that of May 1965. The milkfat price of $1.01 per pound was off 1 cent from April, but up 13 cents from May 1965. The milkfat test of 3.66 percent in May compares with 3.65 percent in April and 3.68 percent in May a year ago. Milk prices decreased from April to May in all regions except the Pacific, where they increased 3 percent. Compared with May 1965, increases in all regions varied from 10 percent in the West North Central to 16 percent in the East North Central.

At miscellaneous foreign-type cheese plants, producers received $3.73 per 100 pounds for May milk receipts compared with $3.81 in April and $3.27 in May 1965. Milkfat prices averaged $1.04 per pound in May, as against $1.06 in April and $.91 in May 1965. Milk prices declined 1 percent at Brick and Munster plants, 2 percent both at Swiss and "All Other" plants, and 3 percent at Italian factories. Compared with May 1965, milk price increases ranged from 12 percent at Italian plants to 17 percent at Brick and Munster plants.

Milk for butter and creamery by-products averaged $3.65 per 100 pounds in May - up 5 cents from April and 37 cents from May 1965. Milkfat tests held steady from April to May at 3.61 percent, as against 3.62 percent in May 1965. The milkfat price in May of $1.01 per pound was 1 cent more than in April 1966 and 10 cents higher than in May 1965. Milk prices decreased fractionally from April to May in the Mountain States. Increases in the other regions were 1 percent in the West North Central and about 2 percent in both the East North Central and the Pacific. Compared with May 1965, milk prices were sharply higher in all regions.

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

Dairy Products	Price paid per 100 lbs. milk			Change from:		Average milkfat test			Price per lb. of milkfat		
	May 1965	Apr. 1966	May 1966	May 1965	Apr. 1966	May 1965	Apr. 1966	May 1966	May 1965	Apr. 1966	May 1966
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
American cheese ..	3.23	3.71	3.68	+ 13.9	- 0.8	3.68	3.65	3.66	.88	1.02	1.01
Misc. cheese:											
Swiss	3.23	3.82	3.74	+ 15.8	- 2.1	3.57	3.59	3.56	.90	1.06	1.05
Brick & Munster	3.21	3.81	3.76	+ 17.1	- 1.3	3.53	3.54	3.52	.91	1.08	1.07
Italian	3.33	3.83	3.73	+ 12.0	- 2.6	3.62	3.63	3.61	.92	1.06	1.03
All Other 2/ ..	3.24	3.76	3.68	+ 13.6	- 2.1	3.62	3 65	3.62	.90	1.03	1.02
TOTAL Misc. Types	3.27	3.81	3.73	+ 14.1	- 2.1	3.59	3.61	3.59	.91	1.06	1.04
All cheese	3.24	3.74	3.69	+ 13.9	- 1.3	3.66	3.64	3.64	.89	1.03	1.01
Butter and By-products	3.28	3.60	3.65	+ 11.3	+ 1.4	3.62	3.61	3.61	.91	1.00	1.01

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, Neufchatel, Limburger, 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, MAY 1966 1/

STATE	Price paid per 100 lbs. milk			Change from:		Average milkfat test			Price per lb. of milkfat		
	May 1965	Apr. 1966	May 1966	May 1965	April 1966	May 1965	Apr. 1966	May 1966	May 1965	Apr. 1966	May 1966
AMERICAN CHEESE	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Ohio	3.17	3.80	3.68	+ 16.1	- 3.2	3.82	3.92	3.83	.83	.97	.96
Indiana	3.24	3.90	3.83	+ 18.2	- 1.8	3.81	3.86	3.78	.85	1.01	1.01
Illinois	3.04	3.46	3.38	+ 11.2	- 2.3	3.66	3.72	3.65	.83	.93	.93
Michigan	3.24	3.76	3.75	+ 15.7	- 0.3	3.64	3.65	3.64	.89	1.03	1.03
Wisconsin	3.26	3.82	3.80	+ 16.6	- 0.5	3.60	3.58	3.59	.91	1.07	1.06
E. N. CENTRAL STATES	3.25	3.81	3.78	+ 16.3	- 0.8	3.62	3.60	3.61	.90	1.06	1.05
Minnesota	3.11	3.63	3.60	+ 15.8	- 0.8	3.49	3.51	3.50	.89	1.03	1.03
Iowa	3.18	3.66	3.57	+ 12.3	- 2.5	3.62	3.62	3.57	.88	1.01	1.00
Missouri	3.41	3.75	3.70	+ 8.5	- 1.3	3.92	3.90	3.85	.87	.96	.96
Kansas	3.19	3.57	3.44	+ 7.8	- 3.6	3.62	3.68	3.62	.88	.97	.95
W. N. CENTRAL STATES 3/	3.24	3.65	3.58	+ 10.5	- 1.9	3.68	3.65	3.62	.88	1.00	.99
Kentucky	3.18	3.57	3.53	+ 11.0	- 1.1	3.84	3.82	3.80	.83	.93	.93
Tennessee	3.22	3.62	3.66	+ 13.7	+ 1.1	3.91	3.90	3.96	.82	.93	.92
Mississippi	3.25	3.65	3.63	+ 11.7	- 0.5	3.92	3.96	3.94	.83	.92	.92
Oklahoma	3.13	3.48	3.42	+ 9.3	- 1.7	3.77	3.82	3.80	.83	.91	.90
S. CENTRAL STATES 3/	3.21	3.58	3.57	+ 11.2	- 0.3	3.86	3.86	3.86	.83	.93	.92
Idaho	3.02	3.49	3 43	+ 13.6	- 1.7	3.43	3.49	3.43	.88	1.00	1.00
MOUNTAIN STATES 3/	3.00	3.44	3.37	+ 12.3	- 2.0	3.46	3.53	3.46	.87	.97	.97
Oregon	3.70	4.14	4.25	+ 14.9	+ 2.7	4.30	4.26	4.34	.86	.97	.98
California	3.53	3.90	3.85	+ 9.1	- 1.3	3.93	3.90	3.89	.90	1.00	.99
PACIFIC STATES 3/	3.69	4.11	4.22	+ 14.4	+ 2.7	4.28	4.22	4.31	.86	.97	.98
UNITED STATES	3.23	3.71	3.68	+ 13.9	- 0.8	3.68	3.65	3.66	.88	1.02	1.01
BUTTER AND CREAMERY BY-PRODUCTS											
Ohio	3.19	3.66	3.63	+ 13.8	- 0.8	3.75	3.85	3.77	.85	.95	.96
Illinois	3.26	3.72	3.62	+ 11.0	- 2.7	3.67	3.74	3.65	.89	.99	.99
Michigan	3.15	3.54	3.56	+ 13.0	+ 0.6	3.71	3.76	3.71	.85	.94	.96
Wisconsin	3.41	3.75	3.83	+ 12.3	+ 2.1	3.72	3.68	3.72	.92	1.02	1.03
E. N. CENTRAL STATES 3/	3.39	3.74	3.81	+ 12.4	+ 1.9	3.72	3.69	3.72	.91	1.01	1.02
Minnesota	3.20	3.51	3.57	+ 11.6	+ 1.7	3.49	3.51	3.50	.92	1.00	1.02
Iowa	3.24	3.65	3.61	+ 11.4	- 1.1	3.51	3.61	3.54	.92	1.01	1.02
Missouri	3.27	3.63	3.61	+ 10.4	- 0.6	3.85	3.95	3.84	.85	.92	.94
Kansas	3.29	3.62	3.58	+ 8.8	- 1.1	3.67	3.66	3.58	.90	.99	1.00
W. N. CENTRAL STATES 3/	3.20	3.52	3.56	+ 11.2	+ 1.1	3.50	3.53	3.51	.91	1.00	1.01
Idaho	3.23	3.53	3.51	+ 8.7	- 0.6	3.68	3.71	3.63	.88	.95	.97
MOUNTAIN STATES 3/	3.20	3.48	3.47	+ 8.4	- 0.3	3.66	3.69	3.61	.87	.94	.96
Oregon	3.20	3.43	3.46	+ 8.1	+ 0.9	4.15	4.22	4.16	.77	.81	.83
California	3.38	3.53	3.63	+ 7.4	+ 2.8	3.84	3.79	3.82	.88	.93	.95
PACIFIC STATES 3/	3.30	3.49	3.55	+ 7.6	+ 1.7	3.94	3.95	3.95	.84	.88	.90
UNITED STATES	3.28	3.60	3.65	+ 11.3	+ 1.4	3.62	3.61	3.61	.91	1.00	1.01

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