

## Pacific Northwest & Arizona Marketing Areas



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### MARKET SUMMARIES FOR MARCH 2011

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

#### Pacific Northwest

Producers delivered a total of 691.0 million pounds of milk to the market during March. Daily deliveries averaged 22.3 million pounds, up 1.8 percent from February. An estimated 628 producers delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily deliveries per producer averaged 35,492 pounds, up 1.8 percent from February.

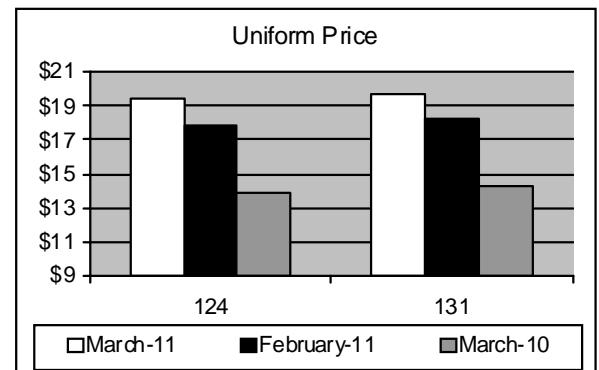
Class I producer milk during March totaled 198.1 million pounds, 28.7 percent of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 6.4 million pounds, up 1.0 percent from February.

#### Arizona

Producers delivered a total of 413.1 million pounds of milk to the market during March. Daily deliveries averaged

13.3 million pounds, up 2.5 percent from February. An estimated 100 producers delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily deliveries per producer averaged 133,260 pounds, up 2.5 percent from February.

Class I producer milk during March totaled 121.7 million pounds, 29.5 percent of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 3.9 million pounds, down 7.0 percent from February. ♦



### Federal Order Producer Prices and Component Levels: March 2011

Producer Prices	FO124	FO131	Component Levels (%)	FO124	FO131
Uniform Price 1/*	19.43	19.70	Butterfat	3.826	3.549
Butterfat 2/	2.2859	2.2956	Protein	3.163	N/A
Protein 2/	3.3024	N/A	Other Solids	5.729	N/A
Other Solids 2/	0.2665	N/A	Nonfat Solids	8.891	N/A
PPD 1/*	0.03	N/A			
Skim 1/	N/A	12.09			

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

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**MARCH 2011 CLASS PRICES**

March 2011 non-advanced Class Prices were calculated using NASS commodity price surveys from March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2011. Component prices for the month are \$3.3024 per pound of protein, \$2.2859 per pound of butterfat, \$0.2665 per pound of other solids, and \$1.3134 per pound of nonfat solids.

March 2011 Class III and IV prices at 3.5% butterfat are \$19.40 and \$19.41 per hundredweight, respectively. The March Class III price compared to February is up \$2.40. The Class III price is \$6.62 higher than in March 2010.

Class II butterfat was announced at \$2.2929 per pound. Class I skim and butterfat and Class II skim prices for March 2011 were announced on February 18, 2011. The Class II price at 3.5% butterfat is \$18.83 for March 2011.

**FINAL: NASS COMMODITY PRICES**

	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Change</u>
Cheese*	\$1.7449	\$1.9722	\$2.2273
Butter	\$2.0680	\$2.0591	-\$0.0089
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$1.3728	\$1.4945	\$0.1217
Whey	\$0.4234	\$0.4578	\$0.0344

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

**Current Commodity Prices** - - The NASS survey of cheddar cheese prices showed a net decrease in price received for 40-pound blocks and 500-pound barrels. The survey of 40-pound blocks showed a net decrease of 33.89 cents between the March 12 and the April 16 surveys, to \$1.6453 per pound. The survey of 500-pound barrels (**adjusted to 38% moisture**) showed a net decrease of 35.13 cents to \$1.6220 per pound.

The NASS butter price showed a net decrease of 9.41 cents between the weeks ending March 12 and April 16 from \$2.0671 per pound to \$1.9730 per pound.

The NASS nonfat dry milk showed an increase of 9.73 cents since mid-March to \$1.5766 per pound. The average price for NASS whey showed a net increase of 1.83 cents since mid-March to \$0.4838 per pound. ♦

**MAY'S CLASS I PRICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

On April 21, the May 2011 Class I price was announced at \$21.65 for the Pacific Northwest Order and \$22.10 for the Arizona Order. The Class I price was calculated using NASS commodity price surveys from the weeks of April 9 and 16.

The May Class III and IV advance skim prices are \$9.26 and \$12.49 per hundredweight, respectively. The butterfat portion of the Class I mover decreased 5.99 cents from \$2.2583 to \$2.1984 per pound.

The May 2011 Class II skim and nonfat solids prices were also announced on April 21. The skim price is \$13.19 per hundredweight, and the nonfat solids price is \$1.4656 pound for all Federal orders.

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

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Change</u>
Cheese*	\$1.9735	\$1.6768	-\$0.2967
Butter	\$2.0363	\$1.9869	-\$0.0494
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$1.4733	\$1.5698	\$0.0965
Whey	\$0.4618	\$0.4775	\$0.0157

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

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE DISCONTINUES DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES ANNUAL REPORT**

On March 15, 2011, the Agricultural Statistics Board of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) issued the following statement:

"The Dairy Products Prices Annual report, scheduled to be released on April 27, has been discontinued. The elimination of this report also will reduce burden on facilities that respond to the weekly survey. During the next fiscal year, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service will begin handling the Dairy Products Prices survey and report publication. Following this change, the publication will not be reinstated by NASS.

NASS would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the dairy facilities for their excellent cooperation on this report." ♦

**USDA ANNOUNCES FINAL RULE ON DAIRY IMPORT ASSESSMENTS AND EXPANSION OF THE TERM UNITED STATES**

On March 17, 2011, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced a final rule that amends the National Dairy Promotion and Research Order and establishes a dairy import assessment program as required by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (2002 Farm Bill) and the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill).

Additionally, the term "United States" is amended in the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983 (Act) to mean all states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. All provisions are effective April 1, 2011, except those provisions regarding dairy importer assessments in Section 1150.152(b) of the Dairy Order. These provisions are effective August 1, 2011.

"This program will allow U.S. dairy producers and importers to jointly develop programs to build demand for dairy products and dairy ingredients," said Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Administrator Rayne Pegg.

The 2002 Farm Bill mandates that the Dairy Order be amended to implement an assessment on imported dairy products to fund promotion and research. The 2008 Farm Bill specifies that importers of dairy products be assessed a rate of 7.5 cents per hundredweight, or the equivalent thereof.

The 2002 Farm Bill authorizes two importer representatives to the current 36 member National Dairy Promotion and Research Board. Thereafter, importer representation on the Dairy Board will be adjusted at least once every three years if necessary to reflect the volume of imports relative to domestic markets. The Dairy Board was established under the Act to develop and administer a coordinated program of promotion, research and nutrition education.

Producers in the United States, including the added areas of Alaska, Hawaii and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are assessed 15 cents per hundredweight of milk produced and marketed. The new areas are added to the regions of closest geographic proximity.

Copies of the final rule may be obtained from USDA, AMS, Dairy Programs, Room 2958-S, Washington, DC 202250-0233, USA from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The final rule is

also available on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and the AMS website at [www.ams.usda.gov/dairyimportassessment](http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairyimportassessment). ♦

**USDA LAUNCHES LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN MARKET NEWS RESOURCE SITE**

On April 4, 2011, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) launched a new reference site to help producers, processors, packers, and other market participants better utilize livestock, meat, and grain reports.

The new reference room can be found by clicking on the "Reference Room" link on the Market News Portal website at <http://marketnews.usda.gov/portal/lg>. This new site features three main tools to help users access and interpret Livestock and Grain Market News reports: a Glossary of Terms, Tutorials and Report Overviews.

The Glossary of Terms defines commonly used terminology used in Livestock and Grain Market News reports. The Tutorial section has narrated, step-by-step instructional videos that walk users through the website's most popular interactive features. For example, users who want to learn how to receive market news reports by email can play a short, 2-minute video that quickly shows each step in the process. Users can also watch these "how to" videos on navigating the Market News Portal and searching for historical data, navigating a Market News Dashboard, subscribing to RSS feeds, and related actions. The Report Overviews section has information on how to read some of the most frequently accessed reports, such as boxed beef and the pork carcass cutout. Each document outlines key features of the reports, how values are derived, and what the data are frequently used for.

AMS continually seeks ways to make market information more useful and relevant for the agricultural industry. Market news information sheds light on price and supply information, and encourages competition in the marketplace for livestock, meat, grain, feedstuffs, hay, bioenergy and related agricultural products. The launch of this page also furthers goals outlined in the 2008 Farm Bill, which directed USDA to provide educational material regarding its market news program. ♦

**USDA APPOINTS NOMINEES TO NATIONAL FLUID MILK PROCESSOR PROMOTION BOARD**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced six appointments to the National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Board on April 8, 2011. All appointees will serve 3-year terms.

"These appointees represent a diverse cross-section of the fluid milk industry, and I am confident that they will serve fluid milk processors throughout the United States well," said Vilsack.

Newly appointed members are: Scott W. Shehadey, At Large.

Newly reappointed members are: Christopher S. Ross, Region 2; Michael R. Smith, Region 5; Michael A. Bell, Region 8; Steven M. Turner, Region 11; and Jay B. Simon, Region 14.

The Board oversees the collection of the 20-cent per hundredweight mandatory assessment on fluid milk products processed and marketed commercially in the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia. Processors who process and market 3 million pounds or less per month, excluding fluid milk products delivered to the residence of a consumer, are exempt from assessments. In addition, the Board develops and administers a coordinated program of promotion, research, and nutrition education.

The 20-member Board is authorized by the Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990, as amended. The Secretary selected the appointees from nominations submitted by eligible processor organizations.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service monitors operation of the Board. ♦

**USDA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL ORGANIC ADVISORY BOARD**

The USDA is seeking nominations to fill five imminent vacancies on the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

Vacancies for the 15-member organic advisory board need to be filled for an organic producer, organic handler, consumer/public interest representative, scientist, and environmentalist. The positions are specifically designated to represent various sectors of the organic industry, including those who own or operate an organic production or handling operation, represent public interest or consumer interest groups, have expertise in areas of environmental protection and resource

conservation, or have expertise in fields of toxicology, ecology, or biochemistry.

The NOSB is responsible for developing and recommending to the Secretary a proposed National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances and advising the Secretary on other aspects of the organic regulations.

Appointed persons will serve a 5-year term of office beginning Jan. 24, 2012.

To see the notice in the Federal Register, visit [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and enter keyword or ID "AMS-NOP-11-0006-0001." Written nominations, with cover letters and resumes, must be postmarked on or before July 17, 2011. Nominations can also include endorsements or letters of recommendations. All applicable information should be sent to Katherine E. Benham, National Organic Program, USDA-AMS-NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2646-S, Ag Stop 0268, Washington, D.C. 20250. For more information, contact Katherine Benham at (202) 205-7806; e-mail: [Katherine.benham@ams.usda.gov](mailto:Katherine.benham@ams.usda.gov); or fax: (202) 205-7808.

USDA will adhere to all equal opportunity practices when appointing members to the board to account [for] the needs of the diverse groups served by the NOP. ♦

**USDA INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS**

On April 14, 2011, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack invited agricultural producers and rural small businesses to apply for loans and grants to implement renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements.

"Biofuels and other renewable energy sources present an enormous economic opportunity for rural America and the rest of the nation," Vilsack said. "President Obama and I recognize that we need to win the future by implementing a long-term strategy to meet our country's current and long-term energy needs. The funding I am announcing today will help make America's farmers, ranchers and rural businesses more energy efficient."

USDA is providing funding for up to \$61 million in guaranteed loans and \$42 million in grants through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). Funds are available to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses develop renewable energy systems, make energy efficiency

improvements and conduct studies to determine the feasibility of renewable energy systems.

USDA issued a rule to clarify that the definition of renewable energy systems in REAP includes flexible fuel pumps, sometimes referred to as "blender pumps." This clarification is intended to provide fuel station owners with incentives to install flexible fuel pumps that will offer Americans more renewable energy options. The Obama administration has set a goal of installing 10,000 flexible fuel pumps nationwide within 5 years.

The rule also makes the following clarifications:

- Grants are available for audits of energy improvements and studies to determine the feasibility of renewable energy systems; and
- Agricultural producers in non-rural areas are eligible for REAP assistance. Small businesses must still be located in rural areas. This clarification makes REAP eligibility requirements consistent with those of other USDA energy programs.

Since Rural Development's renewable energy and energy efficiency programs were launched in 2003, they have played a key role in helping more than 6,000 local businesses create jobs and make energy efficiency improvements. Under REAP, local businesses receive assistance to deploy wind, solar and other forms of renewable energy. For example, Pagel Ponderosa and partner business Dairy Dreams in Kewaunee County, Wis., used REAP funds to help purchase and install anaerobic digesters. Both businesses use the energy generated from their digesters to run their operations and sell excess power back to the grid. The two digesters have become so successful that along with two wind farms operating in the county they are generating enough electricity to support all of the county's 8,900 households.

The deadlines for submitting completed REAP applications are June 15 and June 30, depending on the type of project to be funded. For information on how to apply for assistance, contact your local USDA Rural Development office or see page 20943 of the April 14 Federal Register, <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-8456.pdf>. A list of USDA offices is available at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/StateOfficeAddresses.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/StateOfficeAddresses.html).

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and

improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of nearly \$149 billion in loans and loan guarantees. Visit [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov) for additional information about the agency's programs or to locate the USDA Rural Development office nearest you. ♦

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#### INTERNATIONAL DAIRY MARKET NEWS

The European milk production season is off to a positive start in most regions. Weather conditions have been very typical for early spring with warm temperatures and dry conditions quickly displaced by cooler/wet conditions. Milk producers are now in a new milk quota year, thus the milk flow is steadily increasing. Milk production is quite strong in some countries with output reported to be as much as four percent higher in the UK and eight percent higher in France when compared to last year at this time. Overall, milk volumes are running heavier throughout Europe when compared to the previous year. Traders and handlers are stating that domestic and international buyer interest is mixed. Many traders feel that some buyers are standing back from the market until prices become more stable and a direction is once again established. At this point in the season, much of early production is committed. In New Zealand, milk producers are finishing off the current season with confidence. The milking herd is in good condition, feed supplies are good for upcoming winter needs, and the outlook for next season is positive. Australian producers are also looking forward to the new season with confidence. Current year milk production in New Zealand is projected to be up between one to two percent when compared to last year with Australian production projected to be around a one percent increase. Most traders and handlers feel that the market is well balanced for the upcoming winter period. Stocks are declining, but sufficient volumes are anticipated to fulfill contract commitments. Most suppliers indicate that stock levels will be minimal once the new milk production season resumes. ♦

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Source: *Dairy Market News*, Agricultural Market Service, USDA, Volume 78, Report 15.

# MONTHLY SELECTED STATISTICS

	PACIFIC NORTHWEST				ARIZONA			
	Mar 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2010	Feb 2010
<b>Minimum Class Prices (3.5% B.F.)</b>								
Class I Milk (\$/cwt.)	\$20.13	\$17.79	\$16.24	\$16.74	\$20.58	\$18.24	\$16.69	\$17.19
Class II Milk (\$/cwt.)	18.83	17.97	14.46	15.65	18.83	17.97	14.46	15.65
Class III Milk (\$/cwt.)	19.40	17.00	12.78	14.28	19.40	17.00	12.78	14.28
Class IV Milk (\$/cwt.)	19.41	18.40	12.92	12.90	19.41	18.40	12.92	12.90
<b>Producer Prices</b>								
Producer Price Differential (\$/cwt.)	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.78	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.35	+	+	+	+
Butterfat (\$/pound)	2.2859	2.2967	1.5347	1.4404	+	+	+	+
Protein (\$/pound)	3.3024	2.5586	2.1311	2.7066	+	+	+	+
Other Solids (\$/pound)	0.2665	0.2310	0.1823	0.1992	+	+	+	+
Uniform Skim Price (\$/cwt.)	+	+	+	+	12.09	10.73	9.27	10.19
Uniform Butterfat Price (\$/pound)	+	+	+	+	2.2956	2.2357	1.5263	1.4408
Statistical Uniform Price (\$/cwt.)	\$19.43	\$17.78	\$13.86	\$14.63	\$19.70	\$18.18	\$14.29	\$14.88
<b>Producer Data</b>								
Number of Producers	628 *	628	635	631	100 *	100	93	93
Avg. Daily Production (lbs.)	35,492 *	34,856	35,887	35,835	133,260 *	130,058	132,067	129,088
<b>Producer Milk Ratios</b>								
Class I	28.67%	28.89%	27.28%	27.32%	29.45%	32.43%	32.44%	32.75%
Class II	7.62%	7.12%	6.54%	6.65%	6.90%	8.35%	7.69%	7.31%
Class III	39.76%	39.02%	39.50%	38.84%	22.80%	27.08%	25.63%	25.46%
Class IV	23.95%	24.97%	26.68%	27.19%	40.85%	32.14%	34.24%	34.48%

+ Not Applicable. \* Preliminary.

## MONTHLY SUPPLEMENTAL STATISTICS

	Feb 2011	Jan 2011	Feb 2010	Jan 2010	Feb 2011	Jan 2011	Feb 2010	Jan 2010
	<b>Number of Handlers</b>							
Pool Handlers	26	26	28	28	7	7	7	7
<i>Distributing Plants</i>	14	14	15	15	5	5	5	5
<i>Supply Plants 1/</i>	7	7	8	8	1	1	1	1
<i>Cooperatives</i>	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1
Producer-Handlers	4	5	5	5	0	0	0	0
Other Plants w/ Class I Use	18	18	23	23	21	22	25	25
<b>Class I Route Disposition In Area</b>								
By Pool Plants	161,459,533	175,248,364	157,695,934	175,594,630	91,135,627	98,259,546	89,090,125	98,031,580
By Producer-Handlers	6,833,980	7,921,154	6,427,816	6,721,445	0	0	0	0
By Other Plants	6,133,137 *	8,185,510	6,701,084	7,377,617	6,105,747 *	6,894,838	5,088,644	5,551,436
Total	174,426,650	191,355,028	170,824,834	189,693,692	97,241,374	105,154,384	94,178,769	103,583,016
<b>Producer-Handler Data</b>								
% Class I Use	65.89%	61.47%	82.07%	83.31%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
% of Total In-Area Route Dispositions	3.92%	4.14%	3.76%	3.54%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

\* Preliminary. 1/ Includes Cooperative Pool Manufacturing Plants

# MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY

(Product pounds based upon reports of handlers)

RECEIPTS, UTILIZATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MILK	PACIFIC NORTHWEST				ARIZONA			
	Mar 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2010	Feb 2010
TOTAL PRODUCER MILK	690,953,614	612,904,142	706,443,808	633,137,800	413,105,152	364,162,203	380,750,552	336,145,325
RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES	12,226,463	12,435,384	13,444,417	9,605,928	1,923,951	3,000,884	2,159,082	1,734,125
OPENING INVENTORY . . . . .	35,066,900	36,929,464	40,181,876	39,217,686	21,028,042	21,899,827	25,879,696	21,638,176
<b>TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b>738,246,977</b>	<b>662,268,990</b>	<b>760,070,101</b>	<b>681,961,414</b>	<b>436,057,145</b>	<b>389,062,914</b>	<b>408,789,330</b>	<b>359,517,626</b>
<b>UTILIZATION OF RECEIPTS</b>								
Whole milk . . . . .	33,363,274	29,358,423	31,223,275	29,091,069	23,586,362	22,528,781	24,435,966	21,969,434
Flavored milk & milk drinks . . . . .	13,413,696	12,609,911	13,738,886	12,255,306	5,871,031	6,310,867	6,350,070	6,272,847
2% milk . . . . .	71,368,964	64,785,459	69,681,059	63,731,278	34,388,865	32,961,221	36,418,572	32,966,788
1% milk . . . . .	27,953,403	25,991,631	27,530,553	25,145,997	16,722,366	16,000,830	16,342,768	14,825,698
Skim milk . . . . .	29,520,087	27,519,037	28,706,767	26,211,105	13,422,347	12,929,197	13,832,890	12,661,526
Buttermilk . . . . .	1,505,098	1,195,072	1,465,120	1,261,179	458,754	404,731	468,594	393,832
CLASS I ROUTE DISP. IN AREA. . . . .	177,124,522	161,459,533	172,345,660	157,695,934	94,449,725	91,135,627	97,848,860	89,090,125
Class I dispositions out of area . . . . .	16,085,048	14,651,720	17,387,764	15,697,386	25,356,048	21,583,681	25,365,263	22,106,666
Other Class I usage . . . . .	19,913,849	16,445,311	17,114,639	15,102,451	14,659,578	17,531,365	10,859,930	10,525,726
<b>TOTAL CLASS I USE. . . . .</b>	<b>213,123,419</b>	<b>192,556,564</b>	<b>206,848,063</b>	<b>188,495,771</b>	<b>134,465,351</b>	<b>130,250,673</b>	<b>134,074,053</b>	<b>121,722,517</b>
TOTAL CLASS II USE . . . . .	62,518,609	49,855,876	56,251,597	48,378,613	30,236,656	30,923,864	29,880,316	25,252,311
TOTAL CLASS III USE . . . . .	275,026,224	243,698,531	281,600,294	245,974,936	94,168,722	98,782,246	98,109,589	85,591,688
TOTAL CLASS IV USE . . . . .	187,578,725	176,158,019	215,370,147	199,112,094	177,186,416	129,106,131	146,725,372	126,951,110
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR. . . . .</b>	<b>738,246,977</b>	<b>662,268,990</b>	<b>760,070,101</b>	<b>681,961,414</b>	<b>436,057,145</b>	<b>389,062,914</b>	<b>408,789,330</b>	<b>359,517,626</b>
<b>CLASSIFICATION OF RECEIPTS</b>								
Producer milk: Class I . . . . .	198,078,725	177,074,036	192,697,194	172,944,653	121,671,934	118,114,621	123,509,719	110,076,871
Class II . . . . .	52,624,926	43,636,107	46,204,112	42,114,435	28,493,782	30,401,201	29,261,112	24,574,570
Class III . . . . .	274,747,056	239,179,703	279,022,850	245,900,242	94,167,728	98,608,555	97,591,787	85,591,688
Class IV . . . . .	165,502,907	153,014,296	188,519,652	172,178,470	168,771,708	117,037,826	130,387,934	115,902,196
Other receipts: Class I . . . . .	15,044,694	15,482,528	14,150,869	15,551,118	12,793,417	12,136,052	10,564,334	11,645,646
Class II . . . . .	9,893,683	6,219,769	10,047,485	6,264,178	1/	1/	1/	1/
Class III . . . . .	279,168	4,518,828	2,577,444	74,694	1/	1/	1/	1/
Class IV . . . . .	22,075,818	23,143,723	26,850,495	26,933,624	10,158,576	12,764,659	17,474,444	11,726,655
Avg. daily producer receipts . . . . .	22,288,826	21,889,434	22,788,510	22,612,064	13,325,973	13,005,793	12,282,276	12,005,190
Change From Previous Year . . . . .	-2.19%	-3.20%	14.80%	0.99%	8.50%	8.33%	-1.54%	-2.64%
Avg. daily Class I use . . . . .	6,874,949	6,877,020	6,672,518	6,731,992	4,337,592	4,651,810	4,324,969	4,347,233
Change From Previous Year . . . . .	3.03%	2.15%	-0.62%	-2.65%	0.29%	7.01%	0.37%	-1.14%

1/ Restricted - Included with Class IV.

**HIGHLIGHTS THIS ISSUE:**

- Market Summaries for March 2011
- March 2011 Class Prices
- Class I Price for May 2011
- NASS Discontinues Dairy Products Annual Report
- USDA Announces Final Rule on Dairy Import Assessments and the Term United States
- USDA Launches Livestock and Grain Market News Resource Site
- USDA Appoints Nominees to National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Board
- USDA Seeks Nominations for National Organic Advisory Board
- USDA Invites Applications for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Projects
- International Dairy Market News

**APRIL IS NATIONAL GRILLED CHEESE MONTH**

Around the United States cheese lovers are celebrating National Grilled Cheese Month this April. For sandwich ideas, the National Dairy Council's website, [www.nationaldairycouncil.org](http://www.nationaldairycouncil.org), provides several grilled cheese sandwich recipes. Under the "recipes" tab, search for "grilled cheese" to find something new to celebrate National Grilled Cheese Month!

In related news, March was National Nutrition Month. The USDA's MyPyramid Food Guidance System has a great resource for sound nutritional information.

The website [www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov) is the launching point for a variety of nutritional tools. A sampling of the available tools include: a daily food planner; food tracker; planning a healthy menu; and a Dairy Group Section that addresses how much dairy should be consumed and the health benefits of dairy consumption.

