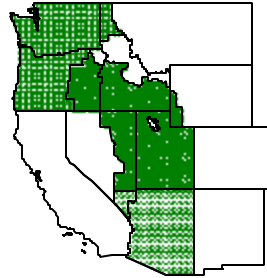


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MARKET SUMMARIES FOR OCTOBER

Pacific Northwest

Producers delivered a total of 604.8 million pounds of milk to the market during October. Daily deliveries averaged 19.5 million pounds, down 2.2 percent from September. An estimated 1,297 producers delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily deliveries per producer averaged 15,043 pounds, down 21.5 percent from September.

Class I producer milk during October totaled 182.8 million pounds, 30.2 percent of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 5.9 million pounds, down 2.1 percent from September.

Producers will receive \$1.8028 per pound of protein, \$1.2444 per pound of butterfat, and \$0.0471 per pound of other solids. Producers will also receive the market's producer price differential of \$1.77 per hundredweight, subject to applicable location adjustments. The market average component tests for the month were: 3.66% butterfat, 3.09% protein, 5.71% other solids, and 8.80% nonfat solids.

Statistical Uniform Price (@ 3.5% BF) October 2000

Federal Order	Per Cwt.
Pacific Northwest	\$11.79
Western	\$11.49
Arizona-Las Vegas	\$11.99

Arizona-Las Vegas

Producers delivered a total of 238.3 million pounds of milk to the market during October. Daily deliveries averaged 7.7 million pounds, up 0.5 percent from September. An estimated 125 producers delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily deliveries per producer averaged 61,505 pounds, up 3.0 percent from September.

Class I producer milk during October totaled 87.5 million pounds, 36.7 percent of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 2.8 million pounds, up 6.4 percent from September.

Producers will receive \$1.2522 per pound of butterfat and \$7.88 per hundredweight of skim, subject to applicable location adjustments. The market average butterfat test for the month was 3.67%.

Western

Producers delivered a total of 295.1 million pounds of milk to the market during October. Comparisons to the previous month are biased due to eligible milk not pooled in September and October 2000. Fewer than three handlers did not pool milk; the amount of eligible milk not pooled is restricted. Daily deliveries averaged 9.5 million pounds, down 1.9 percent from September. An estimated 766 producers

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delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily deliveries per producer averaged 12,425 pounds, down 2.2 percent from September.

Class I producer milk during October totaled 87.3 million pounds, 29.6 percent of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 2.8 million pounds, down 1.1 percent from September.

Producers will receive \$1.8028 per pound of protein, \$1.2444 per pound of butterfat, and \$0.0471 per pound of other solids. Producers will also receive the market's producer price differential of \$1.47 per hundredweight, subject to applicable location adjustments. The market average component tests for the month were: 3.64% butterfat, 3.12% protein, 5.73% other solids, and 8.86% nonfat solids. ♦

Current Commodity Prices -- The NASS survey of cheddar cheese prices showed a decrease in prices received for 40-pound blocks and 500-pound barrels. The survey of 40-pound blocks showed a decrease of 17.71 cents between the October 14 and the November 11 surveys, to \$1.0222 per pound. The survey of 500-pound barrels (adjusted to 39% moisture) showed a decrease of 10.89 cents to \$0.9875 per pound.

The NASS butter price showed a net increase of 16.24 cents between the weeks ending October 14 and November 11 from \$1.1318 per pound to \$1.2942 per pound.

The NASS nonfat dry milk showed a net increase of 0.34 cents since mid-October to \$1.0175 per pound. The average price for NASS whey showed a net increase of 0.59 cents since mid-October to \$0.1882 per pound. ♦

OCTOBER'S CLASS PRICES

October's non-advanced Class Prices were calculated using NASS commodity price surveys from September 30, October 7, 14, 21, and 28. Component prices for the month are \$1.8028 per pound of protein, \$1.2444 per pound of butterfat, \$0.0471 per pound of other solids, and \$0.8585 per pound of nonfat solids.

October's Class III and IV prices at 3.5% butterfat are \$10.02 and \$11.81 per hundredweight, respectively. Class II butterfat was also announced at \$1.2514 per pound. Class I skim and butterfat and Class II skim prices for October were announced on September 18, 2000. The Class II price at 3.5% butterfat is \$12.54 for October.

The October Class III price compared to September is down \$0.74. The Class III price is \$1.47 lower than October 1999 and \$0.22 above the support price.

DECEMBER'S CLASS I PRICE ANNOUNCEMENT

On November 17, the December 2000 Class I price was announced at \$14.03 for the Pacific Northwest and Western Orders, and \$14.48 for the Arizona-Las Vegas Order. The Class I price was calculated using NASS commodity price surveys from the weeks of November 4 and 11.

The December Class III and IV advance skim prices are \$4.14 and \$7.75 per hundredweight, respectively. The Class IV skim price has set the skim price for Class I milk for all the months of the year 2000. The butterfat portion of the Class I mover increased 8.48 cents from \$1.2435 to \$1.3283 per pound.

The December 2000 Class II skim and nonfat solids were also announced on November 17. The skim price is \$8.45 per hundredweight, and the nonfat solids price is \$0.9389 per pound for all Federal Orders. ♦

NASS COMMODITY PRICES

	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>Change</u>
Cheese*	\$1.2315	\$1.1344	-\$0.0971
Butter	\$1.1560	\$1.1602	\$0.0042
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$1.0166	\$1.0127	-\$0.0039
Whey	\$0.1856	\$0.1826	-\$0.0030

* The weighted average of barrels plus 3 cents and blocks

NASS COMMODITY PRICES FOR CLASS I PRICE CALCULATIONS

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Change</u>
Cheese*	\$1.2012	\$1.0259	-\$0.1753
Butter	\$1.1337	\$1.2032	\$0.0695
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$1.0143	\$1.0157	\$0.0014
Whey	\$0.1820	\$0.1881	\$0.0061

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

**PROPOSED REVISION IN SHIPPING
PERCENTAGES FOR PLANTS OPERATED BY
A COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION ON THE
ARIZONA-LAS VEGAS FEDERAL MILK
MARKETING ORDER**

A notice was given that, effective January 1, 2001, and continuing through December 31, 2001, an adjustment to the shipping requirements pursuant to 7 C.F.R. section 1131.7(d) is being considered. The proposed percentages are as follows:

January – March 20 percent
April – June 15 percent
July – December 20 percent

All persons who desire to submit written data, views or arguments with respect to the action being considered, should send them to the Market Administrator, Arizona-Las Vegas Marketing Area, 1930-220th Street S.E., Suite 102, Bothell, Washington 98021-8471, to be received not later than December 1, 2000. The period for filing comments is limited because a longer period would not provide the time needed to complete the required analysis and procedures to make the revision effective January 1, 2001.

The proposal would, from January through December 2001, result in a revision of the shipping percentages set forth in section 1131.7(d).

Section 1131.7(f) of the Arizona-Las Vegas Federal milk order allows the Market Administrator to increase or decrease the shipping percentages that a cooperative association must make to pool distributing plants in order to qualify the cooperative's manufacturing plant for pool status. The determination is based on whether, in the Market Administrator's judgement, the adjustment is necessary to encourage needed shipments or to prevent uneconomic shipments of milk.

United Dairymen of Arizona is a handler that operates a pool manufacturing plant under the order and has historically been a handler for milk of its producers diverted to nonpool plants. UDA has requested that the percentage that a cooperative association is required to ship to pool distributing plants in order to qualify its manufacturing plant for pool status be decreased from 35 percent to 20 percent for the period of January through March, 15 percent for the period of April through June, and 20 percent for the period of July through December.

A temporary revision that lowered the shipping requirement for the months of January through March 2000 was announced on December 29,

1999. A temporary revision that lowered the shipping percentages for the months of April through December 2000 was announced on March 31, 2000. However, UDA has reported that the situation has not abated. Additionally, UDA has stated that the order Class I utilization has fallen below 30 percent in recent months. UDA further states that because the cooperative has made needed shipments to pool distributing plants in the past during periods of reduced shipping percentages, the proposed revised shipping percentages are sufficient to assure the market will be provided with an adequate milk supply.

UDA has stated that the maintenance of pool status for its manufacturing plant is an indispensable condition to insure orderly marketing of milk in the area. UDA also stated that the loss of pool status of its manufacturing plant and expected seasonal production increases during the coming months would result in the uneconomic movements of milk.

It is therefore determined that it may be appropriate to revise the shipping percentages set forth in section 1131.7(d).

Notification of the determination of appropriate action on this proposal is expected to be made on or before December 31, 2000. ♦

**USDA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR
NATIONAL FLUID MILK BOARD**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is asking dairy processors and other interested parties to nominate candidates for the National Fluid Milk Processor Promotion Board.

The Secretary of Agriculture will appoint seven individuals from those nominated to succeed members whose terms expire May 31, 2001. Newly appointed or reappointed members will serve 3-year terms from June 1, 2001, through May 31, 2004.

Kathleen A. Merrigan, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, 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 boards and committees accurately reflect the diversity of individuals served by the programs."

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 education to promote fluid milk products. Of the Board's 20 members, 15 represent geographic regions and 5 are at-large members. The at-large members must include at least three fluid milk processors and at least one member of the general public. Currently, there are two members of the general public serving on the Board.

The national fluid milk program is financed by a mandatory 20-cent per hundredweight assessment on fluid milk processors who process and market more than 500,000 pounds of fluid milk products per month in the contiguous 48 states and the District of Columbia.

USDA will accept nominations for board representation in five geographic regions and for two at-large positions. Nominees must be active owners or employees of a fluid milk processor for all regional positions and at least one at-large position. The other at-large position may be filled by a member of the general public. The geographic regions are: Region 1 (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont); Region 4 (Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina); Region 7 (Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin); Region 10 (Texas); and Region 13 (Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming). No fluid milk processor shall be represented on the board by more than three members.

Fluid milk processors and others may submit nominations for regions in which they are located or market fluid milk and for at-large members.

To nominate an individual, please submit a copy of the nomination form and a signed background form for each nominee by Dec. 15. Forms should be sent to: Promotion and Research Branch, Dairy Programs, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave, SW, Stop 0233, Room 2958-S, Washington, D.C. 20250-0233. To obtain forms or additional information, call (202) 720-6909. ♦

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"Many of America's small- and medium-size dairy farms need this help to survive," said Glickman.

Estimates indicate that Wisconsin dairy farmers will receive about \$137 million. New York farmers will receive an estimated \$60 million. Minnesota is expected to receive about \$56 million. USDA will distribute an estimated \$51 million in California and \$48.5 million in Pennsylvania.

In addition, Glickman announced a major expansion of USDA's Dairy Options Pilot Program. This innovative cost-share program helps dairy farmers put a "floor" under the price they receive for milk using the futures and options markets. USDA subsidizes both premiums and brokerage fees for participating dairy farmers. USDA will spend about \$24 million over the next two years expanding this program, but the innovative approach used will allow dairy farmers to leverage significantly more protection against price drops. The program, currently operating in 61 counties, will expand to 300 counties in 39 states. A full list of participating counties is available on the web at <http://www.usda.gov/news/releases/2000/10/0372a.pdf>.

The market loss assistance payments will be made to dairy farmers who received payments in the last two years as well as new producers. In an effort to speed payments and eliminate the need for a sign-up, payments to previous participants will be automatically calculated based on 1997 or 1998 production levels, whichever are higher. In order to better target small to medium-sized producers, payment calculations for all participants will be limited to the first 39,000 cwt. of production. All dairy farmers will receive the same payment rate. Further details are expected to be announced next month. Payments are expected to go out within the next few months. ♦

GLICKMAN NAMES MEMBERS TO NATIONAL DAIRY BOARD

Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman has appointed 11 new members and reappointed 2 incumbents to the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board. All will serve three-year terms from Nov. 1, 2000, through Oct. 31, 2003.

Newly appointed were: Dennis A. Leonardi, Ferndale, Calif. (region 2); Charles W. Bryant, Austin, Ark. (region 4); Arlon E. Fritsche, New Ulm, Minn., and Loren E. Jons, Bonesteel, S. D. (region 5); Allard L. Peck, Chippewa, Falls, Wis., and Connie M. Seefeldt, Coleman, Wis. (region 6); Wayne E. Dykshorn, Ireton, Iowa (region 7); Sanford L. Jones, Jr., Quitman, Ga. (region 10); Lewis Gardner, Galeton, Pa. (region 11); and Edgar A. King, Schuylerville, N.Y. (region 12).

Reappointed to serve second terms were: Pedro R. Lizaso, Emmett, Idaho (region 3); and Merle L. Chaplin, Moundsville, W.V. (region 9).

The National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, composed of 36 dairy farmers representing 13 regions of the contiguous United States, administers a coordinated program of promotion, research and nutrition education.

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

IN-AREA DISPOSITION OF FLUID MILK PRODUCTS: JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2000

In-area route disposition of fluid milk products is the amount of fluid milk products, from all sources, consumed in the selected marketing area. The table below shows in-area route disposition for the Pacific Northwest, Arizona-Las Vegas, and Western Orders. Changes from year-ago levels are not reported due to changes in marketing area boundaries beginning January 2000.

Pacific Northwest Order

For the period of January through September 2000, disposition of fluid milk products in the marketing area of the Pacific Northwest Order totaled 1,614.6 million pounds. During this period, low-fat milk products accounted for 1,325.7 million

pounds or 82.1% of the market's disposition of fluid milk.

Arizona-Las Vegas Order

For the period of January through September 2000, disposition of fluid milk products in the marketing area of the Arizona-Las Vegas Order totaled 897.1 million pounds. During this period, low-fat milk products accounted for 599.7 million pounds or 66.9% of the market's disposition of fluid milk. Whole milk products accounted for 297.4 million pounds or 33.2% of the market in the Arizona-Las Vegas Order, a much higher percentage than the Pacific Northwest and Western Orders.

Western Order

For the period of January through September 2000, disposition of fluid milk products in the marketing area of the Western Order totaled 554.4 million pounds. During this period, low-fat milk products accounted for 665.3 million pounds or 83.3% of the market's disposition of fluid milk. ♦

In-Area Route Disposition 1/ Pacific Northwest (FO124), Arizona-Las Vegas (FO131), and Western (FO135) Orders January through September 2000			
	FO124	FO131	FO135
<u>Whole Milk Products</u>			
- million pounds -			
Whole	271.1	276.8	105.4
Flavored	17.9	20.6	5.5
Total Whole Milk 2/	289.0	297.4	110.9
<u>Low-fat Milk Products</u>			
2%	718.5	345.9	278.8
1%	250.4	98.9	135.4
Skim	279.5	125.2	93.5
Flavored Low-fat	62.3	24.7	41.0
Buttermilk & Other 3/	15.0	5.0	5.8
Total Low-fat Milk 2/	1,325.7	599.7	554.4
Combined Total 2/	1,614.6	897.1	665.3

1/ Based on total in-area route disposition by handlers, handlers regulated by other Federal orders, partially regulated handlers, and producer-handlers. 2/ May not add due to rounding. 3/ May include small amounts of miscellaneous products.

MONTHLY SELECTED STATISTICS

NASS Commodity Prices (\$/pound)	Oct 2000	Sep 2000
Butter	\$1.1344	\$1.1560
Cheese, Weighted Average Blocks & Barrels	1.1602	1.2315
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.0127	1.0166
Whey	0.1826	0.1856

Minimum Class Prices (3.5% B.F.)	PACIFIC NORTHWEST		WESTERN		ARIZONA-LAS VEGAS	
	Oct 2000	Sep 2000	Oct 2000	Sep 2000	Oct 2000	Sep 2000
Class I Milk (\$/cwt.)	\$13.79	\$13.74	\$13.79	\$13.74	\$14.24	\$14.19
Class II Milk (\$/cwt.)	12.54	12.58	12.54	12.58	12.54	12.58
Class III Milk (\$/cwt.)	10.02	10.76	10.02	10.76	10.02	10.76
Class IV Milk (\$/cwt.)	11.81	11.94	11.81	11.94	11.81	11.94
Producer Prices						
Producer Price Differential (\$/cwt.)	\$ 1.77	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.18	+	+
Butterfat (\$/pound)	1.2444	1.2707	1.2444	1.2707	+	+
Protein (\$/pound)	1.8028	2.0137	1.8028	2.0137	+	+
Other Solids (\$/pound)	0.0471	0.0502	0.0471	0.0502	+	+
Uniform Skim Price (\$/cwt.)	+	+	+	+	7.88	8.15
Uniform Butterfat Price (\$/pound)	+	+	+	+	1.2522	1.2738
Statistical Uniform Price (\$/cwt.)	\$11.79	\$12.11	11.49	11.94	11.99	12.32
Producer Data						
Number of Producers	1,297 *	1,297	766 *	763	125 *	125
Avg. Daily Production (lbs.)	15,043 *	15,378	12,425 *	12,710	61,505 *	61,173
Number of Handlers						
Pool Handlers	26	26	17	17	6	6
Producer-Handlers	11	11	7	7	1	1
Other Plants w/ Class I Use	5	5	10	10	3	3
Producer Milk Ratios						
Class I	30.23%	30.21%	29.59%	29.37%	36.72%	34.69%
Class II	5.72%	5.71%	11.40%	10.55%	5.24%	6.80%
Class III	34.89%	35.60%	57.62%	58.49%	44.01%	43.48%
Class IV	29.16%	28.48%	1.39%	1.59%	14.03%	15.03%

+ Not Applicable. * Preliminary.

MONTHLY SUPPLEMENTAL STATISTICS

Producer-Handler Data (Thousand lbs.)	Sep 2000	Aug 2000	Sep 2000	Aug 2000	Sep 2000	Aug 2000
Production	23,555,561	24,327,358	2,449,857	2,565,132	R	R
Class I Use	19,490,619	19,836,172	1,733,672	1,839,607	R	R
% Class I Use	82.74%	81.54%	70.77%	71.72%	R	R
Class I Route Disposition In Area (Thousand lbs.)						
By Pool Plants	165,608,516	160,361,960	73,545,637	73,200,450	76,476,856	77,860,362
By Producer-Handlers	19,392,081	19,970,883	1,769,347	1,864,297	R	R
By Other Plants	<u>732,253 *</u>	<u>824,372</u>	<u>1,194,382 *</u>	<u>1,094,726</u>	<u>15,437,104 *</u>	<u>15,211,882</u>
Total **	185,732,850	181,157,215	76,509,366	76,159,473	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		
	Oct 2000	Sep 2000	Oct 2000	Sep 2000	Oct 2000	Sep 2000	
TOTAL PRODUCER MILK	604,838,646	598,367,378	295,054,762	290,936,625	238,332,513	229,400,576	
RECEIPTS FROM OTHER SOURCES	10,414,715	9,448,754	3,974,869	3,289,538	2,573,003	10,652,643	
OPENING INVENTORY	<u>21,788,846</u>	<u>21,671,247</u>	<u>10,665,705</u>	<u>10,871,829</u>	<u>10,634,466</u>	<u>12,699,224</u>	
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	<u>637,042,207</u>	<u>629,487,379</u>	<u>309,695,336</u>	<u>305,097,992</u>	<u>251,539,982</u>	<u>252,752,443</u>	
UTILIZATION OF RECEIPTS							
Whole milk.	27,494,924	27,149,015	11,471,287	11,715,061	19,965,537	19,409,426	
Flavored milk & milk drinks	12,328,367	11,102,172	6,452,978	6,208,080	4,861,056	4,674,817	
2% milk	73,434,593	72,122,467	30,623,846	30,828,418	32,388,524	31,920,564	
1% milk	25,341,311	25,314,499	14,927,855	14,813,806	9,835,321	9,140,673	
Skim milk	28,077,587	28,337,120	8,878,654	9,385,731	11,620,921	10,892,232	
Buttermilk	<u>1,550,096</u>	<u>1,583,243</u>	<u>583,393</u>	<u>594,541</u>	<u>523,703</u>	<u>439,144</u>	
CLASS I ROUTE DISP. IN AREA.	168,226,878	165,608,516	72,938,013	73,545,637	79,195,062	76,476,856	
Class I dispositions out of area	10,014,101	10,272,044	11,590,386	11,404,573	4,940,423	4,636,163	
Other Class I usage	<u>20,603,653</u>	<u>18,661,044</u>	<u>10,296,017</u>	<u>8,438,609</u>	<u>9,269,055</u>	<u>5,707,477</u>	
TOTAL CLASS I USE.	198,844,632	194,541,604	94,824,416	93,388,819	93,404,540	86,820,496	
TOTAL CLASS II USE	40,099,619	40,600,639	36,828,201	33,536,368	13,105,661	16,348,307	
TOTAL CLASS III USE	211,531,490	213,925,564	170,101,226	170,497,854	105,076,063	100,178,694	
TOTAL CLASS IV USE	<u>186,566,466</u>	<u>180,419,572</u>	<u>7,941,493</u>	<u>7,674,951</u>	<u>39,953,718</u>	<u>49,404,946</u>	
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR	<u>637,042,207</u>	<u>629,487,379</u>	<u>309,695,336</u>	<u>305,097,992</u>	<u>251,539,982</u>	<u>252,752,443</u>	
CLASSIFICATION OF RECEIPTS							
Producer milk:	Class I	182,823,243	180,778,592	87,322,942	85,454,730	87,488,283	79,581,137
	Class II	34,597,156	34,164,014	33,630,261	30,683,161	12,496,294	15,592,997
	Class III	211,067,092	212,999,546	170,005,882	170,177,548	104,900,634	99,738,987
	Class IV	176,351,155	170,425,226	4,095,677	4,621,186	33,447,302	34,487,455
Other receipts:	Class I	16,021,389	13,763,012	7,501,474	7,934,089	13,207,469	23,351,867
	Class II	5,502,463	6,436,625	3,197,940	2,853,207	1/	1/
	Class III	464,398	926,018	95,344	320,306	1/	1/
	Class IV	10,215,311	9,994,346	3,845,816	3,053,765	1/	1/
Avg. daily producer receipts	19,510,924	19,945,579	9,517,896	9,697,888	7,688,146	7,646,686	
Avg. daily Class I use	6,414,343	6,484,720	3,058,852	3,112,961	3,013,050	2,894,017	

1/ Restricted - Included with Class I.

HIGHLIGHTS THIS ISSUE:

- **Market Summaries for October 2000**
- **October 2000 Class Prices and Commodity Prices**
- **Class I Prices for December 2000**
- **USDA Seeks Nominations For National Fluid Milk Board**
- **Glickman Names Members To National Dairy Board**
- **In-Area Disposition Of Fluid Milk Products: January Through September 2000**
- **Glickman Tells Struggling Dairy Farmers More Help Is On The Way**

GLICKMAN TELLS STRUGGLING DAIRY FARMERS MORE HELP IS ON THE WAY

Responding to persistent and historically low milk prices, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman told America's dairy farmers that significant new assistance is on the way.

Glickman said the agriculture appropriations bill that President Clinton is expected to sign provides an estimated \$667 million to help dairy farmers cope with the low milk prices, which have declined for three consecutive years, and are now at their lowest level since 1991. About 80,000 dairy farmers across the country will receive an average of \$8,300 each. The maximum payment per farmer will be capped at \$25,000. Overall, USDA expects to distribute more than twice as much dairy market loss assistance this year as it has in the last two years combined.

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