

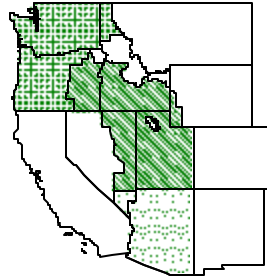
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**October 2002**

### MARKET SUMMARIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2002

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

#### Pacific Northwest

Producers delivered a total of 644.2 million pounds of milk to the market during September. Daily deliveries averaged 21.5 million pounds, down 2.2 percent from August. An estimated 980 producers delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily deliveries per producer averaged 21,913 pounds, down 2.2 percent from August.

Class I producer milk during September totaled 175.5 million pounds, 27.2 percent of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 5.8 million pounds, up 1.2 percent from August.

#### Arizona-Las Vegas

Producers delivered a total of 215.6 million pounds of milk to the market during September. Daily deliveries averaged 7.2

million pounds, down 0.8 percent from August. An estimated 105 producers delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily deliveries per producer averaged 68,459 pounds, down 0.8 percent from August.

Class I producer milk during September totaled 77.7 million pounds, 36.0 percent of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 2.6 million pounds, up 0.4 percent from August.

#### Western

Producers delivered a total of 540.0 million pounds of milk to the market during September. Comparisons to the previous month are affected by eligible milk not pooled in August 2002. Fewer than three handlers did not pool milk; the amount of eligible milk not pooled is restricted. Daily deliveries averaged 18.0 million pounds, up 22.6 percent from August. An estimated 797 producers delivered milk to the market

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### Federal Order Producer Prices and Component Levels: September 2002

Producer Prices	FO124	FO131	FO135	Component Levels (%)	FO124	FO131	FO135
Uniform Price 1/*	10.66	11.03	10.55	Butterfat	3.665	3.643	3.611
Butterfat 2/	1.0099	1.0296	1.0099	Protein	3.060	N/A	3.059
Protein 2/	2.0646	N/A	2.0646	Other Solids	5.678	N/A	5.716
Other Solids 2/	0.0367	N/A	0.0367	Nonfat Solids	8.738	N/A	8.775
PPD 1/*	0.74	N/A	0.63				
Skim 1/	N/A	7.70	N/A				

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

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during the month. Daily deliveries per producer averaged 22,585 pounds, up 22.6 percent from August.

Class I producer milk during September totaled 93.4 million pounds, 17.3 percent of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 3.1 million pounds, down 1.4 percent from August. ♦

The NASS butter price showed an increase of 5.69 cents between the weeks ending September 14 and October 12 from \$0.9261 per pound to \$0.9830 per pound.

The NASS nonfat dry milk showed a net increase of 0.63 cents since mid-September to \$0.9182 per pound. The average price for NASS whey showed an increase of 4.13 cents since mid-September to \$0.2139 per pound. ♦

**SEPTEMBER 2002 CLASS PRICES**

September 2002 non-advanced Class Prices were calculated using NASS commodity price surveys from August 31, September 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2002. Component prices for the month are \$2.0646 per pound of protein, \$1.0099 per pound of butterfat, \$0.0367 per pound of other solids, and \$0.7696 per pound of nonfat solids.

September 2002 Class III and IV prices at 3.5% butterfat are \$9.92 and \$10.22 per hundredweight, respectively. The September Class III price compared to August is up \$0.38. The Class III price is \$5.98 lower than September 2001. The Class III price at 3.67% butterfat is \$0.18 above the support price of \$9.90 at 3.67% butterfat.

Class II butterfat was announced at \$1.0169 per pound. Class I skim and butterfat and Class II skim prices for September 2002 were announced on August 23, 2002. The Class II price at 3.5% butterfat is \$10.91 for September 2002.

**NOVEMBER'S CLASS I PRICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

On October 18, the November 2002 Class I price was announced at \$12.50 for the Pacific Northwest and Western Orders, and \$12.95 for the Arizona-Las Vegas Order. The Class I price was calculated using NASS commodity price surveys from the weeks of October 5 and 12.

The November Class III and IV advance skim prices are \$7.20 and \$6.98 per hundredweight, respectively. The butterfat portion of the Class I mover increased 4.88 cents from \$0.9935 to \$1.0423 per pound.

The November 2002 Class II skim and nonfat solids prices were also announced on October 18. The skim price is \$7.68 per hundredweight, and the nonfat solids price is \$0.8533 per pound for all Federal orders. ♦

**FINAL: NASS COMMODITY PRICES**

	August	September	Change
Cheese*	\$1.1189	\$1.1438	\$0.0249
Butter	\$0.9925	\$0.9431	-\$0.0494
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$0.9074	\$0.9096	\$0.0022
Whey	\$0.1571	\$0.1755	\$0.0184

\* The weighted average of barrels plus 3 cents and blocks. Beginning January 2001, barrels changed from 39% to 38% moisture cheese.

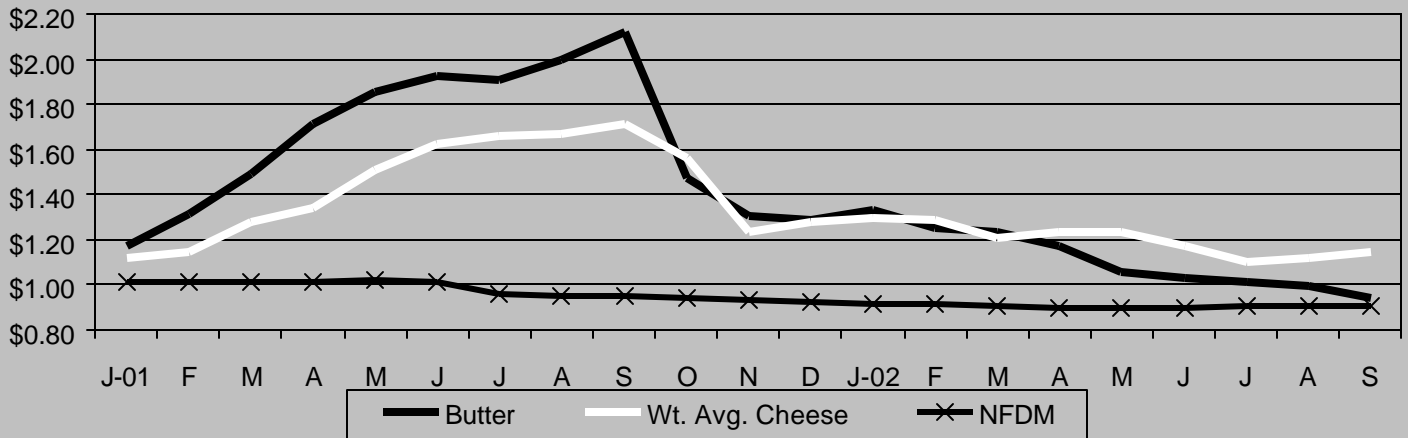
**ADVANCED: NASS COMMODITY PRICES FOR CLASS I PRICE CALCULATIONS**

	October	November	Change
Cheese*	\$1.1427	\$1.1921	\$0.0494
Butter	\$0.9297	\$0.9697	\$0.0400
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$0.9080	\$0.9159	\$0.0759
Whey	\$0.1703	\$0.2081	\$0.0378

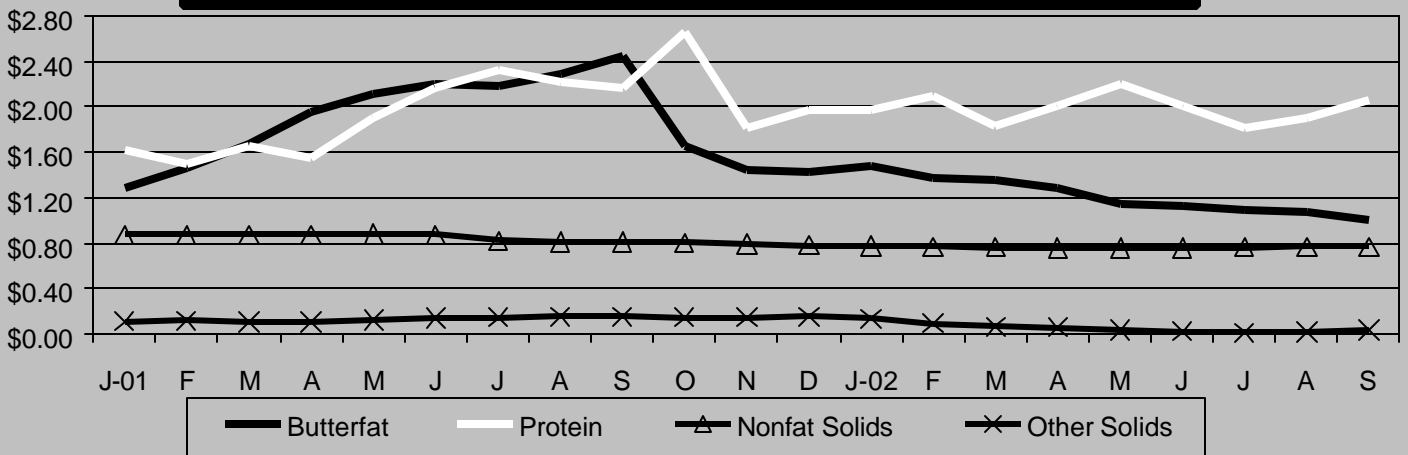
\* The weighted average of barrels plus 3 cents and blocks. Beginning January 2001, barrel cheese prices changed from 39% to 38% moisture cheese.

**Current Commodity Prices** -- The NASS survey of cheddar cheese prices showed a net increase in prices received for 40-pound blocks and 500-pound barrels. The survey of 40-pound blocks showed a net increase of 12.08 cents between the September 14 and the October 12 surveys, to \$1.2517 per pound. The survey of 500-pound barrels (**adjusted to 38% moisture**) showed a net increase of 3.06 cents to \$1.1441 per pound.

**NASS Monthly Butter, Weighted Average Cheese, and Nonfat Dry Milk Prices  
January 2001 through September 2002**



**Federal Order Butterfat, Protein, Nonfat Solids, and Other Solids Prices  
January 2001 through September 2002**



**Federal Order Class III and IV Prices @ 3.5% Butterfat  
January 2001 through April 2002**



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respective orders. For 2001, a monthly average total of 2,077 producers were pooled on the Pacific Northwest, Arizona-Las Vegas, and Western Orders. During 2001, these producers delivered 14.8 billion pounds to the three markets. The milk shed of the three Federal orders includes Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

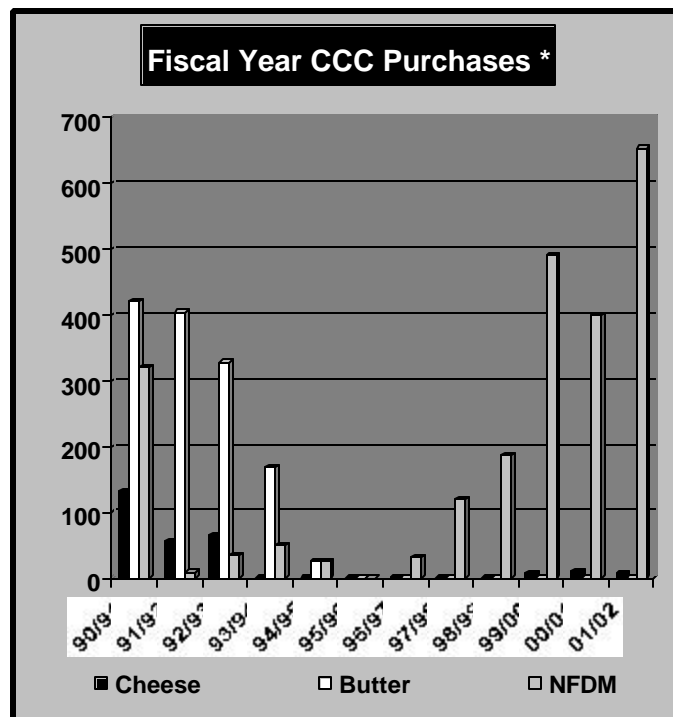
Major findings of this study include:

1. The 2001 average component levels for the Pacific Northwest Order were 3.66% butterfat, 3.04% true protein, and 5.70% other solids. The 2001 average component levels for the Western Order were 3.61% butterfat, 3.06% true protein, and 5.72% other solids. The 2001 average butterfat level for the Arizona-Las Vegas Order was 3.62%.
2. In all three orders, butterfat and protein levels decrease during the summer months and increase in the late fall and winter.
3. Although the volume of producer milk, number of producers, and average milk production per producer varies greatly between regions, there are only small differences in aggregate component levels between geographic regions within the milk shed of the three orders.
4. The Pacific Northwest Order's linear regression in 2001 for protein is  $PRO\% = 1.53 + 0.417 * BF\%$ , with an R-squared of 0.60. The Western Order's linear regression in 2001 for protein is  $PRO\% = 1.70 + 0.385 * BF\%$ , with an R-squared of 0.45.
5. The Pacific Northwest and Western Orders' regressions for estimating other solids using butterfat have a very poor correlation (R-squared of less than 0.05). The monthly regression varies between a positive and negative relationship, with other solids levels appearing to be independent of butterfat levels.

**CCC PURCHASES, FISCAL YEAR 2002**

During the fiscal year October 1, 2001-September 30, 2002, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) purchased 653.2 million pounds of nonfat dry milk and 7.4 million pounds of cheese, but purchased no butter under the dairy price support program. Nonfat dry milk purchases increased 254.3 million pounds from the previous fiscal year and cheese purchases decreased 3.7 million pounds from the previous fiscal year. The 01/02 purchases compared to no butter, 11.1

million pounds of cheese, and 398.9 million pounds of nonfat dry milk during 00/01 fiscal year. ♦



\* Includes purchases for Food Nutrition Services 33.2 million pounds cheese in 90/91; 56.3 million pounds cheese in 91/92; 60.0 million pounds cheese and 15.6 million pounds NFDN in 92/93. Source: Dairy Market News, Volume 69, Report 40

**FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF MILK PRODUCTION**

Milk production for the first three quarters of 2002 was up 2.94% for the U.S. and 2.82% for the top 20 states compared with the same period in 2001. The U.S. total for the first nine months of 2002 equaled 128,175 million pounds, 3,657 million pounds more than last year.

Milk Production in the U.S. totaled 41,965 million pounds for the third quarter of 2002, up 3.44% from the same period in 2001. The top 20 dairy states totaled 36,292 million pounds for the third quarter of 2002, up 3.23% from 2001.

September 2002 milk production in the U.S. totaled 13,592 million pounds, up 3.53% from the same period in 2001. The top 20 dairy states totaled 11,754 million pounds for September 2002, up 3.32% from 2001. (See tables on page 5.) ♦

**Milk Production, January – September,  
2001-2002 1/**

	2001	2002	% Change
	-- million pounds --		
<b>Arizona</b>	2,187	2,414	10.38%
California	24,908	26,273	5.48%
<b>Idaho</b>	5,781	6,127	5.99%
Minnesota	6,701	6,418	-4.22%
New York	8,846	9,267	4.76%
<b>Oregon 3/</b>	1,254	1,577	25.76%
Pennsylvania	8,173	8,134	-0.48%
<b>Utah 3/</b>	1,227	1,248	1.71%
<b>Washington</b>	4,159	4,244	2.04%
Wisconsin	16,822	16,715	-0.64%
20 States 2/	107,561	110,591	2.82%
U.S.	124,518	128,175	2.94%

**Milk Production, Third Quarter, 2001-2002 1/**

	2001	2002	% Change
	-- million pounds --		
<b>Arizona</b>	673	789	17.24%
California	8,349	8,842	5.90%
<b>Idaho</b>	2,015	2,126	5.51%
Minnesota	2,093	2,003	-4.30%
New York	2,981	3,068	2.92%
<b>Oregon 3/</b>	433	553	27.71%
Pennsylvania	2,655	2,634	-0.79%
<b>Utah 3/</b>	419	432	3.10%
<b>Washington</b>	1,417	1,432	1.06%
Wisconsin	5,464	5,514	0.92%
20 States 2/	35,155	36,292	3.23%
U.S.	40,570	41,965	3.44%

**Milk Production, September, 2001-2002 1/**

	2001	2002	% Change
	-- million pounds --		
<b>Arizona</b>	216	250	15.74%
California	2,711	2,871	5.90%
<b>Idaho</b>	653	693	6.13%
Minnesota	672	638	-5.06%
New York	962	994	3.33%
<b>Oregon 3/</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pennsylvania	864	857	-0.81%
<b>Utah 3/</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Washington</b>	453	458	1.10%
Wisconsin	1,776	1,807	1.75%
20 States 2/	11,376	11,754	3.32%
U.S.	13,129	13,592	3.53%

1/ Data for September, 2002, is preliminary. 2/ 20 States do not include Oregon and Utah. 3/ Data for Oregon and Utah is published quarterly. N/A Not available. Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

**SECRETARY ANNOUNCES  
NATIONAL FLUID MILK PROCESSOR  
PROMOTION BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

On October 8, 2002, Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman announced the appointment of three new members to the National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Board. All three appointments are to fill vacancies for existing terms.

Newly appointed are: Michael F. Nosewicz, Cincinnati, Ohio, (Region 3); William R. McCabe, Orrville, Ohio, (Region 6); and Michael A. Krueger, Phoenix, Arizona (at large-processor).

The appointments for Regions 3 and 6 expire June 30, 2003. The appointment for at-large processor expires June 30, 2004.

The National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Board was established by the Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990 to develop and administer a coordinated program of advertising and promotion to increase demand for fluid milk products. The board is composed of 15 fluid milk processors from 15 geographic regions and five at-large members. At least three at-large members must be fluid milk processors and at least one must be from the general public.

The mandatory national fluid milk program is financed by a 20-cent per hundredweight assessment on all fluid milk processed and marketed commercially in consumer-type packages in the contiguous 48 states and the District of Columbia. Those who commercially process and market 3,000,000 pounds or less per month, excluding those fluid milk products delivered to consumer residences, are exempt from assessments.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service monitors the operations of the board. It is USDA's policy that membership on industry governed boards and committees accurately reflect the diversity of individuals served by the programs. ♦

Source: United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Communications, Release No. 0432.02.

# MONTHLY SELECTED STATISTICS

	PACIFIC NORTHWEST			WESTERN			ARIZONA-LAS VEGAS		
	Sep 2002	Aug 2002	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Aug 2002	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Aug 2002	Sep 2001
<b>Minimum Class Prices (3.5% B.)</b>									
Class I Milk (\$/cwt.)	\$12.36	\$12.38	\$17.46	\$12.36	\$12.38	\$17.46	\$12.81	\$12.83	\$17.91
Class II Milk (\$/cwt.)	10.91	11.07	16.24	10.91	11.07	16.24	10.91	11.07	16.24
Class III Milk (\$/cwt.)	9.92	9.54	15.90	9.92	9.54	15.90	9.92	9.54	15.90
Class IV Milk (\$/cwt.)	10.22	10.41	15.59	10.22	10.41	15.59	10.22	10.41	15.59
<b>Producer Prices</b>									
Producer Price Differential (\$/cwt.)	\$ 0.74	\$ 1.12	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.81	\$ 0.42	+	+	+
Butterfat (\$/pound)	1.0099	1.0701	2.4449	1.0099	1.0701	2.4449	+	+	+
Protein (\$/pound)	2.0646	1.9021	2.1647	2.0646	1.9021	2.1647	+	+	+
Other Solids (\$/pound)	0.0367	0.0177	0.1520	0.0367	0.0177	0.1520	+	+	+
Uniform Skim Price (\$/cwt.)	+	+	+	+	+	+	7.70	7.51	8.56
Uniform Butterfat Price (\$/pound)	+	+	+	+	+	+	1.0296	1.0828	2.4122
Statistical Uniform Price (\$/cw .)	\$10.66	\$10.66	\$16.34	\$10.55	\$10.35	\$16.32	\$11.03	\$11.04	\$16.70
<b>Producer Data</b>									
Number of Producers	980 *	980	1,210	797 *	797	766	105 *	105	115
Avg. Daily Production (lbs.)	21,913 *	22,397	16,810	22,585 *	18,426	19,473	68,459 *	69,041	64,702
<b>Number of Handlers</b>									
Pool Handlers	26	26	26	16	16	17	6	6	6
Producer-Handlers	9 *	9	9	7 *	7	6	2 *	2	1
Other Plants w/ Class I Use	17 *	17	13	22 *	22	15	30 *	30	30
<b>Producer Milk Ratios</b>									
Class I	27.24%	26.34%	27.40%	17.31%	21.50%	18.30%	36.02%	35.60%	35.04%
Class II	5.48%	5.27%	6.60%	5.79%	6.84%	11.73%	4.59%	4.42%	5.69%
Class III	36.77%	36.69%	34.30%	55.23%	70.58%	46.23%	40.62%	30.81%	37.75%
Class IV	30.51%	31.70%	31.70%	21.67%	1.08%	23.74%	18.77%	29.17%	21.52%

+ Not Applicable. \* Preliminary.

## MONTHLY SUPPLEMENTAL STATISTICS

	Aug 2002	Jul 2002	Aug 2001	Aug 2002	Jul 2002	Aug 2001	Aug 2002	Jul 2002	Aug 2001
<b>Producer-Handler Data</b>									
Production	25,051,972	24,930,445	24,491,165	2,782,894	2,710,593	2,721,542	R	R	R
Class I Use	17,919,686	17,454,653	19,518,649	1,808,139	1,787,833	1,920,477	R	R	R
% Class I Use	71.53%	70.01%	79.70%	64.97%	65.96%	70.57%	R	R	R
<b>Class I Route Disposition In Area</b>									
By Pool Plants	163,163,594	158,338,268	159,278,158	71,197,582	67,317,718	74,788,389	75,911,414	73,069,039	75,649,584
By Producer-Handlers	17,758,013	17,477,496	19,489,907	1,859,466	1,782,677	1,911,044	1/	1/	1/
By Other Plants	885,863 *	926,860	1,583,029	3,604,183 *	3,758,329	1,817,953	32,582,703 *	30,308,887	32,813,879
Total	181,807,470	176,742,624	180,351,094	76,661,231	72,858,724	78,517,386	108,494,117	103,377,926	108,463,463

\* 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			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2002	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Aug 2002	Sep 2001	Sep 2002	Aug 2002	Sep 2001	
TOTAL PRODUCER MILK	644,236,287	680,410,902	610,209,311	540,017,718	455,262,779	447,492,060	215,644,583	224,727,911	223,223,156	
RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES	8,194,198	12,389,910	7,098,764	5,492,076	6,558,885	6,306,972	11,941,003	37,828,433	1,420,590	
OPENING INVENTORY . . . . .	21,836,345	24,123,291	21,524,103	12,647,173	14,314,353	10,248,081	12,705,884	13,104,597	12,740,667	
<b>TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b>674,266,830</b>	<b>716,924,103</b>	<b>638,832,178</b>	<b>558,156,967</b>	<b>476,136,017</b>	<b>464,047,113</b>	<b>240,291,470</b>	<b>275,660,941</b>	<b>237,384,413</b>	
<b>UTILIZATION OF RECEIPTS</b>										
Whole milk . . . . .	27,061,688	29,063,281	25,925,972	11,815,565	12,482,311	10,526,989	21,343,637	22,825,690	19,579,421	
Flavored milk & milk drinks . . . . .	11,771,741	7,785,336	10,925,216	5,831,885	4,329,436	5,525,112	5,638,587	4,806,158	5,350,086	
2% milk . . . . .	67,731,739	72,808,861	68,809,785	28,236,335	30,556,935	27,655,882	27,488,266	28,905,617	28,174,766	
1% milk . . . . .	24,072,211	23,785,683	24,892,453	13,812,685	14,315,664	14,411,445	8,891,518	8,902,915	8,550,986	
Skim milk . . . . .	26,654,495	28,204,590	26,527,642	8,463,284	8,901,146	8,760,294	9,548,683	9,969,789	10,204,116	
Buttermilk . . . . .	1,344,328	1,515,843	1,481,628	566,401	612,090	499,706	526,870	501,245	336,341	
CLASS I ROUTE DISP. IN AREA . . . . .	158,636,202	163,163,594	158,562,696	68,726,155	71,197,582	67,379,428	73,437,561	75,911,414	72,195,716	
Class I dispositions out of area . . . . .	11,761,822	12,773,100	9,085,934	17,725,070	20,369,509	11,749,556	3,673,179	4,387,620	5,324,817	
Other Class I usage . . . . .	20,345,193	18,468,108	17,233,619	17,442,930	17,436,024	12,102,069	7,452,219	6,853,320	7,013,705	
<b>TOTAL CLASS I USE . . . . .</b>	<b>190,743,217</b>	<b>194,404,802</b>	<b>184,882,249</b>	<b>103,894,155</b>	<b>109,003,115</b>	<b>91,231,053</b>	<b>84,562,959</b>	<b>87,152,354</b>	<b>84,534,238</b>	
<b>TOTAL CLASS II USE . . . . .</b>	<b>40,890,699</b>	<b>45,606,198</b>	<b>44,764,181</b>	<b>34,224,894</b>	<b>36,021,676</b>	<b>57,052,393</b>	<b>12,257,272</b>	<b>14,413,858</b>	<b>13,151,435</b>	
<b>TOTAL CLASS III USE . . . . .</b>	<b>237,708,938</b>	<b>252,193,463</b>	<b>209,285,315</b>	<b>298,563,633</b>	<b>322,603,082</b>	<b>206,864,063</b>	<b>90,287,640</b>	<b>71,386,162</b>	<b>84,274,917</b>	
<b>TOTAL CLASS IV USE . . . . .</b>	<b>204,923,976</b>	<b>224,719,640</b>	<b>199,900,433</b>	<b>121,474,285</b>	<b>8,508,144</b>	<b>108,899,604</b>	<b>53,183,599</b>	<b>102,708,567</b>	<b>55,423,823</b>	
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR . . . . .</b>	<b>674,266,830</b>	<b>716,924,103</b>	<b>638,832,178</b>	<b>558,156,967</b>	<b>476,136,017</b>	<b>464,047,113</b>	<b>240,291,470</b>	<b>275,660,941</b>	<b>237,384,413</b>	
<b>CLASSIFICATION OF RECEIPTS</b>										
Producer milk:	Class I . . . . .	175,487,941	179,193,622	167,236,658	93,441,205	97,901,231	81,888,730	77,689,791	79,992,026	78,195,319
	Class II . . . . .	35,311,592	35,851,502	40,257,384	31,286,309	31,147,207	52,500,886	9,891,168	9,936,425	12,704,571
	Class III . . . . .	236,871,114	249,674,866	209,285,315	298,257,530	321,307,944	206,861,869	87,584,656	69,247,256	84,274,917
	Class IV . . . . .	196,565,640	215,690,912	193,429,954	117,032,674	4,906,397	106,240,575	40,478,968	65,552,204	48,048,349
Other receipts:	Class I . . . . .	15,255,276	15,211,180	17,645,591	10,452,950	11,101,884	9,342,323	24,646,887	50,933,030	14,161,257
	Class II . . . . .	5,579,107	9,754,696	4,506,797	2,938,585	4,874,469	4,551,507	1/	1/	1/
	Class III . . . . .	837,824	2,518,597	0	306,103	1,295,138	2,194	1/	1/	1/
	Class IV . . . . .	8,358,336	9,028,728	6,470,479	4,441,611	3,601,747	2,659,029	1/	1/	1/
Avg. daily producer receipts . . . . .		21,474,543	21,948,739	20,340,310	18,000,591	14,685,896	14,916,402	7,188,153	7,249,287	7,440,772
Change From Previous Year . . . . .		5.58%	8.30%	1.98%	20.68%	-0.27%	53.81%	-3.40%	1.78%	-2.69%
Avg. daily Class I use . . . . .		6,358,107	6,271,123	6,162,742	3,463,139	3,516,230	3,041,035	2,818,765	2,811,366	2,817,808
Change From Previous Year . . . . .		3.17%	1.79%	-4.97%	13.88%	8.51%	-2.31%	0.03%	0.17%	-2.63%

1/ Restricted - Included with Class I.

**HIGHLIGHTS THIS ISSUE:**

- Market Summaries for September 2002
- September 2002 Class Prices and Commodity Prices
- Class I Prices for November 2002
- CCC Purchases, Fiscal Year 2002
- Milk Production up 2.9% First Three Quarters of 2002
- Secretary Announces National Fluid Milk Processors Promotion Board Appointees
- Analysis of Component Levels in Individual Herd Milk at the Farm Level

**ANALYSIS OF COMPONENT LEVELS IN INDIVIDUAL HERD MILK AT THE FARM LEVEL**

The following is the abstract from the Seattle Market Administrator's study entitled: "*Analysis Of Component Levels In Individual Herd Milk At The Farm Level: 2001.*" A copy of this complete study will be available from this office and on our web site at <http://www.fmmaseattle.com>.

Component levels in producer milk pooled on the Pacific Northwest (FO 124), Arizona-Las Vegas (FO 131), and Western (FO 135) Orders were analyzed for 2001 to determine average levels, regional and seasonal variation, and, when possible, the statistical relationship between components. Handlers regulated under the Pacific Northwest and Western Orders report butterfat, protein, and other solids. Handlers regulated under the Arizona-Las Vegas Order report butterfat only. Producer milk pooled was also valued using Federal order minimum producer prices for the

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