



Fluid Milk and Cream - Central U.S.

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Milk output continues to move upward in line with seasonal trends. At the same time, Class I activity is picking up as most school districts in the region are back to normal schedules following spring break. Plant downtime at the Class III level has provided some cheesemakers in the region with spot milk loads as low as \$6-below Class III. Some cheesemakers say they are finding regularly scheduled weekend loads at or around \$5-under Class III. Cream availability is continuing to reach holiday levels. Spot cream multiples were reported below 1.00 this week, as both butter and cheese plant contacts say cream offers are abundant. School milk spin-off and bolstered component levels at the farm level have provided cream end users with readily accessible cream quantities. Ice cream manufacturing is picking up, but it is not at the activity levels some cream handlers expected it to be at this point in the season. Contacts in Wisconsin say corn planting has yet to pick up following various types of precipitation over the past two weeks. They do note that winter wheat is beginning to emerge.

Price Range - Class III Milk; \$/CWT; Spot Basis: - 6.00 - -1.00

Trade Activity: Active

Midwestern U.S. F.O.B. Cream

Commodity				Low Price	High Price
Cream	All Classes	\$/LB Butterfat		2.7702	3.6742
Cream	All Classes	Multiples Range		0.9500	1.2600
Cream	Class II	\$/LB Butterfat		3.4409	3.6742
Cream	Class II	Multiples Range		1.1800	1.2600

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