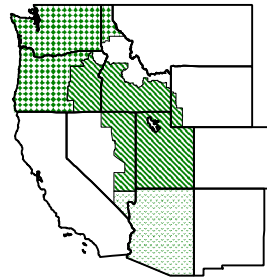


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### MARKET SUMMARIES FOR APRIL

#### Pacific Northwest

Producers delivered a total of 586.4 million pounds of milk to the market during April. Daily deliveries averaged 19.5 million pounds, up 2.0 percent from March. An estimated 1,066 producers delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily deliveries per producer averaged 18,337 pounds.

Class I producer milk during April totaled 162.8 million pounds, 27.8% of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 5.4 million pounds, down 8.5 percent from March.

Producers will receive \$1.7399 per pound of protein, \$1.1352 per pound of butterfat, and \$0.0408 per pound of other solids. Producers will also receive the market's producer price differential of \$1.90 per hundredweight, subject to applicable location adjustments. The market average component tests for the month were: 3.64% butterfat, 3.01% protein, 5.71% other solids, and 8.72% nonfat solids.

#### Western

Producers delivered a total of 392.0 million pounds of milk to the market during April. Daily deliveries averaged 13.1 million pounds, up 10.3 percent from March. An estimated 751 producers delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily

deliveries per producer averaged 17,397 pounds, up 10.0 percent from March.

Class I producer milk during April totaled 76.0 million pounds, 19.4% of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 2.5 million pounds, down 14.9 percent from March.

Producers will receive \$1.7399 per pound of protein, \$1.1352 per pound of butterfat, and \$0.0408 per pound of other solids. Producers will also receive the market's producer price differential of \$1.35 per hundredweight, subject to applicable location adjustments. The market average component tests for the month were: 3.61% butterfat, 3.05% protein, 5.91% other solids, and 8.95% nonfat solids.

#### Arizona Las Vegas

Producers delivered a total of 288.8 million pounds of milk to the market during April. Daily deliveries averaged 9.6 million pounds, up 4.1 percent from March. An estimated 120 producers delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily

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#### Estimated Uniform Price (@ 3.5% BF) April 2000

Federal Order	Per Cwt.
Pacific Northwest	\$11.31
Western	\$10.76
Arizona-Las Vegas	\$11.44

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deliveries per producer averaged 80,218 pounds.

Class I producer milk during April totaled 77.1 million pounds, 26.7% of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 2.6 million pounds, down 7.6 percent from March.

Producers will receive \$1.1197 per pound of butterfat and \$7.79 per hundredweight of skim, subject to applicable location adjustments. The market average butterfat test for the month was 3.55%. ♦

#### APRIL'S CLASS PRICES

April's non-advanced Class Prices were calculated using NASS commodity price surveys from April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Component prices for the month are \$1.7399 per pound of protein, \$1.1352 per pound of butterfat, \$0.0408 per pound of other solids, and \$0.8537 per pound of nonfat solids.

April's Class III and IV prices at 3.5% butterfat are \$9.41 and \$11.38 per hundredweight, respectively. Class II butterfat was also announced at \$1.1422 per pound. Class I skim and butterfat and Class II skim prices for April were announced on March 17, 2000. The Class II price at 3.5% butterfat is \$12.10 for April.

The April Class III price compared to March is down 13 cents. The Class III price is \$2.40 lower than April 1999 and \$0.39 below the support price.

**Commodity Prices** -- The NASS survey of cheddar cheese prices showed a net decrease in prices received for 40-pound blocks and a net increase in prices received for 500-pound barrels. The survey of 40-pound blocks showed a net decrease of 0.58 cents between the April 16 and the May 20 surveys, to \$1.0927 per pound. The survey of 500-pound barrels (adjusted to 39% moisture) showed a net increase of 1.12 cents to \$1.0835 per pound.

The NASS butter price showed a net increase of 8.34 cents between the weeks ending April 16 and May 20 from \$1.0529 per pound to \$1.1363 per pound.

The NASS nonfat dry milk showed a net increase of 0.13 cents since mid-April to \$1.0115 per pound. The average price for NASS whey showed a net decrease of 0.15 cents since mid-April to \$0.1751 per pound. (See tables on page 3.) ♦

#### JUNE'S CLASS I PRICE ANNOUNCEMENT

On May 19, the June 2000 Class I price was announced at \$13.60 for the Pacific Northwest and Western Orders, and \$14.05 for the Arizona-Las Vegas Order. The Class I price was calculated using NASS commodity price surveys from the weeks of May 6 and 13.

The June Class III and IV advance skim prices are \$5.29 and \$7.70 per hundredweight, respectively. The Class IV skim price has set the skim price for Class I milk for the first six months of the year 2000. The butterfat portion of the Class I mover increased 6.36 cents to \$1.1295 per pound.

The June 2000 Class II skim and nonfat solids were also announced on May 19. The skim price is \$8.40 per hundredweight, and the nonfat solids price is \$0.9333 per pound for all Federal Orders.

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#### USDA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL DAIRY PROMOTION AND RESEARCH BOARD

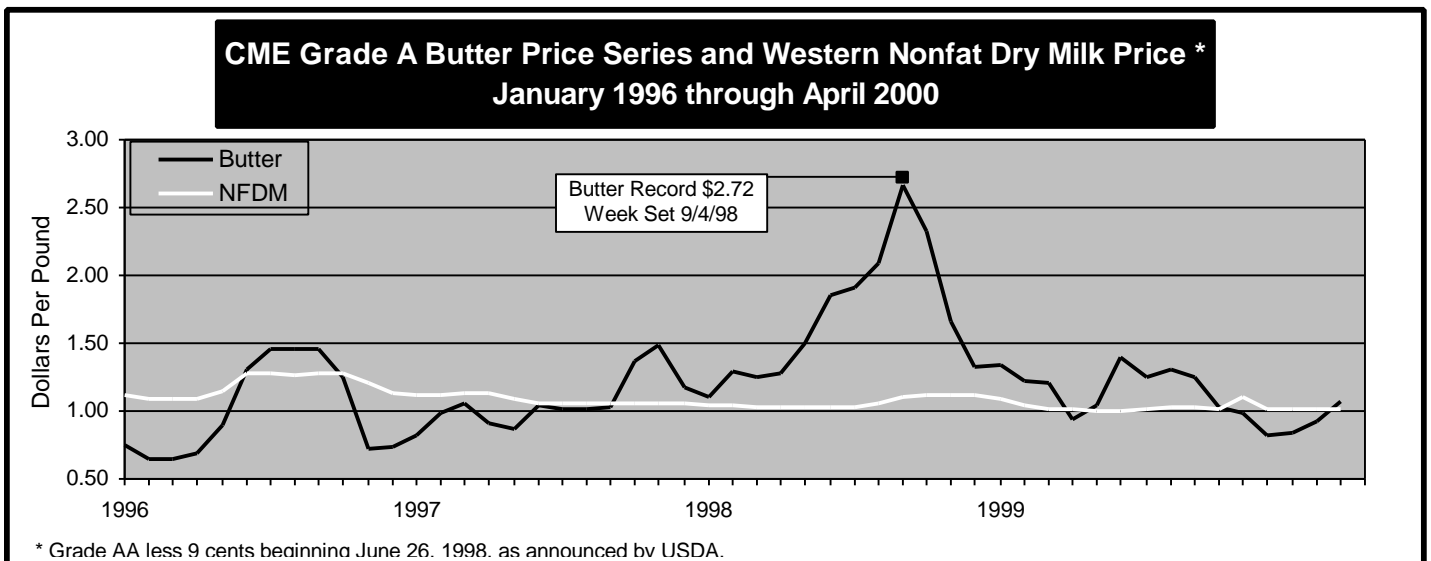
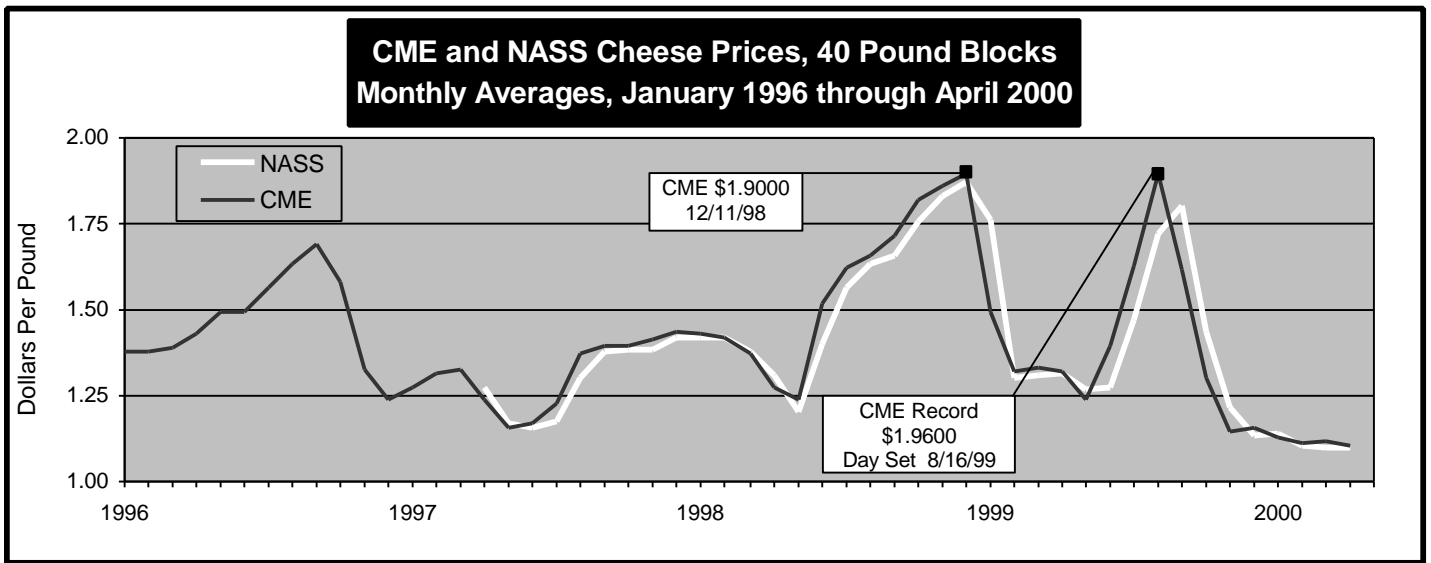
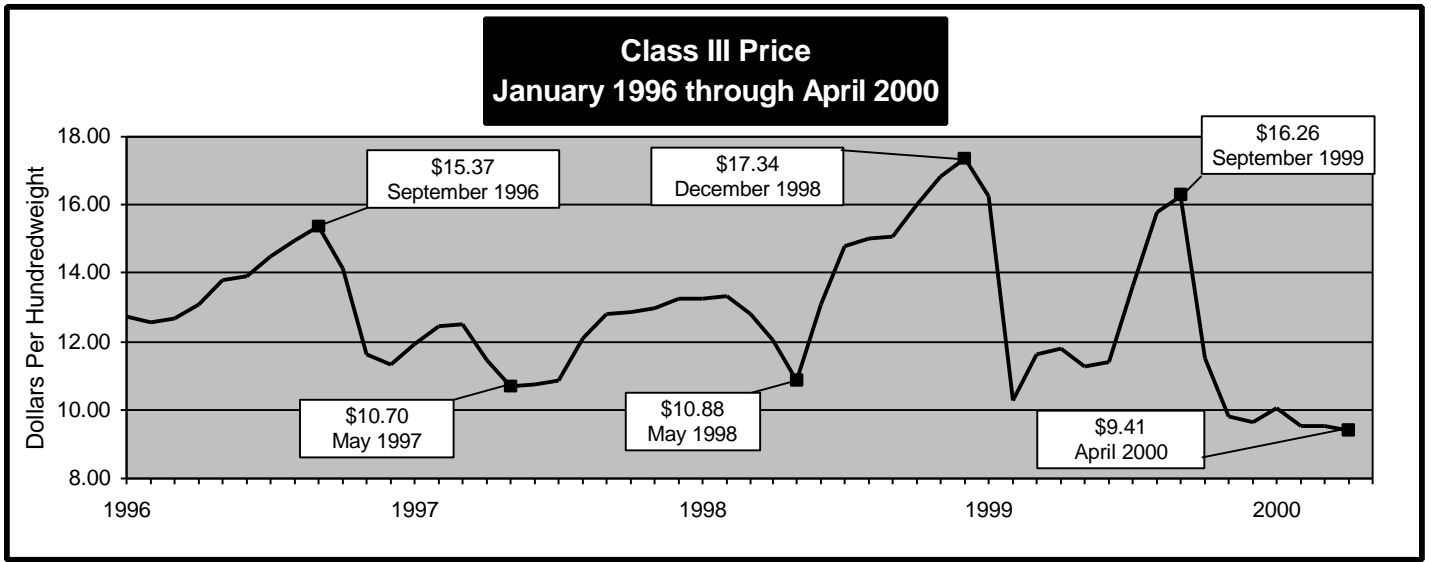
The U.S. Department of Agriculture is asking dairy producer and farm organizations to nominate candidates to serve on the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board. Nominations must be submitted by May 31.

The Secretary of Agriculture will appoint 12 individuals from those nominated to succeed members whose terms expire October 31, 2000. New members will serve 3-year terms beginning November 1, 2000, and ending October 31, 2003.

Appointments will be made from nominations from: Region 2 (California), Region 3 (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming), Region 4 (Arkansas, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas), Region 5 (Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota), Region 6 (Wisconsin), Region 7 (Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska), Region 9 (Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia), Region 10 (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia), Region 11 (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania), and Region 12 (New York).

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\* Grade AA less 9 cents beginning June 26, 1998, as announced by USDA.

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Agricultural Marketing Service, which oversees activities of the board, said, "AMS encourages all eligible women, minorities, and persons with disabilities to serve and participate in its committee and board activities. It is USDA's policy that membership on industry-governed committees and boards, such as the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, accurately reflect the diversity of individuals served by the programs."

The National Dairy Promotion and Research Board was established under the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 to develop and administer a coordinated program of promotion, research, and nutrition education. The 36-member board is authorized to design programs to strengthen the dairy industry's position in domestic and foreign markets.

The national program is financed by a mandatory 15-cent per hundredweight assessment on all milk marketed commercially by dairy producers in the contiguous 48 States.

For nominating forms and procedures, contact USDA, AMS, Dairy Programs, Promotion and Research Branch, Rm. 2958-S, Stop 0223, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0233. For more information, telephone (202) 720-6909. ♦

**PER CAPITA IN-AREA ROUTE DISPOSITION OF FLUID MILK PRODUCTS**

In a previous issue of the Market Administrator's Report for the Pacific Northwest and Southwestern Idaho-Eastern Oregon Orders, quarterly total route disposition within the marketing area defined by each order for 1999 was compared to 1998. While that analysis provides important information on absolute levels of route disposition (i.e. packaged fluid milk sales), an analysis of route disposition on a per capita basis reveals the relative change in disposition given changes in the population of the marketing area. Between 1998 and 1999, population estimates for each marketing area has increased. The estimated population for the Pacific Northwest marketing area increased 103,518 (+1.15%) from 9,040,695 to 9,144,213. The estimated population for the Central Arizona marketing area increased 91,891 (+2.35%) from 3,914,433 to 4,006,324. The estimated population for the Great Basin

marketing area increased 76,552 (+2.14%) from 3,582,071 to 3,658,623. The estimated population for the Southwestern Idaho-Eastern Oregon marketing area increased 12,632 (+1.76%) from 717,091 to 729,723. Population numbers are based on Census Bureau estimates compiled by Dairy Programs of the Agricultural Marketing Service. Population numbers for 1998 are revised.

Special note: Population numbers are affected by census estimation procedures and proximity to the census year.

**Pacific Northwest (FO124)**

For 1999, disposition of fluid milk products in the marketing area of the Pacific Northwest Order totaled 2,194.4 million pounds, down 1.0% from 1998. On a per capita basis, total disposition was down 2.1% from 245.1 pounds to 240.0 pounds (See table below). The decrease was moderated by increases in per capita disposition of Whole, Flavored Milk, and Flavored Lowfat Fluid milk products. All other categories showed declines on a per capita basis from 1998. A history of per capita disposition can be found on page 5 for the period 1995 through 1999.

Pacific Northwest 1/ *			
Product	1998	1999	Percent Change 4/
- pounds per capita -			
<u>Whole Milk Products</u>			
Whole Milk	40.2	40.4	0.60%
Flavored Milk	1.9	2.0	5.00%
Total Whole Milk 3/	42.1	42.4	0.80%
<u>Lowfat Milk Products</u>			
2%	107.5	105.3	-2.03%
1%	35.8	35.2	-1.67%
Skim	44.9	42.9	-4.42%
Flavored Lowfat/Skim	9.2	9.3	1.27%
Buttermilk and Other	5.6	4.7	-14.94%
2/	203.1	197.6	-2.70%
Total Lowfat Milk 3/			
Combined Total 3/	245.1	240.0	-2.10%

\* footnotes for this table can be found on page 8, below the table for Southwestern Idaho-Eastern Oregon.

**Central Arizona (FO131)**

For 1999, disposition of fluid milk products in the marketing area of the Central Arizona Order totaled 969.6 million pounds, up 3.9% from 1998. On a per capita basis, total disposition was up 1.5% from 238.5 pounds to 242.0 pounds (See table on page 5). The increase was due to

increases in per capita disposition of Whole, Flavored Whole, 2%, Flavored Lowfat, and Buttermilk and Other Fluid milk products. All other categories showed declines on a per capita basis from 1998. A history of per capita disposition can be found below for the period 1995 through 1999.

Milk, Flavored Lowfat, and Buttermilk and Other Fluid milk products. All other categories showed declines on a per capita basis from 1998. A history of per capita disposition can be found below for the period 1995 through 1999.

Central Arizona 1/ *			
Product	1998	1999	Percent Change 4/
- pounds per capita -			
<u>Whole Milk Products</u>			
Whole Milk	71.6	72.1	0.64%
Flavored Milk	3.7	4.3	16.71%
Total Whole Milk 3/	75.3	76.4	1.42%
<u>Lowfat Milk Products</u>			
2%	92.7	93.3	0.57%
1%	25.9	25.5	-1.62%
Skim	34.5	33.4	-3.34%
Flavored Lowfat/Skim	6.8	8.4	23.54%
Buttermilk and Other	3.2	5.1	57.71%
2/	163.2	165.6	1.49%
Total Lowfat Milk 3/			
Combined Total 3/	238.5	242.0	1.47%

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**Great Basin (FO139)**

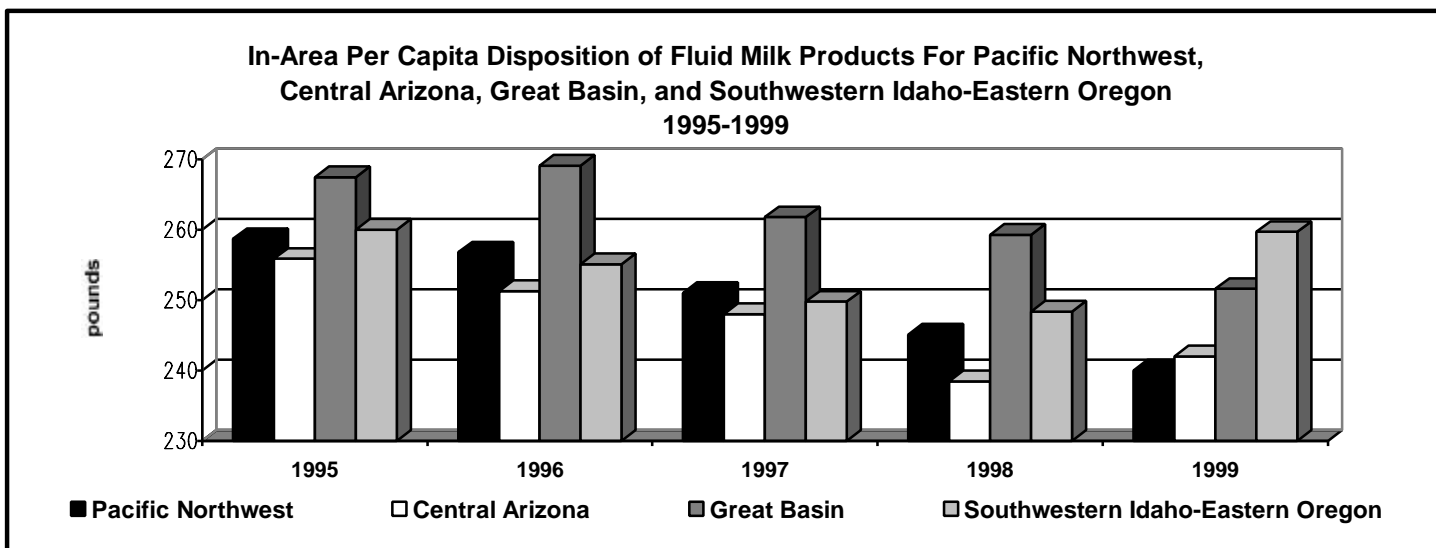
For 1999, disposition of fluid milk products in the marketing area of the Great Basin Order totaled 920.4 million pounds, down 0.9% from 1998. On a per capita basis, total disposition was down 3.0% from 259.3 pounds to 251.6 pounds (See table to right). The decrease was moderated by increases in per capita disposition of Flavored

Great Basin 1/ *			
Product	1998	1999	Percent Change 4/
- pounds per capita -			
<u>Whole Milk Products</u>			
Whole Milk	54.3	52.9	-2.54%
Flavored Milk	1.4	2.5	70.90%
Total Whole Milk 3/	55.7	55.3	-0.64%
<u>Lowfat Milk Products</u>			
2%	101.2	98.4	-2.71%
1%	48.7	46.0	-5.42%
Skim	38.2	34.8	-8.99%
Flavored Lowfat/Skim	12.3	13.7	10.87%
Buttermilk and Other	3.2	3.3	1.80%
2/	203.6	196.2	-3.64%
Total Lowfat Milk 3/			
Combined Total 3/	259.3	251.6	-3.00%

\* footnotes for this table can be found on page 8, below the table for Southwestern Idaho-Eastern Oregon.

**Southwestern Idaho-Eastern Oregon (FO135)**

For 1999, disposition of fluid milk products in the marketing area of the Southwestern Idaho-Eastern Oregon Order totaled 189.5 million pounds, up 6.4% from 1998. On a per capita basis, total in-area disposition was up 4.6% from 248.4 pounds in 1998 to 259.7 pounds in 1999 (See table on page 8). The increase in disposition  
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# MONTHLY SELECTED STATISTICS

NASS Commodity Prices (\$/pound)	Apr 2000	Mar 2000
Butter	\$1.0449	\$0.9497
Cheese, Weighted Average Blocks & Barrels	1.1011	1.1093
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.0078	1.0094
Whey	0.1765	0.1780

Minimum Class Prices (3.5% B.F.)	PACIFIC NORTHWEST		WESTERN		ARIZONA-LAS VEGAS	
	Apr 2000	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	Mar 2000
Class I Milk (\$/cwt.)	\$12.83	\$12.74	\$12.83	\$12.74	\$13.28	\$13.19
Class II Milk (\$/cwt.)	12.10	11.71	12.10	11.71	12.10	11.71
Class III Milk (\$/cwt.)	9.41	9.54	9.41	9.54	9.41	9.54
Class IV Milk (\$/cwt.)	11.38	11.00	11.38	11.00	11.38	11.00
<b>Producer Prices</b>						
Producer Price Differential (\$/cwt.)	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.63	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.48	+	+
Butterfat (\$/pound)	1.1352	1.0191	1.1352	1.0191	+	+
Protein (\$/pound)	1.7399	1.9166	1.7399	1.9166	+	+
Other Solids (\$/pound)	0.0408	0.0424	0.0408	0.0424	+	+
Uniform Skim Price (\$/cwt.)	+	+	+	+	7.79	8.00
Uniform Butterfat Price (\$/pound)	+	+	+	+	1.1197	1.0157
Statistical Uniform Price (\$/cwt.)	\$11.31	\$11.17	10.76	11.02	11.44	11.28
<b>Producer Data</b>						
Number of Producers	1,066 *	1,079	751 *	749	120 *	119
Avg. Daily Production (lbs.)	18,337 *	17,763	17,397 *	15,816	80,218 *	77,686
<b>Number of Handlers</b>						
Pool Handlers	27	27	19	19	6	6
Producer-Handlers	12	12	7	7	1	1
Other Plants w/ Class I Use	5	5	10	10	3	3
<b>Producer Milk Ratios</b>						
Class I	27.76%	30.93%	19.38%	25.13%	26.71%	30.11%
Class II	7.37%	7.05%	8.06%	9.41%	4.23%	2.08%
Class III	31.69%	31.65%	57.65%	43.45%	31.18%	33.57%
Class IV	33.18%	30.37%	14.91%	22.01%	37.88%	34.24%

+ Not Applicable. \* Preliminary.

## MONTHLY SUPPLEMENTAL STATISTICS

Producer-Handler Data (Thousand lbs.)	Mar 2000	Feb 2000	Mar 2000	Feb 2000	Mar 2000	Feb 2000
Production	24,712,738	22,657,351	2,488,957	2,331,231	R	R
Class I Use	19,872,919	17,852,936	1,857,677	1,684,825	R	R
% Class I Use	80.42%	78.80%	74.64%	72.27%	R	R
<b>Class I Route Disposition In Area</b> (Thousand lbs.)						
By Pool Plants	166,528,987	155,811,899	77,655,309	71,284,641	82,327,639	77,282,479
By Producer-Handlers	19,987,828	17,743,835	1,899,996	1,663,618	R	R
By Other Plants	646,579 *	591,015	1,172,734 *	1,056,504	13,259,644 *	10,036,164
Total **	187,163,394	174,146,749	80,728,039	74,004,763	R	R

\* Preliminary.

\*\* May not add due to rounding.

R = Restricted.

# MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY

(Product pounds based upon reports of handlers)

RECEIPTS, UTILIZATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MILK	PACIFIC NORTHWEST		WESTERN		ARIZONA-LAS VEGAS		
	Apr 2000	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	Mar 2000	Apr 2000	Mar 2000	
TOTAL PRODUCER MILK	586,406,991	594,152,814	391,958,643	367,224,598	288,786,287	286,582,318	
RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES	10,993,043	11,618,719	6,698,228	10,465,588	3,481,519	14,323,081	
OPENING INVENTORY . . . . .	<u>20,537,246</u>	<u>21,480,589</u>	<u>10,848,161</u>	<u>12,886,958</u>	<u>16,233,568</u>	<u>17,674,076</u>	
<b>TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b><u>617,937,280</u></b>	<b><u>627,252,122</u></b>	<b><u>409,505,032</u></b>	<b><u>390,577,144</u></b>	<b><u>308,501,374</u></b>	<b><u>318,579,475</u></b>	
UTILIZATION OF RECEIPTS							
Whole milk . . . . .	24,460,749	26,429,459	10,098,650	11,848,921	18,867,434	20,628,960	
Flavored milk & milk drinks . . . . .	7,980,473	8,139,405	5,359,487	6,120,937	4,593,785	4,463,910	
2% milk . . . . .	68,653,503	74,271,125	27,748,541	33,036,121	30,708,945	34,250,516	
1% milk . . . . .	24,509,546	26,832,148	12,799,231	15,939,615	9,372,531	9,992,640	
Skim milk . . . . .	27,580,030	29,114,502	8,633,116	10,032,739	11,183,939	12,466,751	
Buttermilk . . . . .	<u>1,554,965</u>	<u>1,742,348</u>	<u>585,307</u>	<u>676,976</u>	<u>455,604</u>	<u>524,862</u>	
CLASS I ROUTE DISP. IN AREA. . . . .	154,739,266	166,528,987	65,224,332	77,655,309	75,182,238	82,327,639	
Class I dispositions out of area . . . . .	8,874,265	10,312,445	9,914,856	12,502,173	4,677,062	5,076,851	
Other Class I usage . . . . .	<u>14,999,709</u>	<u>19,805,847</u>	<u>8,775,097</u>	<u>10,910,000</u>	<u>5,784,418</u>	<u>8,532,239</u>	
<b>TOTAL CLASS I USE. . . . .</b>	<b>178,613,240</b>	<b>196,647,279</b>	<b>83,914,285</b>	<b>101,067,482</b>	<b>85,643,718</b>	<b>95,936,729</b>	
TOTAL CLASS II USE . . . . .	47,062,858	48,457,846	33,866,257	36,635,213	13,770,234	13,212,749	
TOTAL CLASS III USE . . . . .	186,508,807	190,659,122	229,038,229	167,415,114	91,236,243	97,297,558	
TOTAL CLASS IV USE . . . . .	<u>205,752,375</u>	<u>191,487,875</u>	<u>62,686,261</u>	<u>85,459,335</u>	<u>117,851,179</u>	<u>112,132,439</u>	
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR . . . . .</b>	<b><u>617,937,280</u></b>	<b><u>627,252,122</u></b>	<b><u>409,505,032</u></b>	<b><u>390,577,144</u></b>	<b><u>308,501,374</u></b>	<b><u>318,579,475</u></b>	
CLASSIFICATION OF RECEIPTS							
Producer milk:	Class I . . . . .	162,783,648	183,764,078	75,951,864	92,266,755	77,143,027	86,292,630
	Class II . . . . .	43,228,796	41,888,489	31,593,918	34,565,481	12,217,406	5,955,451
	Class III . . . . .	185,851,904	188,076,405	225,977,591	159,552,396	90,039,071	96,201,594
	Class IV . . . . .	194,542,643	180,423,842	58,435,270	80,839,966	109,386,783	98,132,643
Other receipts:	Class I . . . . .	15,829,592	12,883,201	7,962,421	8,800,727	19,715,087	31,997,157
	Class II . . . . .	3,834,062	6,569,357	2,272,339	2,069,732	1/	1/
	Class III . . . . .	656,903	2,582,717	3,060,638	7,862,718	1/	1/
	Class IV . . . . .	11,209,732	11,064,033	4,250,991	4,619,369	1/	1/
Avg. daily producer receipts . . . . .	19,546,900	19,166,220	13,065,288	11,845,955	9,626,210	9,244,591	
Avg. daily Class I use . . . . .	5,953,775	6,343,461	2,797,143	3,260,241	2,854,791	3,094,733	

1/ Restricted - Included with Class I.

**HIGHLIGHTS THIS ISSUE:**

- Market Summaries
- April Class Prices and Commodity Prices
- Class I Prices for June 2000
- Graphs of Commodity Prices
- USDA Seeks Nominations For National Dairy Promotion And Research Board
- Per Capita In-Area Route Disposition Of Fluid Milk Products: 1998 and 1999

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was due to increases in Flavored Milk, 2%, 1%, Skim, Flavored Lowfat/Skim products. A history of per capita disposition can be found on page 5 for the period 1995 through 1999. ♦

**Southwestern Idaho-Eastern Oregon 1/**

Product	1998	1999	Percent Change 4/
	- pounds per capita -		
<u>Whole Milk Products</u>			
Whole Milk	42.8	42.0	-1.96%
Flavored Milk	2.4	3.9	62.31%
Total Whole Milk 3/	45.3	45.9	1.49%
<u>Lowfat Milk Products</u>			
2%	112.0	118.0	5.38%
1%	41.9	43.7	4.21%
Skim	33.2	35.9	7.83%
Flavored Lowfat/Skim	13.3	13.8	4.09%
Buttermilk and Other	2.7	2.4	-10.53%
2/	203.1	213.8	5.24%
Total Lowfat Milk 3/			
Combined Total	248.4	259.7	4.56%

1/ Based on total in-area route disposition as reported by handlers, handlers regulated by other Federal orders, partially regulated handlers, and producer-handlers. Data not adjusted for calendar composition. 2/ May include small amounts of miscellaneous products. 3/ May not add due to rounding. 4/ % Change is based on unrounded data. ♦