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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 2026	$1.8735	$0.9368	$0.4684	$0.2342	$0.1561	$0.1171
	September 2026	$1.7256	$0.8628	$0.4314	$0.2157	$0.1438	$0.1079
	October 2026	$1.8842	$0.9421	$0.4711	$0.2355	$0.1570	$0.1178
	November 2026	$2.0039	$1.0020	$0.5010	$0.2505	$0.1670	$0.1252
Reduced Fat 2.00%	August 2026	$1.7791	$0.8896	$0.4448	$0.2224	$0.1483	$0.1112
	September 2026	$1.6483	$0.8242	$0.4121	$0.2061	$0.1374	$0.1030
	October 2026	$1.8276	$0.9138	$0.4569	$0.2285	$0.1523	$0.1142
	November 2026	$1.9821	$0.9911	$0.4955	$0.2478	$0.1652	$0.1239
Lowfat 1.00%	August 2026	$1.7602	$0.8801	$0.4401	$0.2200	$0.1467	$0.1100
	September 2026	$1.6374	$0.8187	$0.4094	$0.2047	$0.1365	$0.1023
	October 2026	$1.8371	$0.9186	$0.4593	$0.2297	$0.1531	$0.1148
	November 2026	$2.0216	$1.0108	$0.5054	$0.2527	$0.1685	$0.1264
Nonfat 0.10%	August 2026	$1.4101	$0.7051	$0.3525	$0.1763	$0.1175	$0.0881
	September 2026	$1.3203	$0.6602	$0.3301	$0.1651	$0.1100	$0.0825
	October 2026	$1.4892	$0.7446	$0.3723	$0.1862	$0.1241	$0.0931
	November 2026	$1.6528	$0.8264	$0.4132	$0.2066	$0.1377	$0.1033

Type of Milk		Container Size Price Changes from the Previous Months					
Whole	September 2026	($0.1479)	($0.0740)	($0.0370)	($0.0185)	($0.0123)	($0.0092)
	October 2026	$0.1586	$0.0793	$0.0397	$0.0198	$0.0132	$0.0099
	November 2026	$0.1197	$0.0599	$0.0299	$0.0150	$0.0100	$0.0074
Reduced Fat	September 2026	($0.1308)	($0.0654)	($0.0327)	($0.0164)	($0.0109)	($0.0082)
	October 2026	$0.1793	$0.0896	$0.0448	$0.0224	$0.0149	$0.0112
	November 2026	$0.1545	$0.0773	$0.0386	$0.0193	$0.0129	$0.0097
Lowfat	September 2026	($0.1228)	($0.0614)	($0.0307)	($0.0154)	($0.0102)	($0.0077)
	October 2026	$0.1997	$0.0999	$0.0499	$0.0250	$0.0166	$0.0125
	November 2026	$0.1845	$0.0922	$0.0461	$0.0231	$0.0154	$0.0116
Nonfat	September 2026	($0.0898)	($0.0449)	($0.0224)	($0.0112)	($0.0075)	($0.0056)
	October 2026	$0.1689	$0.0844	$0.0422	$0.0211	$0.0141	$0.0106
	November 2026	$0.1636	$0.0818	$0.0409	$0.0205	$0.0136	$0.0102

Class I Prices	Skim	Butterfat	**Adv Class IV Prices**	Skim
August 2026	$16.18	$1.7559		$13.18
September 2026	$15.16	$1.5464		$12.16
October 2026	$17.12	$1.5324		$14.12
November 2026	$19.03	$1.4030		$16.03

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

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Type of Milk		Container Size Price					
		Gallon	Half Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	Half Pints
Whole 3.50%	August 2026	$1.6630	$0.8315	$0.4157	$0.2079	$0.1386	$0.1039
	September 2026	$1.7742	$0.8871	$0.4436	$0.2218	$0.1479	$0.1109
	October 2026	$1.7219	$0.8609	$0.4305	$0.2152	$0.1435	$0.1076
	November 2026	$1.6182	$0.8091	$0.4045	$0.2023	$0.1348	$0.1011
Reduced Fat 2.00%	August 2026	$1.4575	$0.7288	$0.3644	$0.1822	$0.1215	$0.0911
	September 2026	$1.5988	$0.7994	$0.3997	$0.1999	$0.1332	$0.0999
	October 2026	$1.5474	$0.7737	$0.3868	$0.1934	$0.1289	$0.0967
	November 2026	$1.4592	$0.7296	$0.3648	$0.1824	$0.1216	$0.0912
Lowfat 1.00%	August 2026	$1.3179	$0.6590	$0.3295	$0.1648	$0.1098	$0.0824
	September 2026	$1.4791	$0.7395	$0.3698	$0.1849	$0.1233	$0.0924
	October 2026	$1.4284	$0.7142	$0.3571	$0.1786	$0.1190	$0.0893
	November 2026	$1.3507	$0.6753	$0.3377	$0.1688	$0.1126	$0.0844
Nonfat 0.10%	August 2026	$1.1937	$0.5968	$0.2984	$0.1492	$0.0995	$0.0746
	September 2026	$1.3729	$0.6865	$0.3432	$0.1716	$0.1144	$0.0858
	October 2026	$1.3228	$0.6614	$0.3307	$0.1654	$0.1102	$0.0827
	November 2026	$1.2544	$0.6272	$0.3136	$0.1568	$0.1045	$0.0784

Type of Milk		Container Size Price Changes from the Previous Months					
Whole	September 2026	$0.1112	$0.0556	$0.0279	$0.0139	$0.0093	$0.0070
	October 2026	($0.0523)	($0.0262)	($0.0131)	($0.0066)	($0.0044)	($0.0033)
	November 2026	($0.1037)	($0.0518)	($0.0260)	($0.0130)	($0.0087)	($0.0065)
Reduced Fat	September 2026	$0.1413	$0.0706	$0.0353	$0.0177	$0.0117	$0.0088
	October 2026	($0.0514)	($0.0257)	($0.0129)	($0.0064)	($0.0043)	($0.0032)
	November 2026	($0.0882)	($0.0441)	($0.0220)	($0.0110)	($0.0073)	($0.0055)
Lowfat	September 2026	$0.1612	$0.0805	$0.0403	$0.0201	$0.0135	$0.0100
	October 2026	($0.0507)	($0.0253)	($0.0127)	($0.0063)	($0.0043)	($0.0031)
	November 2026	($0.0777)	($0.0389)	($0.0194)	($0.0097)	($0.0064)	($0.0049)
Nonfat	September 2026	$0.1792	$0.0897	$0.0448	$0.0224	$0.0149	$0.0112
	October 2026	($0.0501)	($0.0251)	($0.0125)	($0.0063)	($0.0042)	($0.0031)
	November 2026	($0.0684)	($0.0342)	($0.0171)	($0.0086)	($0.0057)	($0.0043)

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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.