

Fluid Milk and Cream - West U.S.

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Farm level milk production is trending steady to higher in the West. In California, contacts share milk production continues to rise seasonally. Mild weather in the Central Valley has aided cow comfort, and some contacts note they are beginning to see spring flush volumes. Contacts share milk production for this week is in line with forecasts and is above milk volumes recorded this week last year. Class I demand is strong in the area. Class II demand is expected to increase in the coming weeks. Class III demand is strong, as is Class IV demand. Both planned and unplanned plant downtime has made condensed skim availability loose, and contacts share spot milk prices are being reported as low as \$4-under Class III. Cream supplies are ample. In Oregon and Washington, farm level milk production is trending higher. Contacts share they are above forecasted volumes for this time of year. Milk components are said to be strong, and plants are able to bring more cream into processing. In Idaho, farm level milk outputs are noted to be in line with recent weeks. Contacts expect spring flush volumes to peak in late April. Demand for all Classes is unchanged. Cream is available, but demand is noted to be lackluster. Milk production in Utah and Colorado is in line with recent weeks, but contacts share milk volumes are tighter than they were this time last year. Processors in Arizona note steady to stronger milk outputs at the farm level. Demand for all Classes is unchanged. In New Mexico, processors share milk volumes are able to meet production needs, but spot milk availability is tight. Demand for all Classes is steady.

Western U.S. F.O.B. Cream				
Commodity			Low Price	High Price
Cream	All Classes	\$/LB Butterfat	2.9621	3.3852
Cream	All Classes	Multiples Range	1.0500	1.2000
Cream	Class II	\$/LB Butterfat	3.1031	3.3852
Cream	Class II	Multiples Range	1.1000	1.2000

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