

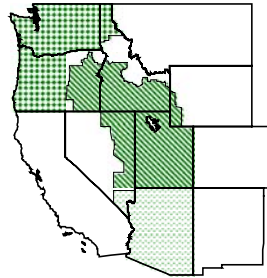
## Pacific Northwest, Arizona-Las Vegas, & Western Marketing Areas



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**April 2004**

### MARKET SUMMARIES FOR MARCH 2004

Comparisons to a year ago can be found in the tables on pages 6 and 7.

#### Pacific Northwest

Producers delivered a total of 600.8 million pounds of milk to the market during March. Comparisons to the previous month are affected by eligible milk not pooled in March 2004. Fewer than three handlers did not pool milk; the amount of eligible milk not pooled is restricted. Daily deliveries averaged 19.4 million pounds, down 3.2 percent from February. An estimated 863 producers delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily deliveries per producer averaged 22,459 pounds, down 3.2 percent from February.

Class I producer milk during March totaled 189.9 million pounds, 31.6 percent of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 6.1 million pounds, up 8.0 percent from February.

#### Arizona-Las Vegas

Producers delivered a total of 266.3 million pounds of milk to the market during March. Daily deliveries averaged 8.6 million pounds, down 2.4 percent from February. An estimated 101 producers delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily deliveries per producer averaged 85,043 pounds, down 2.4 percent from February.

Class I producer milk during March totaled 86.1 million pounds, 32.4 percent of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 2.8 million pounds, up 0.5 percent from February.

#### Western

Producers delivered a total of 165.2 million pounds of milk to the market during March. Comparisons to the previous month are affected by approximately 300 million pounds eligible milk not pooled in March 2004. Daily deliveries averaged 5.3 million pounds, down 66.0 percent from February.

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### Federal Order Producer Prices and Component Levels: March 2004

Producer Prices	FO124	FO131	FO135	Component Levels (%)	FO124	FO131	FO135
Uniform Price 1/*	14.55	14.69	14.69	Butterfat	3.708	3.539	3.611
Butterfat 2/	2.3813	2.2768	2.3813	Protein	3.046	N/A	3.047
Protein 2/	2.0133	N/A	2.0133	Other Solids	5.671	N/A	5.709
Other Solids 2/	0.0234	N/A	0.0234	Nonfat Solids	8.717	N/A	8.756
PPD 1/*	0.06	N/A	0.20				
Skim 1/	N/A	6.96	N/A				

N/A = not applicable. \* Subject to applicable location adjustments. 1/ \$ per cwt. 2/ \$ per pound.

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An estimated 600 producers delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily deliveries per producer averaged 8,880 pounds, down 59.3 percent from February.

Class I producer milk during March totaled 99.1 million pounds, 60.0 percent of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 3.2 million pounds, up 5.2 percent from February. ♦

**MARCH 2004 CLASS PRICES**

March 2004 non-advanced Class Prices were calculated using NASS commodity price surveys from March 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2004. Component prices for the month are \$2.0133 per pound of protein, \$2.3813 per pound of butterfat, \$0.0234 per pound of other solids, and \$0.6634 per pound of nonfat solids.

March 2004 Class III and IV prices at 3.5% butterfat are \$14.49 and \$14.10 per hundredweight, respectively. The March Class III price compared to February is up \$2.60. The Class III price is \$5.38 higher than March 2003. The Class III price at 3.67% butterfat is \$4.99 above the support price of \$9.90 at 3.67% butterfat.

Class II butterfat was announced at \$2.3883 per pound. Class I skim and butterfat and Class II skim prices for March 2004 were announced on February 20, 2004. The Class II price at 3.5% butterfat is \$14.79 for March 2004 .

**FINAL: NASS COMMODITY PRICES**

	February	March	Change
Cheese*	\$1.3260	\$1.5680	\$0.2420
Butter	\$1.6582	\$2.0994	\$0.4412
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$0.8064	\$0.8101	\$0.0037
Whey	\$0.1677	\$0.1817	\$0.0140

\* The weighted average of barrels plus 3 cents and blocks.

**Current Commodity Prices** -- The NASS survey of cheddar cheese prices showed an increase in prices received for 40-pound blocks and for 500-pound barrels. The survey of 40-pound blocks showed an increase of 57.60 cents between the March 13 and the April 17 surveys, to \$2.0250 per pound. The survey of 500-pound barrels (**adjusted to 38% moisture**) showed an increase of 60.23 cents to \$2.0811 per pound.

The NASS butter price showed a net increase of 14.45 cents between the weeks ending

March 13 and April 17 from \$2.0522 per pound to \$2.1967 per pound.

The NASS nonfat dry milk showed a net increase of 1.23 cents since mid-March to \$0.8217 per pound. The average price for NASS whey showed an increase of 9.37 cents since mid-March to \$0.2667 per pound. ♦

**MAY'S CLASS I PRICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

On April 23, the May 2004 Class I price was announced at \$21.55 for the Pacific Northwest Order and \$22.00 for the Arizona-Las Vegas Order. The Class I price was calculated using NASS commodity price surveys from the weeks of April 10 and 17.

The May Class III and IV advance skim prices are \$11.50 and \$6.04 per hundredweight, respectively. The butterfat portion of the Class I mover increased 19.12 cents from \$2.2525 to \$2.4437 per pound.

The May 2004 Class II skim and nonfat solids prices were also announced on April 23. The skim price is \$6.74 per hundredweight, and the nonfat solids price is \$0.7489 per pound for all Federal orders. ♦

**ADVANCED: NASS COMMODITY PRICES FOR CLASS I PRICE CALCULATIONS**

	April	May	Change
Cheese*	\$1.4582	\$2.0530	\$0.5948
Butter	\$1.9921	\$2.1514	\$0.1593
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$0.8090	\$0.8179	\$0.0089
Whey	\$0.1706	\$0.2611	\$0.0905

\* The weighted average of barrels plus 3 cents and blocks.

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for the pricing and payment provisions and Dr. H. Alan Luke was appointed the Market Administrator of the order. On November 1, 1959, the pricing and payment provisions became effective. The marketing area covered all of Utah and the eastern portion of Southern Idaho.

On January 1, 1962, USDA changed the Federal order number for the Great Basin Marketing Area from 63 to 136.

In late November 1973, Dr. H. Alan Luke resigned the position of Market Administrator (MA) and was replaced by Earl C. Born. Born continued as Market Administrator until he retired in late 1981.

B. Jay Deaver succeeded Mr. Born as Market Administrator. In October 1984, Deaver retired as Market Administrator and was replaced by Joe Albright, who was the MA for the Central Arizona Order.

In March 1986, a hearing was held to consider a proposal to merge the Great Basin (FO 136) and Lake Mead (FO 139) marketing areas and to establish a milk component pricing plan based on protein. In late 1987, USDA issued a final decision to merge the two orders and institute component pricing. The new merged and amended Great Basin Order (FO 139) became effective on April 1, 1988, with the marketing area including all of Utah, the eastern portion of Southern Idaho and Clark County, Nevada.

Beginning October 1999, plants located in Clark County Nevada were exempted by act of congress from the pricing and pooling provisions of any Federal order.

Joe Albright retired as Market Administrator of the Great Basin Order in 1999.

Great Basin Order: 1959-1999								
November of	Producer Milk	Class I	Uniform Price	Distributing Plants	Coops	Producers	Daily Average	Producer-Handlers
	(1,000 lbs)	%	\$/Cwt				Lbs.	
1959	31.8	66.6	\$4.49	26	4	1,278	830	39
1985	95.5	51.0	\$12.20	8	4	708	4,493	11
1988	143.2	45.0	\$12.88	11	1	747	6,314	11
1995	202.1	35.6	\$13.33	8	3	632	10,661	10
1999 1/	138.6	41.3	\$13.72	6	2	493	9,369	7

1/ Anderson Dairy, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada, became exempt by act of Congress, effective October 1, 1999.

### The Southwestern Idaho-Eastern Oregon Order

A notice of hearing was issued October 1978 that outlined proposals to establish a milk order to regulate milk marketing in Southwestern Idaho and Eastern Oregon. A hearing was held December 5 through December 8, 1978. A notice to reopen the hearing was issued November 1979 and the reopened hearing was held February 5 through February 8, 1980. As a result of these hearings the Southwestern Idaho-Eastern Oregon Order (Federal Order 135) was established and became fully effective July 1, 1981, with James Burger as the Market Administrator.

In 1988, the diversion limits for the order were suspended for the period December 1988 through May 1989. The suspension was then extended through 1989. As of December 1, 1989, the diversion limits were suspended indefinitely.

Effective May 1, 1994, the order was amended to incorporate component pricing using butterfat and protein.

In 1985, James Burger retired and Frank Sheckarski was named Market Administrator for Federal order 135. Mr. Sheckarski retired in 1986 and Jerry Colburn was then named Market Administrator until 1994 at which time he retired and James Daugherty was named Market Administrator.

Southwestern Idaho-Eastern Oregon Order: 1981-1999								
November of	Producer Milk	Class I	Uniform Price	Distributing Plants	Coops	Producers	Daily Average	Producer-Handlers
	(1,000 lbs)	%	\$/Cwt				Lbs.	
1981	42.6	20.3	\$12.82	4	2	385	3,691	3
1990	77.1	17.1	\$10.98	7	3	276	9,309	0
1995	187.3	8.2	\$12.90	4	3	408	15,299	0
1999	387.7	4.5	\$10.39	5	3	398	32,470	0

### The Western Order

The order reform process, which was mandated in the 1996 Farm Bill and became effective January 1, 2000, consolidated the Southwestern Idaho-Eastern Oregon Order and the Great Basin Order, less Clark County, Nevada, to create the Western Order (Clark County was included with the Arizona-Las Vegas Order).

As part of Federal order reform, pricing formulas were amended to price producer milk based on its butterfat, protein, and other solids content.

A hearing was held in April 2002 to amend certain provisions of the order relating to pool performance standards and a tentative final decision was issued August 18, 2003. Producer approval could not be

determined by a polling of the cooperatives so a referendum was held. The proposal to amend the order did not obtain the required two-thirds vote in the producer referendum and on February 24, 2004, the Department of Agriculture terminated the Western Order, effective April 1, 2004.

<b>Western Order: 2000-2004</b>								
November of	Producer Milk	Class I	Uniform Price	Distributing Plants	Coops	Producers	Daily Average	Producer-Handlers
	(1,000 lbs)	%	\$/Cwt				Lbs.	
2000	306.1	28.7	\$10.68	12	3	780	13,082	7
2003 1/	209.7	42.0	\$13.41	12	4	701	9,973	5

1/ 178.3 million pounds of eligible milk were not pooled due to price which affect producer milk, Class I percent and daily average per producer.

**USDA ANNOUNCES FINAL DECISION TO AMEND THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST ORDER**

On April 9, 2004, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced a final decision that will make permanent changes in provisions under the Pacific Northwest Federal milk marketing order that were previously implemented on an interim basis. This decision is based on testimony and evidence given at a public hearing held December 4, 2002, in Seattle, Washington.

This final decision permanently adopts amendments to the pool plant provisions that: 1) establish a "cooperative pool manufacturing plant"; 2) establish system pooling for cooperative manufacturing plants; and 3) eliminate a supply plant feature applicable to cooperative supply plants.

For the producer milk provisions, this final decision adopts amendments that: 1) establish a "touch-base" standard specifying that at least three days' milk production of a dairy farmer during the month needs to be delivered to a pool plant in order for the rest of the farmer's milk to be eligible for diversion to nonpool plants; 2) set a year-round limit of 80 percent on the amount of milk that can be diverted from pool to nonpool plants; and 3) provide authority to the market administrator to adjust the touch-base standard.

The final decision was published in the April 9 Federal Register. USDA is conducting a vote on the amended order to determine producer approval. If producers approve the order as amended by this final decision, a final rule will follow to implement these changes. ♦

**NEW REPORT: SOURCE OF MILK FOR FEDERAL ORDER MARKETS BY STATE AND COUNTY**

The USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Dairy Programs/Market Information Branch has released the report, "Sources of Milk for Federal Order Markets by State and County" for May 2003. The report can be found on the Milk Marketing Order Statistics web page, <http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/>, in the Special Reports section. This is the first issue of this report under Federal milk order reform; the report was last issued in February 1998 and contained data for May 1997. The URL is [http://www.ams.usda.gov/dyfmos/mib/sources\\_2003.pdf](http://www.ams.usda.gov/dyfmos/mib/sources_2003.pdf). ♦

**2003 YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE MARKET ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

The financial statements for the Administrative and Marketing Services Funds of the Pacific Northwest, Western, and Arizona-Las Vegas Federal milk market orders for the calendar year ending December 31, 2003, can be found on page 5. The three orders require that the market administrator conduct a marketing service program for producers who are not members of a qualified cooperative association which performs comparable services. The primary functions of the marketing service programs involve the verification of weights, sampling, and testing of milk, and providing marketing information to producers. The principal source of income for these programs is the marketing service deduction which is applicable to all producers for whom the services are provided. ♦

**INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT**

For Year Ending December 31, 2003

	<u>Administrative Fund</u>	<u>Marketing Service Fund</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Assessments or Deductions	\$ 2,138,030.90	\$ 495,961.02
Interest Earned and Late Payment Charges	71,996.76	357.20
Miscellaneous Income	3,467.54	1,030.52
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$ 2,213,495.20</u>	<u>\$ 497,348.74</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries and Services	\$ 1,969,179.60	\$ 268,967.54
Travel and Communications	245,436.14	36,919.91
Employer Payroll Contributions	463,770.15	58,541.72
Rent-Buildings and Equipment	198,063.04	24,731.68
Repairs and Maintenance	7,130.67	5,663.66
Supplies and Insurance	48,174.75	34,087.35
Testing and Weighing	45,523.00	98,308.13
Utilities	11,372.30	1,404.03
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	122,947.71	5,666.77
Conferences and Meetings	15,324.15	3,406.83
Research and Training	28,151.35	3,479.38
Uncollectible Accounts	65.15	-
Miscellaneous	4,044.45	893.41
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 3,159,182.46</u>	<u>\$ 542,070.41</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>\$ (945,687.26)</u>	<u>\$ (44,721.67)</u>

**BALANCE SHEET**

As of December 31, 2003

<b>ASSETS</b>	<u>Administrative Fund</u>	<u>Marketing Service Fund</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Investments	\$ 3,206,251.05	\$ (51,608.72)
Accounts Receivable:		
Handlers and Other	496,031.61	57,778.00
Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	(6,600.05)	(4,756.64)
Accrued Interest Receivable	1,978.21	-
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Prepaid Expenses and Deposits	10,691.70	283.83
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Furniture and Equipment	692,964.07	149,216.81
Accumulated Depreciation	(567,815.32)	(70,179.42)
Laboratory Equipment	-	105,871.44
Accumulated Depreciation	-	(72,029.44)
Leasehold Improvements	162,550.24	36,535.46
Accumulated Depreciation	(107,201.07)	(13,249.57)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 3,888,850.44</u>	<u>\$ 137,861.75</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND OPERATING BALANCE</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable:		
Trade Creditors and Others	\$ 61,461.19	\$ 3,276.42
Accrued Employee Annual Leave	116,844.70	16,388.11
Payroll Contributions and Withholdings	6,202.92	-
<b>Operating Balance</b>	<u>3,704,341.63</u>	<u>118,197.22</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OPERATING BALANCE</b>	<u>\$ 3,888,850.44</u>	<u>\$ 137,861.75</u>

# MONTHLY SELECTED STATISTICS

	PACIFIC NORTHWEST			WESTERN			ARIZONA-LAS VEGAS		
	Mar 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2003
<b>Minimum Class Prices (3.5% B.F.)</b>									
Class I Milk (\$/cwt.)	\$13.84	\$13.49	\$11.71	\$13.84	\$13.49	\$11.71	\$14.29	\$13.94	\$12.16
Class II Milk (\$/cwt.)	14.79	12.90	10.54	14.79	12.90	10.54	14.79	12.90	10.54
Class III Milk (\$/cwt.)	14.49	11.89	9.11	14.49	11.89	9.11	14.49	11.89	9.11
Class IV Milk (\$/cwt.)	14.10	12.21	9.79	14.10	12.21	9.79	14.10	12.21	9.79
<b>Producer Prices</b>									
Producer Price Differential (\$/cwt.)	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.78	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.77	+	+	+
Butterfat (\$/pound)	2.3813	1.8518	1.1459	2.3813	1.8518	1.1459	+	+	+
Protein (\$/pound)	2.0133	1.7911	1.6648	2.0133	1.7911	1.6648	+	+	+
Other Solids (\$/pound)	0.0234	0.0090	0.0206	0.0234	0.0090	0.0206	+	+	+
Uniform Skim Price (\$/cwt.)	+	+	+	+	+	+	6.96	6.84	6.49
Uniform Butterfat Price (\$/pound)	+	+	+	+	+	+	2.2768	1.7983	1.1493
Statistical Uniform Price (\$/cwt.)	\$14.55	\$12.67	\$10.13	\$14.69	\$12.53	\$9.88	\$14.69	\$12.89	\$10.29
<b>Producer Data</b>									
Number of Producers	863 *	863	912	600 *	719	759	101 *	101	103
Avg. Daily Production (lbs.)	22,459 *	23,204	22,781	8,880 *	21,803	18,811	85,043 *	87,125	87,498
<b>Number of Handlers</b>									
Pool Handlers	28	27	31	18	18	16	6	6	6
Producer-Handlers	7 *	7	9	5 *	5	6	2 *	2	2
Other Plants w/ Class I Use	21 *	21	19	22 *	22	20	30 *	30	33
<b>Producer Milk Ratios</b>									
Class I	31.61%	28.34%	27.17%	60.03%	19.40%	20.39%	32.35%	31.41%	29.57%
Class II	6.95%	5.91%	5.79%	17.61%	5.92%	6.81%	8.23%	8.24%	5.23%
Class III	31.20%	34.83%	34.13%	5.17%	66.43%	70.74%	39.69%	35.35%	37.12%
Class IV	30.24%	30.92%	32.91%	17.19%	8.25%	2.06%	19.73%	25.00%	28.08%

+ Not Applicable. \* Preliminary.

## MONTHLY SUPPLEMENTAL STATISTICS

	Feb 2004	Jan 2004	Feb 2003	Feb 2004	Jan 2004	Feb 2003	Feb 2004	Jan 2004	Feb 2003
<b>Producer-Handler Data</b>									
Production	19,656,753	20,571,339	22,702,359	1,828,122	2,047,802	2,255,384	R	R	R
Class I Use	16,113,944	16,632,801	15,898,516	1,430,610	1,574,191	1,605,009	R	R	R
% Class I Use	81.98%	80.85%	70.03%	78.26%	76.87%	71.16%	R	R	R
<b>Class I Route Disposition In Area</b>									
By Pool Plants	149,558,763	167,924,414	150,994,181	69,546,309	75,136,416	64,808,204	77,433,795	79,921,933	75,157,554
By Producer-Handlers	15,049,594	15,924,395	16,090,468	1,434,555	1,573,852	1,610,831	1/	1/	1/
By Other Plants	2,848,774 *	2,932,417	1,549,102	3,515,253 *	3,827,008	3,126,616	31,290,442 *	33,514,703	29,372,796
Total	167,457,131	186,781,226	168,633,751	74,496,117	80,537,276	69,545,651	108,724,237	113,436,636	104,530,350

\* Preliminary.

R = Restricted. Not included.

1/ Restricted. Included with other plants.

# MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY

(Product pounds based upon reports of handlers)

RECEIPTS, UTILIZATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MILK	PACIFIC NORTHWEST			WESTERN			ARIZONA-LAS VEGAS		
	Mar 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2003
TOTAL PRODUCER MILK	600,834,267	580,717,007	644,063,865	165,170,026	454,621,369	442,592,472	266,271,086	255,187,875	279,380,607
RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES	32,010,302	7,787,098	12,135,382	10,648,056	13,476,405	7,686,786	8,315,099	5,904,710	22,709,417
OPENING INVENTORY . . . . .	34,488,549	34,419,045	31,017,468	16,948,152	15,998,343	14,436,395	15,186,077	16,090,621	13,036,499
<b>TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b>667,333,118</b>	<b>622,923,150</b>	<b>687,216,715</b>	<b>192,766,234</b>	<b>484,096,117</b>	<b>464,715,653</b>	<b>289,772,262</b>	<b>277,183,206</b>	<b>315,126,523</b>
<b>UTILIZATION OF RECEIPTS</b>									
Whole milk . . . . .	30,366,528	27,655,055	29,610,341	12,648,074	12,741,918	12,272,965	23,258,932	22,364,321	23,034,657
Flavored milk & milk drinks . . . . .	11,792,204	9,804,352	11,742,965	6,369,257	5,915,247	5,621,825	6,025,846	6,172,338	5,375,519
2% milk . . . . .	70,786,219	63,501,296	70,445,345	28,247,110	27,476,741	28,300,912	29,247,469	28,239,245	28,792,737
1% milk . . . . .	24,678,790	22,656,129	25,168,480	13,553,199	13,635,359	13,706,078	9,967,231	9,817,817	9,547,148
Skim milk . . . . .	26,669,574	24,702,780	27,967,225	8,619,793	9,223,673	8,655,398	11,126,224	10,259,532	10,673,950
Buttermilk . . . . .	1,393,646	1,239,151	1,412,432	615,156	553,371	564,274	605,978	580,542	605,802
CLASS I ROUTE DISP. IN AREA. . . . .	165,686,961	149,558,763	166,346,788	70,052,589	69,546,309	69,121,452	80,231,680	77,433,795	78,029,813
Class I dispositions out of area . . . . .	13,215,834	13,860,286	9,811,051	26,812,219	21,201,135	21,345,009	3,948,099	4,534,962	4,429,764
Other Class I usage . . . . .	26,705,616	19,719,788	17,707,960	16,352,445	14,426,209	13,445,493	9,465,111	7,211,973	8,272,500
<b>TOTAL CLASS I USE. . . . .</b>	<b>205,608,411</b>	<b>183,138,837</b>	<b>193,865,799</b>	<b>113,217,253</b>	<b>105,173,653</b>	<b>103,911,954</b>	<b>93,644,890</b>	<b>89,180,730</b>	<b>90,732,077</b>
<b>TOTAL CLASS II USE . . . . .</b>	<b>53,260,828</b>	<b>38,875,301</b>	<b>42,387,359</b>	<b>36,219,979</b>	<b>34,028,127</b>	<b>35,266,801</b>	<b>22,670,637</b>	<b>21,587,035</b>	<b>15,204,287</b>
<b>TOTAL CLASS III USE . . . . .</b>	<b>203,976,249</b>	<b>203,339,024</b>	<b>221,789,290</b>	<b>8,608,232</b>	<b>302,399,364</b>	<b>313,384,516</b>	<b>106,004,631</b>	<b>90,206,996</b>	<b>103,826,191</b>
<b>TOTAL CLASS IV USE . . . . .</b>	<b>204,487,630</b>	<b>197,569,988</b>	<b>229,174,267</b>	<b>34,720,770</b>	<b>42,494,973</b>	<b>12,152,382</b>	<b>67,452,104</b>	<b>76,208,445</b>	<b>105,363,968</b>
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR . . . . .</b>	<b>667,333,118</b>	<b>622,923,150</b>	<b>687,216,715</b>	<b>192,766,234</b>	<b>484,096,117</b>	<b>464,715,653</b>	<b>289,772,262</b>	<b>277,183,206</b>	<b>315,126,523</b>
<b>CLASSIFICATION OF RECEIPTS</b>									
Producer milk: Class I . . . . .	189,930,320	164,584,925	175,036,939	99,146,702	88,198,228	90,246,614	86,148,705	80,161,566	82,628,738
Class II . . . . .	41,762,725	34,320,400	37,295,626	29,089,414	26,916,287	30,130,641	21,920,427	21,021,272	14,604,171
Class III . . . . .	187,476,930	202,255,008	219,801,201	8,538,287	302,000,397	313,100,983	105,678,189	90,206,996	103,694,129
Class IV . . . . .	181,664,292	179,556,674	211,930,099	28,395,623	37,506,457	9,114,234	52,523,765	63,798,041	78,453,569
Other receipts: Class I . . . . .	15,678,091	18,553,912	18,828,860	14,070,551	16,975,425	13,665,340	23,501,176	21,995,331	35,745,916
Class II . . . . .	11,498,103	4,554,901	5,091,733	7,130,565	7,111,840	5,136,160	1/	1/	1/
Class III . . . . .	16,499,319	1,084,016	1,988,089	69,945	398,967	283,533	1/	1/	1/
Class IV . . . . .	22,823,338	18,013,314	17,244,168	6,325,147	4,988,516	3,038,148	1/	1/	1/
Avg. daily producer receipts . . . . .	19,381,751	20,024,724	20,776,254	5,328,065	15,676,599	14,277,177	8,589,390	8,799,582	9,012,278
Change From Previous Year . . . . .	-6.71%	-0.68%	-2.88%	-62.68%	-5.68%	26.81%	-4.69%	-4.19%	-2.20%
Avg. daily Class I use . . . . .	6,632,529	6,315,132	6,253,735	3,652,169	3,626,678	3,351,999	3,020,803	3,075,198	2,926,841
Change From Previous Year . . . . .	6.06%	-3.34%	0.97%	8.95%	3.23%	12.12%	3.21%	-1.56%	1.50%

1/ Restricted - Included with Class I.

**HIGHLIGHTS THIS ISSUE:**

- Market Summaries for March 2004
- March 2004 Class Prices
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- USDA Announces Final Decision to Amend the Pacific Northwest Order
- New Report: Source of Milk for Federal Order Markets by State And County
- 2003 Year End Financial Statements of the Market Administrator's Office
- History of Federal Milk Orders in the Southern Idaho and Utah Region

**A SHORT HISTORY OF FEDERAL MILK MARKETING ORDERS IN THE SOUTHERN IDAHO AND UTAH REGION**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) terminated the Western Milk Marketing Order effective April 1, 2004. The following is a brief account of how Federal milk marketing orders began and significant developments throughout their history in the region. Tables containing selected statistics follow each section of the article.

**The Great Basin Order**

In May 1958, dairy farmers in Utah petitioned the Secretary of Agriculture for a milk marketing order in the Great Basin region. A hearing was held in late October and early November 1958 at which evidence was submitted regarding the proposed order. On September 2, 1959, USDA issued a final decision and proposed order. Dairy farmers voted in favor of the proposed order and Federal order 63 for the Great Basin Marketing Area became effective on October 1, 1959, except

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