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**CALIFORNIA MARKETING AREA
FEDERAL MILK ORDER NO. 51**

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS AND COMPONENT PRICES^{1/}

	March 2026
CLASS I PRICE (LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA)^{2/ 3/}	\$18.27
Processor Assessment ^{4/}	\$0.20
Total (per cwt.)	<u>\$18.47</u>
Skim Milk Price (per cwt.) ^{2/}	\$12.71
Butterfat Price (per lb.) ^{2/}	\$1.7167
Class I ESL Adjustment ^{5/}	\$0.80
CLASS II PRICE^{3/}	\$17.34
Skim Milk Price (per cwt.) ^{2/}	\$10.61
Butterfat Price (per lb.)	\$2.0290
Nonfat Solids Price (per lb.) ^{2/}	\$1.1409
CLASS III PRICE^{3/}	\$16.16
Skim Milk Price (per cwt.)	\$9.41
Butterfat Price (per lb.)	\$2.0220
Protein Price (per lb.)	\$2.0905
Other Solids Price (per lb.)	\$0.4178
CLASS IV PRICE^{3/}	\$18.94
Skim Milk Price (per cwt.)	\$12.29
Butterfat Price (per lb.)	\$2.0220
Nonfat Solids Price (per lb.)	\$1.3215

MONTHLY COMPONENT PRICES

Butterfat Price (per lb.)	\$2.0220
Protein Price (per lb.)	\$2.0905
Other Solids Price (per lb.)	\$0.4178
Nonfat Solids Price (per lb.)	\$1.3215

MONTHLY PRODUCT PRICE AVERAGES

Butter (per lb.)	\$1.8969
Cheese (per lb.)	\$1.5607
Dry Whey (per lb.)	\$0.6724
Nonfat Dry Milk (per lb.)	\$1.5741

^{1/} See Price Formulas at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/resources/price-formulas>.

^{2/} Previously 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 advanced Class III and IV skim pricing factors. More information can be found in the §1000.50(r) section of the Federal Order language.

March 2026 Class I Price Information for the California Marketing Area

	Class I Differential	Class I Prices		
	Rate ^{2/} (per cwt.)	Skim Milk (per cwt.)	Butterfat (per lb.)	Class I ^{1/} (per cwt.)
As Announced:	\$2.80	\$12.71	\$1.7167	\$18.27
Other Zones:	\$2.60	\$12.51	\$1.7147	\$18.07
	\$2.50	\$12.41	\$1.7137	\$17.97
	\$2.40	\$12.31	\$1.7127	\$17.87
	\$2.20	\$12.11	\$1.7107	\$17.67
	\$2.00	\$11.91	\$1.7087	\$17.47
	\$1.80	\$11.71	\$1.7067	\$17.27

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

