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**CALIFORNIA MARKETING AREA
FEDERAL MILK ORDER NO. 51**

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS AND COMPONENT PRICES^{1/}

	April 2026
CLASS I PRICE (LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA)^{2/ 3/}	\$21.46
Processor Assessment ^{4/}	\$0.20
Total (per cwt.)	<u>\$21.66</u>
Skim Milk Price (per cwt.) ^{2/}	\$14.80
Butterfat Price (per lb.) ^{2/}	\$2.0501
Class I ESL Adjustment ^{5/}	(\$0.25)
CLASS II PRICE^{3/}	\$18.82
Skim Milk Price (per cwt.) ^{2/}	\$12.70
Butterfat Price (per lb.)	\$1.8762
Nonfat Solids Price (per lb.) ^{2/}	\$1.3656
CLASS III PRICE^{3/}	\$16.82
Skim Milk Price (per cwt.)	\$10.65
Butterfat Price (per lb.)	\$1.8692
Protein Price (per lb.)	\$2.5190
Other Solids Price (per lb.)	\$0.3888
CLASS IV PRICE^{3/}	\$20.22
Skim Milk Price (per cwt.)	\$14.17
Butterfat Price (per lb.)	\$1.8692
Nonfat Solids Price (per lb.)	\$1.5241

MONTHLY COMPONENT PRICES

Butterfat Price (per lb.)	\$1.8692
Protein Price (per lb.)	\$2.5190
Other Solids Price (per lb.)	\$0.3888
Nonfat Solids Price (per lb.)	\$1.5241

MONTHLY PRODUCT PRICE AVERAGES

Butter (per lb.)	\$1.7707
Cheese (per lb.)	\$1.6427
Dry Whey (per lb.)	\$0.6443
Nonfat Dry Milk (per lb.)	\$1.7788

^{1/} See Price Formulas at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/resources/price-formulas>.

^{2/} Previously announced in *Announcement of Class I Price and Advanced Pricing Factors*. Class I prices are announced at the Los Angeles County, CA location differential of \$2.80 per hundredweight.

^{3/} The Class prices announced are per hundredweight at 3.5% butterfat.

^{4/} The 20-cent per hundredweight processor assessment is an obligation under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order (7CFR§1160.101 *et seq.*) imposed on any person who processes and markets commercially more than 3 million pounds of packaged fluid milk products on a monthly basis. Deliveries to consumer residences are excluded. Effective February 29, 2016, processors of certified "organic" and "100 percent organic" fluid milk products may apply for an organic assessment exemption for those products.

^{5/} Class I Extended Shelf Life (ESL) Adjustment for All ESL products is equal to the average of the advanced Class III and IV skim pricing factors plus a 24-month rolling average adjustor less the higher of the advanced Class III and IV skim pricing factors. More information can be found in the §1000.50(r) section of the Federal Order language.

April 2026 Class I Price Information for the California Marketing Area

	Class I Differential	Class I Prices		
	Rate ^{2/}	Skim Milk	Butterfat	Class I ^{1/}
	(per cwt.)	(per cwt.)	(per lb.)	(per cwt.)
As Announced:	\$2.80	\$14.80	\$2.0501	\$21.46
Other Zones:	\$2.60	\$14.60	\$2.0481	\$21.26
	\$2.50	\$14.50	\$2.0471	\$21.16
	\$2.40	\$14.40	\$2.0461	\$21.06
	\$2.20	\$14.20	\$2.0441	\$20.86
	\$2.00	\$14.00	\$2.0421	\$20.66
	\$1.80	\$13.80	\$2.0401	\$20.46

1/ Price at 3.5% butterfat. Does not include the 20 cent per hundredweight processor assessment, an obligation under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order (7CFR§1160.101 et seq.).

Class I Differential Zones for the California Order

