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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%	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
	December 2025	$1.8265	$0.9133	$0.4566	$0.2283	$0.1522	$0.1142
Reduced Fat 2.00%	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
	December 2025	$1.6980	$0.8490	$0.4245	$0.2123	$0.1415	$0.1061
Lowfat 1.00%	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
	December 2025	$1.6401	$0.8201	$0.4100	$0.2050	$0.1367	$0.1025
Nonfat 0.10%	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
	December 2025	$1.3719	$0.6860	$0.3430	$0.1715	$0.1143	$0.0857

Type of Milk		Container Size Price Changes from the Previous Months					
Whole	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)
	December 2025	$0.1258	$0.0629	$0.0314	$0.0157	$0.0105	$0.0079
Reduced Fat	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)
	December 2025	$0.1531	$0.0765	$0.0383	$0.0191	$0.0128	$0.0095
Lowfat	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)
	December 2025	$0.1726	$0.0863	$0.0431	$0.0216	$0.0144	$0.0108
Nonfat	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
	December 2025	$0.1814	$0.0907	$0.0454	$0.0227	$0.0151	$0.0113

Class I Prices	Skim	Butterfat	**Adv Class IV Prices**	Skim
September 2025	$12.34	$2.7969		$9.34
October 2025	$13.03	$2.4181		$9.26
November 2025	$13.62	$1.8883		$8.15
December 2025	$15.74	$1.7214		$8.49

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%	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
	December 2025	$1.5729	$0.7865	$0.3932	$0.1966	$0.1311	$0.0983
Reduced Fat 2.00%	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
	December 2025	$1.3705	$0.6852	$0.3426	$0.1713	$0.1142	$0.0857
Lowfat 1.00%	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
	December 2025	$1.2330	$0.6165	$0.3083	$0.1541	$0.1028	$0.0771
Nonfat 0.10%	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
	December 2025	$1.1106	$0.5553	$0.2777	$0.1388	$0.0926	$0.0694

Type of Milk		Container Size Price Changes from the Previous Months					
Whole	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)
	December 2025	($0.0245)	($0.0122)	($0.0062)	($0.0031)	($0.0020)	($0.0015)
Reduced Fat	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)
	December 2025	($0.0026)	($0.0013)	($0.0007)	($0.0003)	($0.0002)	($0.0001)
Lowfat	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)
	December 2025	$0.0121	$0.0060	$0.0031	$0.0015	$0.0011	$0.0008
Nonfat	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)
	December 2025	$0.0253	$0.0126	$0.0064	$0.0032	$0.0022	$0.0016

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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.