

Market Administrator News

THE OVERVIEW OF COMPONENT TESTS OF PRODUCER MILK AT THE FARM LEVEL: 2020

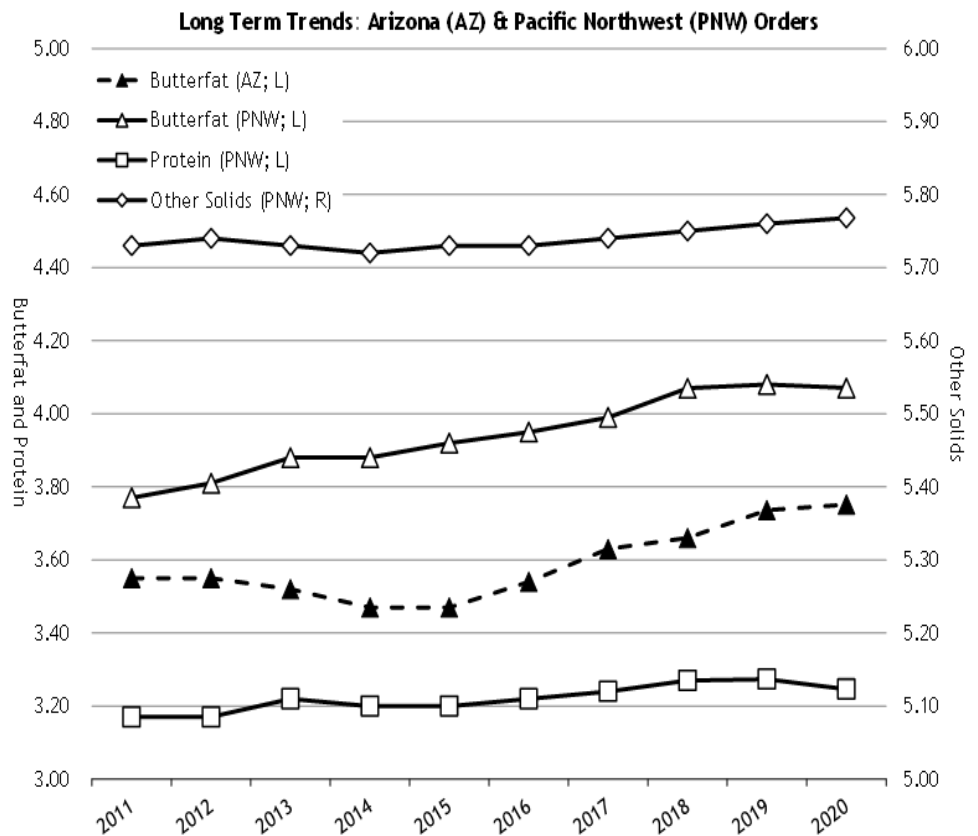
The market administrator's office recently published an overview of component tests of producer milk pooled on the Pacific Northwest and Arizona Federal Milk Marketing Orders. The tables summarize average tests by order, month, year, region, size-range of production, and long term trends. Producer milk values are also calculated using Federal order minimum producer prices for the respective orders at 3.5% butterfat and at test. All test and value averages are weighted averages.

The farm level data included in these tables comprises all producers and producer milk pooled on the Pacific Northwest and Arizona Orders. The data was collected from producer payrolls submitted by handlers to the market administrator's office. Components available for the Pacific Northwest Order are butterfat, protein, and other solids. Other solids are lactose and minerals. The component for the Arizona Order is butterfat. In certain months, milk production that historically qualified to be pooled on an order may not have been pooled due to price relationships. This historically eligible producer milk is not included in this analysis. Large changes in producer numbers and producer milk typically indicate those months when milk was not pooled due to price relationships. Small differences may be evident between published pool information and the data shown in this overview due to the use of partially audited payroll data.

For 2020, size-range categories were shifted to more appropriate levels given the current distribution of producers in the Pacific Northwest and Arizona regions.

The graph to the right provides one aspect of the data included in the overview.

The paper can be found at <http://fmmaseattle.com/staffpapers.html>. Please contact John Mykrantz at jmykrantz@fmmaseattle.com or 425-487-5612, if you have any questions.



USDA News

USDA PROVIDES NOTICE OF RETROACTIVE REIMBURSEMENTS UNDER THE DAIRY DONATION PROGRAM

On April 13, 2021, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released a notice to trade that the USDA will soon implement the Dairy Donation Program (DDP) as established in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. The program will facilitate the timely donation of dairy products to nonprofit organizations who distribute food to persons in need and prevent and minimize food waste. Because the statute allows retroactive reimbursements of donations made before donation and distribution plans are approved, USDA is providing advance notice of the minimum provisions to be included in the program to encourage the dairy industry to process and donate surplus milk supplies as it moves through the spring surplus milk production season.

Although the DDP regulations have not yet been published, the following are the minimum key program requirements included in the statute:

- 1) A donation and distribution plan must be submitted and approved by USDA.
- 2) The reimbursement will be at least equivalent to the minimum classified value of milk used to make the donated product on the date of manufacturing.
- 3) Records related to donating and receiving products must be maintained and available for review and/or audit.
- 4) Eligibility is open to dairy farmer cooperatives and processors who “account to” a Federal milk marketing order (FMMO) and donate dairy products to any private or public nonprofit food distribution entity.

To view the notice to trade in more detail follow this link: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/content/usda-provides-notice-retroactive-reimbursements-under-dairy-donation-program-encourages> 🐄