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CALIFORNIA MARKETING AREA
FEDERAL MILK ORDER NO. 51

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ESTIMATED Federal Order Minimum Value for Selected California HTST Products/Containers

Value reflects Federal order minimum cost of raw skim and butterfat in milk products at the base zone of the order (Los Angeles County, $2.80) and effect of Processor Assessment (See Note 1) and certain other assumptions. Not included in these costs are the expenses of standardization, pasteurization, processing, packaging, labor, delivery, etc.

Type of Milk		Container Size Price					
		Gallon	Half Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	Half Pints
Whole 3.50%	August 2025	$1.8885	$0.9443	$0.4721	$0.2361	$0.1574	$0.1180
	September 2025	$1.8681	$0.9341	$0.4670	$0.2335	$0.1557	$0.1168
	October 2025	$1.8113	$0.9057	$0.4528	$0.2264	$0.1509	$0.1132
	November 2025	$1.7007	$0.8504	$0.4252	$0.2126	$0.1417	$0.1063
Reduced Fat 2.00%	August 2025	$1.6118	$0.8059	$0.4030	$0.2015	$0.1343	$0.1007
	September 2025	$1.6036	$0.8018	$0.4009	$0.2005	$0.1336	$0.1002
	October 2025	$1.5958	$0.7979	$0.3990	$0.1995	$0.1330	$0.0997
	November 2025	$1.5449	$0.7725	$0.3862	$0.1931	$0.1287	$0.0966
Lowfat 1.00%	August 2025	$1.4568	$0.7284	$0.3642	$0.1821	$0.1214	$0.0911
	September 2025	$1.4572	$0.7286	$0.3643	$0.1822	$0.1214	$0.0911
	October 2025	$1.4819	$0.7410	$0.3705	$0.1853	$0.1235	$0.0926
	November 2025	$1.4675	$0.7338	$0.3669	$0.1835	$0.1223	$0.0917
Nonfat 0.10%	August 2025	$1.0819	$0.5410	$0.2705	$0.1353	$0.0902	$0.0676
	September 2025	$1.0880	$0.5440	$0.2720	$0.1360	$0.0907	$0.0680
	October 2025	$1.1442	$0.5721	$0.2861	$0.1430	$0.0954	$0.0715
	November 2025	$1.1905	$0.5953	$0.2976	$0.1488	$0.0992	$0.0744

Type of Milk		Container Size Price Changes from the Previous Months					
Whole	September 2025	($0.0204)	($0.0102)	($0.0051)	($0.0026)	($0.0017)	($0.0012)
	October 2025	($0.0568)	($0.0284)	($0.0142)	($0.0071)	($0.0048)	($0.0036)
	November 2025	($0.1106)	($0.0553)	($0.0276)	($0.0138)	($0.0092)	($0.0069)
Reduced Fat	September 2025	($0.0082)	($0.0041)	($0.0021)	($0.0010)	($0.0007)	($0.0005)
	October 2025	($0.0078)	($0.0039)	($0.0019)	($0.0010)	($0.0006)	($0.0005)
	November 2025	($0.0509)	($0.0254)	($0.0128)	($0.0064)	($0.0043)	($0.0031)
Lowfat	September 2025	$0.0004	$0.0002	$0.0001	$0.0000	$0.0000	$0.0000
	October 2025	$0.0247	$0.0124	$0.0062	$0.0031	$0.0021	$0.0015
	November 2025	($0.0144)	($0.0072)	($0.0036)	($0.0018)	($0.0012)	($0.0009)
Nonfat	September 2025	$0.0061	$0.0030	$0.0015	$0.0008	$0.0005	$0.0004
	October 2025	$0.0562	$0.0281	$0.0141	$0.0070	$0.0047	$0.0035
	November 2025	$0.0463	$0.0232	$0.0115	$0.0058	$0.0038	$0.0029

Class I Prices	Skim	Butterfat	**Adv Class IV Prices**	Skim
August 2025	$12.26	$2.8865		$9.26
September 2025	$12.34	$2.7969		$9.34
October 2025	$13.03	$2.4181		$9.26
November 2025	$13.62	$1.8883		$8.15

Conversion Factors for Pricing Units

Whole 3.5%/8.7% Gal.	Reduced 2%/10% Gal.	Lowfat 1%/11% Gal.	Nonfat 0.10%/9% Gal.
8.61	8.66	8.70	8.63

\# ***Estimation Assumptions*** *: Incoming milk tests 3.80% butterfat (BF) and 9.00% milk solids not fat (MSNF). Fortification is accomplished with condensed milk testing 33.5% MSNF. White milk products are fortified to California State Standards (BF/MSNF): Whole Milk 3.5%/8.7%; Reduced fat 2%/10%; Lowfat 1%/11%; Nonfat (skim) 0.10%/9%. In lieu of the final Class IV skim price which is not available before the 24th of the month, the advanced Class IV skim price is used. Pounds per gallon factors are based on the formula: (100/(100+(BF% X 0.04811)-(MSNF% X 0.38556)) X 8.3341.*

Note 1: All prices include the $0.20 per cwt. Processor Assessment (Fluid Milk Promotion Order, 7 CFR, 1160.101 et seq). These prices do not included any other assessments or costs associated with bottling milk.

Note 2: Prices were determined by a set of calculations which can be found on the FO 51 website (Sample Fortification Calculation).

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ESTIMATED Federal Order Minimum Value for Selected California Extended Shelf Life Products/Containers

Value reflects Federal order minimum cost of raw skim and butterfat in milk products at the base zone of the order (Los Angeles County, $2.80) and effect of Processor Assessment (See Note 1) and certain other assumptions. Not included in these costs are the expenses of standardization, pasteurization, processing, packaging, labor, delivery, etc. Starting with June 2025, the prices below are *estimated* minimum values for Extended shelf life products and containers in California to reflect the ESL adjustment.

Type of Milk		Container Size Price					
		Gallon	Half Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	Half Pints
Whole 3.50%	August 2025	$1.8589	$0.9295	$0.4647	$0.2324	$0.1549	$0.1162
	September 2025	$1.8353	$0.9176	$0.4588	$0.2294	$0.1529	$0.1147
	October 2025	$1.8582	$0.9291	$0.4645	$0.2323	$0.1548	$0.1161
	November 2025	$1.5975	$0.7987	$0.3994	$0.1997	$0.1331	$0.0998
Reduced Fat 2.00%	August 2025	$1.5054	$0.7527	$0.3764	$0.1882	$0.1255	$0.0941
	September 2025	$1.4934	$0.7467	$0.3733	$0.1867	$0.1244	$0.0933
	October 2025	$1.5674	$0.7837	$0.3919	$0.1959	$0.1306	$0.0980
	November 2025	$1.3730	$0.6865	$0.3433	$0.1716	$0.1144	$0.0858
Lowfat 1.00%	August 2025	$1.2669	$0.6334	$0.3167	$0.1584	$0.1056	$0.0792
	September 2025	$1.2626	$0.6313	$0.3156	$0.1578	$0.1052	$0.0789
	October 2025	$1.3707	$0.6854	$0.3427	$0.1714	$0.1142	$0.0857
	November 2025	$1.2210	$0.6105	$0.3052	$0.1526	$0.1017	$0.0763
Nonfat 0.10%	August 2025	$1.0534	$0.5267	$0.2634	$0.1317	$0.0878	$0.0658
	September 2025	$1.0561	$0.5281	$0.2640	$0.1320	$0.0880	$0.0660
	October 2025	$1.1951	$0.5975	$0.2988	$0.1494	$0.0996	$0.0747
	November 2025	$1.0853	$0.5427	$0.2713	$0.1357	$0.0904	$0.0678

Type of Milk		Container Size Price Changes from the Previous Months					
Whole	September 2025	($0.0236)	($0.0119)	($0.0059)	($0.0030)	($0.0020)	($0.0015)
	October 2025	$0.0229	$0.0115	$0.0057	$0.0029	$0.0019	$0.0014
	November 2025	($0.2607)	($0.1304)	($0.0651)	($0.0326)	($0.0217)	($0.0163)
Reduced Fat	September 2025	($0.0121)	($0.0060)	($0.0031)	($0.0015)	($0.0011)	($0.0008)
	October 2025	$0.0741	$0.0370	$0.0186	$0.0092	$0.0062	$0.0047
	November 2025	($0.1944)	($0.0972)	($0.0486)	($0.0243)	($0.0162)	($0.0122)
Lowfat	September 2025	($0.0043)	($0.0021)	($0.0011)	($0.0005)	($0.0004)	($0.0003)
	October 2025	$0.1082	$0.0541	$0.0271	$0.0135	$0.0090	$0.0068
	November 2025	($0.1498)	($0.0749)	($0.0375)	($0.0187)	($0.0125)	($0.0094)
Nonfat	September 2025	$0.0027	$0.0014	$0.0006	$0.0004	$0.0002	$0.0002
	October 2025	$0.1390	$0.0694	$0.0348	$0.0174	$0.0116	$0.0087
	November 2025	($0.1098)	($0.0548)	($0.0275)	($0.0137)	($0.0092)	($0.0069)

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Note 2: Following the 2025 Final Decision to amend the Federal Orders, June 2025 is the starting month to include an Extended Shelf Life Adjustor (ESL) in the Class I prices.