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For California, milk production is seasonally strengthening. Manufacturers indicate open processing space is getting tighter as seasonal milk output increases continue to take place, but milk volumes are still comfortable compared to processing capacities. Class I, II, and IV demands are steady. Class III demand varies from steady to lighter. According to the California Department of Water Resources, as of February 18, 2025, statewide precipitation has increased to 1.25 inches above the historical mean compared to 0.16 inches above the historical mean as of February 12, 2025, for the current water year. Milk production in Arizona is stronger. Demands for all Classes are steady. For New Mexico, farm level milk output is seasonally strengthening. Spot milk availability is somewhat looser. Demands for Class I, II, and IV are steady. Demand for Class III varies from steady to lighter. Stakeholders in the Pacific Northwest indicate recent milk production is mixed. In some cases, handlers note milk output as below expectations, and weather as a contributing factor for below anticipated milk volumes. That said, manufacturers also indicate milk volumes are sufficient for processing needs. All Class demands are steady. Farm level milk output in the mountain states of Idaho, Utah, and Colorado varies from steady to stronger. Stakeholders convey cow comfort is improving. Manufacturers mostly indicate milk volumes and processing capacities remain in good balance with each other. Class I, II, and IV demands are steady, while Class III demand varies from steady to lighter. Cream volumes are generally abundant in the region. Although cream multiples moved higher this week, distressed loads below the prior week bottom end All-Classes range of 0.55 continued to be reported. However, stakeholders also indicate the number of distressed cream loads is lessening. Cream demand remains mixed. A few stakeholders convey some Central region to West region movement of cream loads. Condensed skim milk availability is looser. Condensed skim milk demand is stronger.

Western U.S. F.O.B. Cream

Commodity				Low Price	High Price
Cream	All Classes	\$/LB Butterfat		1.6790	2.7823
Cream	All Classes	Multiples Range		0.7000	1.1600
Cream	Class II	\$/LB Butterfat		2.0387	2.7823
Cream	Class II	Multiples Range		0.8500	1.1600

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