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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

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Type of Milk		Container Size Price					
		Gallon	Half Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	Half Pints
Whole 3.50%	January 2026	\$1.6662	\$0.8331	\$0.4166	\$0.2083	\$0.1389	\$0.1041
	February 2026	\$1.5237	\$0.7619	\$0.3809	\$0.1905	\$0.1270	\$0.0952
	March 2026	\$1.5906	\$0.7953	\$0.3977	\$0.1988	\$0.1326	\$0.0994
	April 2026	\$1.8647	\$0.9324	\$0.4662	\$0.2331	\$0.1554	\$0.1165
Reduced Fat 2.00%	January 2026	\$1.5476	\$0.7738	\$0.3869	\$0.1935	\$0.1290	\$0.0967
	February 2026	\$1.4246	\$0.7123	\$0.3562	\$0.1781	\$0.1187	\$0.0890
	March 2026	\$1.4697	\$0.7349	\$0.3674	\$0.1837	\$0.1225	\$0.0919
	April 2026	\$1.7211	\$0.8606	\$0.4303	\$0.2152	\$0.1434	\$0.1076
Lowfat 1.00%	January 2026	\$1.4960	\$0.7480	\$0.3740	\$0.1870	\$0.1247	\$0.0935
	February 2026	\$1.3873	\$0.6937	\$0.3468	\$0.1734	\$0.1156	\$0.0867
	March 2026	\$1.4218	\$0.7109	\$0.3555	\$0.1777	\$0.1185	\$0.0889
	April 2026	\$1.6650	\$0.8325	\$0.4163	\$0.2081	\$0.1388	\$0.1041
Nonfat 0.10%	January 2026	\$1.2356	\$0.6178	\$0.3089	\$0.1545	\$0.1030	\$0.0772
	February 2026	\$1.1326	\$0.5663	\$0.2832	\$0.1416	\$0.0944	\$0.0708
	March 2026	\$1.1279	\$0.5640	\$0.2820	\$0.1410	\$0.0940	\$0.0705
	April 2026	\$1.3109	\$0.6555	\$0.3277	\$0.1639	\$0.1092	\$0.0819

Type of Milk		Container Size Price Changes from the Previous Months					
Whole	February 2026	(\$0.1425)	(\$0.0712)	(\$0.0357)	(\$0.0178)	(\$0.0119)	(\$0.0089)
	March 2026	\$0.0669	\$0.0334	\$0.0168	\$0.0084	\$0.0056	\$0.0042
	April 2026	\$0.2741	\$0.1371	\$0.0685	\$0.0343	\$0.0228	\$0.0171
Reduced Fat	February 2026	(\$0.1230)	(\$0.0615)	(\$0.0307)	(\$0.0154)	(\$0.0103)	(\$0.0077)
	March 2026	\$0.0451	\$0.0226	\$0.0112	\$0.0056	\$0.0038	\$0.0029
	April 2026	\$0.2514	\$0.1257	\$0.0629	\$0.0314	\$0.0209	\$0.0157
Lowfat	February 2026	(\$0.1087)	(\$0.0543)	(\$0.0272)	(\$0.0136)	(\$0.0091)	(\$0.0068)
	March 2026	\$0.0345	\$0.0172	\$0.0087	\$0.0043	\$0.0029	\$0.0022
	April 2026	\$0.2432	\$0.1216	\$0.0608	\$0.0304	\$0.0203	\$0.0152
Nonfat	February 2026	(\$0.1030)	(\$0.0515)	(\$0.0257)	(\$0.0129)	(\$0.0086)	(\$0.0064)
	March 2026	(\$0.0047)	(\$0.0023)	(\$0.0012)	(\$0.0006)	(\$0.0004)	(\$0.0003)
	April 2026	\$0.1830	\$0.0915	\$0.0457	\$0.0229	\$0.0152	\$0.0114

<u>Class I Prices</u>	<u>Skim</u>	<u>Butterfat</u>	<u>Adv Class IV Prices</u>	<u>Skim</u>
January 2026	\$14.17	\$1.6221		\$8.43
February 2026	\$12.99	\$1.4746		\$8.72
March 2026	\$12.91	\$1.7187		\$9.91
April 2026	\$15.00	\$2.0521		\$12.00

Conversion Factors for Pricing Units

<u>Whole 3.5%/8.7% Gal.</u> 8.61	<u>Reduced 2%/10% Gal.</u> 8.66	<u>Lowfat 1%/11% Gal.</u> 8.70	<u>Nonfat 0.10%/9% Gal.</u> 8.63
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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: $(100/(100+(BF\% \times 0.04811)-(MSNF\% \times 0.38556))) \times 8.3341$.

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 include 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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Type of Milk		Container Size Price					
		Gallon	Half Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	Half Pints
Whole 3.50%	January 2026	\$1.5364	\$0.7682	\$0.3841	\$0.1921	\$0.1280	\$0.0960
	February 2026	\$1.5169	\$0.7585	\$0.3792	\$0.1896	\$0.1264	\$0.0948
	March 2026	\$1.6551	\$0.8276	\$0.4138	\$0.2069	\$0.1379	\$0.1034
	April 2026	\$1.7231	\$0.8616	\$0.4308	\$0.2154	\$0.1436	\$0.1077
Reduced Fat 2.00%	January 2026	\$1.3466	\$0.6733	\$0.3366	\$0.1683	\$0.1122	\$0.0842
	February 2026	\$1.3465	\$0.6732	\$0.3366	\$0.1683	\$0.1122	\$0.0842
	March 2026	\$1.4545	\$0.7272	\$0.3636	\$0.1818	\$0.1212	\$0.0909
	April 2026	\$1.4790	\$0.7395	\$0.3698	\$0.1849	\$0.1233	\$0.0924
Lowfat 1.00%	January 2026	\$1.2176	\$0.6088	\$0.3044	\$0.1522	\$0.1015	\$0.0761
	February 2026	\$1.2305	\$0.6153	\$0.3076	\$0.1538	\$0.1025	\$0.0769
	March 2026	\$1.3181	\$0.6591	\$0.3295	\$0.1648	\$0.1098	\$0.0824
	April 2026	\$1.3136	\$0.6568	\$0.3284	\$0.1642	\$0.1095	\$0.0821
Nonfat 0.10%	January 2026	\$1.1029	\$0.5514	\$0.2757	\$0.1379	\$0.0919	\$0.0689
	February 2026	\$1.1275	\$0.5637	\$0.2819	\$0.1409	\$0.0940	\$0.0705
	March 2026	\$1.1968	\$0.5984	\$0.2992	\$0.1496	\$0.0997	\$0.0748
	April 2026	\$1.1661	\$0.5830	\$0.2915	\$0.1458	\$0.0972	\$0.0729

Type of Milk		Container Size Price Changes from the Previous Months					
Whole	February 2026	(\$0.0195)	(\$0.0097)	(\$0.0049)	(\$0.0024)	(\$0.0016)	(\$0.0012)
	March 2026	\$0.1382	\$0.0691	\$0.0346	\$0.0173	\$0.0115	\$0.0086
	April 2026	\$0.0680	\$0.0340	\$0.0170	\$0.0085	\$0.0057	\$0.0043
Reduced Fat	February 2026	(\$0.0001)	(\$0.0001)	\$0.0000	(\$0.0000)	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
	March 2026	\$0.1080	\$0.0540	\$0.0270	\$0.0135	\$0.0090	\$0.0067
	April 2026	\$0.0245	\$0.0123	\$0.0062	\$0.0031	\$0.0021	\$0.0015
Lowfat	February 2026	\$0.0129	\$0.0065	\$0.0032	\$0.0016	\$0.0010	\$0.0008
	March 2026	\$0.0876	\$0.0438	\$0.0219	\$0.0110	\$0.0073	\$0.0055
	April 2026	(\$0.0045)	(\$0.0023)	(\$0.0011)	(\$0.0006)	(\$0.0003)	(\$0.0003)
Nonfat	February 2026	\$0.0246	\$0.0123	\$0.0062	\$0.0031	\$0.0021	\$0.0016
	March 2026	\$0.0694	\$0.0347	\$0.0173	\$0.0087	\$0.0057	\$0.0043
	April 2026	(\$0.0307)	(\$0.0154)	(\$0.0077)	(\$0.0039)	(\$0.0025)	(\$0.0019)

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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.