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CALIFORNIA MARKETING AREA
FEDERAL MILK ORDER NO. 51

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS AND COMPONENT PRICES[1/]

	September 2026
CLASS I PRICE (LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA)[2/ 3/]	$19.84
Processor Assessment[4/]	$0.20
Total (per cwt.)	$20.04
Skim Milk Price (per cwt.)[2/]	$14.96
Butterfat Price (per lb.)[2/]	$1.5444
Class I ESL Adjustment[5/]	$0.81
CLASS II PRICE[3/]	$17.60
Skim Milk Price (per cwt.)[2/]	$12.86
Butterfat Price (per lb.)	$1.4832
Nonfat Solids Price (per lb.)[2/]	$1.3828
CLASS III PRICE[3/]	$16.04
Skim Milk Price (per cwt.)	$11.27
Butterfat Price (per lb.)	$1.4762
Protein Price (per lb.)	$2.6619
Other Solids Price (per lb.)	$0.4147
CLASS IV PRICE[3/]	$18.94
Skim Milk Price (per cwt.)	$14.27
Butterfat Price (per lb.)	$1.4762
Nonfat Solids Price (per lb.)	$1.5343

MONTHLY COMPONENT PRICES

Butterfat Price (per lb.)	$1.4762
Protein Price (per lb.)	$2.6619
Other Solids Price (per lb.)	$0.4147
Nonfat Solids Price (per lb.)	$1.5343

MONTHLY PRODUCT PRICE AVERAGES

Butter (per lb.)	$1.4462
Cheese (per lb.)	$1.5577
Dry Whey (per lb.)	$0.6694
Nonfat Dry Milk (per lb.)	$1.7891

1/ See Price Formulas at https://www.ams.usda.gov/resources/price-formulas.

2/ Previoulsly 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 advaned Class III and IV skim pricing factors. More information can be found in the §1000.50(r) section of the Federal Order language.

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Peter Fredericks
Market Administrator

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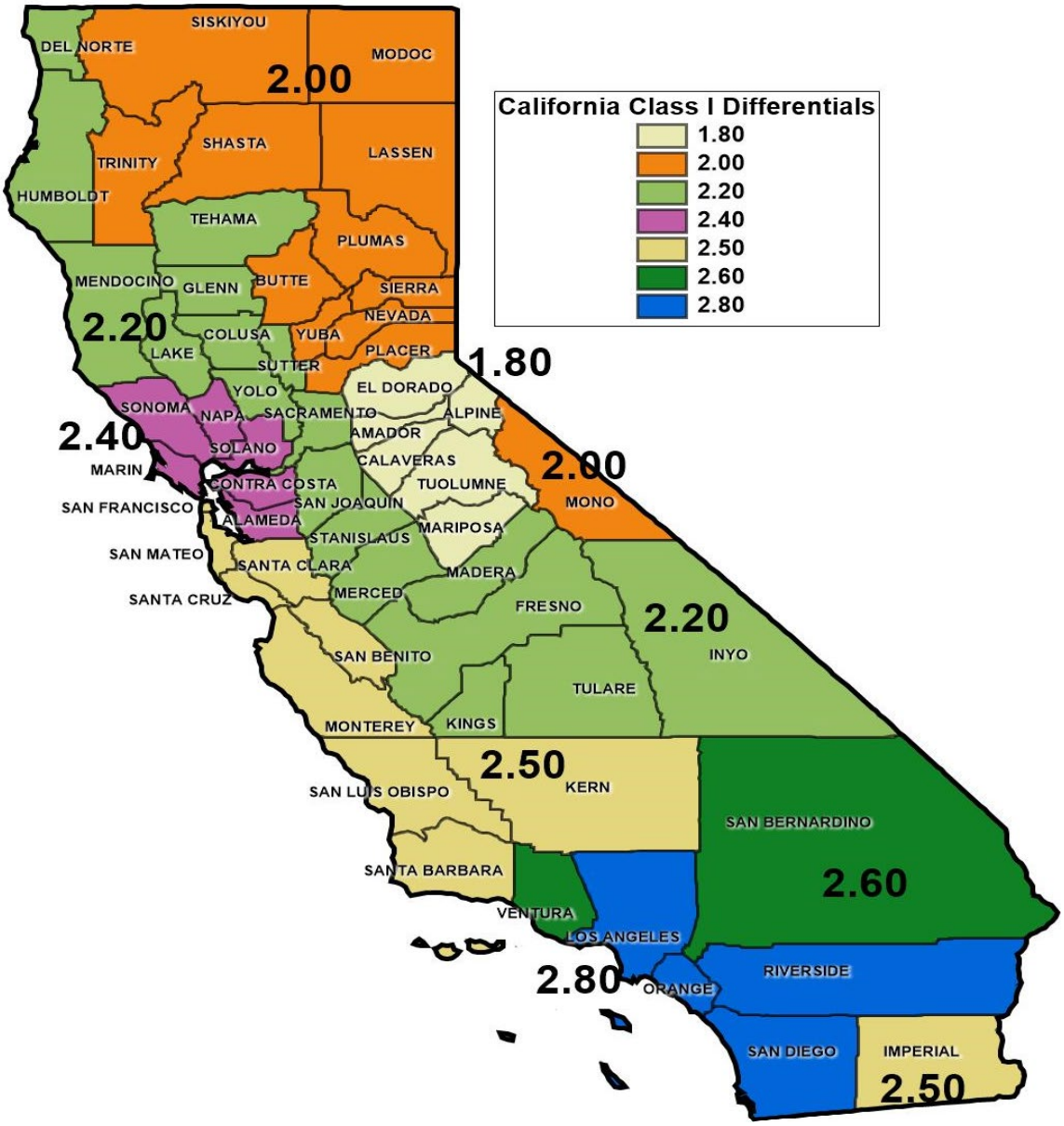
Class I Price Information for the California Marketing Area

	Class I Differential Rate	Class I Prices		
		Skim Milk	Butterfat	Class I[1/]
	(per cwt.)	(per cwt.)	(per lb.)	(per cwt.)
As Announced:	$2.80	$14.96	$1.5444	$19.84
Other Zones:	$2.60	$14.76	$1.5424	$19.64
	$2.50	$14.66	$1.5414	$19.54
	$2.40	$14.56	$1.5404	$19.44
	$2.20	$14.36	$1.5384	$19.24
	$2.00	$14.16	$1.5364	$19.04
	$1.80	$13.96	$1.5344	$18.84

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