

Pacific Northwest and Arizona Marketing Areas

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Data for March 2026

MARKET SUMMARIES FOR MARCH

Pacific Northwest (FO 124)

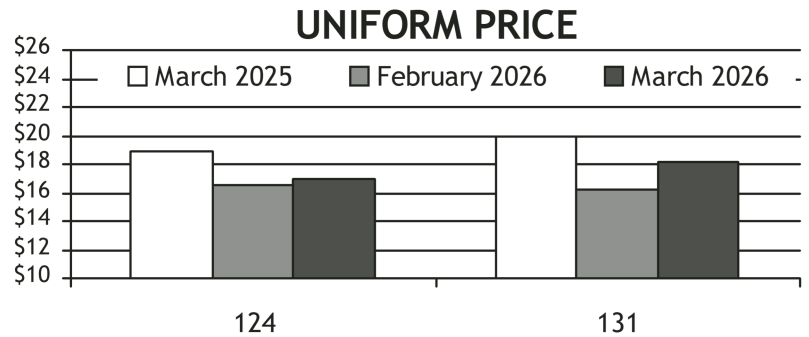
Producers delivered a total of 390.5 million pounds of milk to the market during March. Daily deliveries averaged 12.6 million pounds, up 61.1 percent from February. An estimated 170 producers delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily deliveries per producer averaged 74,106 pounds, up 1.4 percent from February.

Class I producer milk during March totaled 72.2 million pounds, 18.5 percent of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 2.3 million pounds, down 13.0 percent from February. 📉

Arizona (FO 131)

Producers delivered a total of 334.4 million pounds of milk to the market during March. Daily deliveries averaged 10.8 million pounds, down 13.8 percent from February. An estimated 59 producers delivered milk to the market during the month. Daily deliveries per producer averaged 182,830 pounds, down 13.8 percent from February.

Class I producer milk during March totaled 127.6 million pounds, 38.2 percent of total producer receipts. Daily usage averaged 4.1 million pounds, up 17.1 percent from February. 📈



Pool Quick Stats

Producer Prices & Component Levels	FO 124		FO 131	
	Feb	Mar	Feb	Mar
Uniform Price (at 3.5%)	\$16.47	\$17.03	\$16.26	\$18.12
Uniform Price (at test)	\$18.88	\$19.86	\$17.37	\$19.30
PPD	\$1.53	\$0.87		
Butterfat	\$1.7794	\$2.0220		
Protein	\$1.9373	\$2.0905		n/a
Other Solids	\$0.4391	\$0.4178		
Uniform Skim			\$10.57	\$11.67
Uniform Butterfat		n/a	\$1.7303	\$1.9585
Butterfat	4.524%	4.551%	4.185%	4.142%
Protein	3.495%	3.535%		
Other Solids	5.769%	5.745%		n/a

HIGHLIGHTS THIS ISSUE

- ✓ Producer Milk and its Benefits

Federal Order Price Summaries

FINAL CLASS PRICES

The March 2026 Final Class Prices were calculated using AMS commodity price surveys from March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2026. Current and archived Final Class Price announcements are available at www.fmmaseattle.com/classcomponent.html.

FINAL	Class I (FO124)	Class I (FO131)	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Butterfat	Protein	Other Solids	Nonfat Solids
Feb 2026	\$17.40	\$17.30	\$15.34	\$14.94	\$16.29	\$1.7794	\$1.9373	\$0.4391	\$1.1220
Mar 2026	\$18.17	\$18.07	\$17.34	\$16.16	\$18.94	\$2.0220	\$2.0905	\$0.4178	\$1.3215
Change	\$0.77	\$0.77	\$2.00	\$1.22	\$2.65	\$0.2426	\$0.1532	(\$0.0213)	\$0.1995

ADVANCED CLASS I PRICE

The May 2026 Advanced Price was calculated using AMS commodity price surveys from April 11 and 18, 2026. Current and archived Advanced Price announcements are available at www.fmmaseattle.com/advance.html.

ADVANCED	Base Butterfat	Class III Skim	Class IV Skim	Base Skim	Base Class I	Class I (FO124)	Class I (FO131)	ESL Adj.	Class II Skim	Class II Non-fat Solids
Apr 2026	\$2.0221	\$9.14	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$18.66	\$21.36	\$21.26	\$(0.25)	\$12.70	\$1.3656
May 2026	\$1.8649	\$10.78	\$14.12	\$14.12	\$20.15	\$22.85	\$22.75	\$(0.49)	\$14.82	\$1.5935
Change	(\$0.1572)	\$1.64	\$2.12	\$2.12	\$1.49	\$1.49	\$1.49	(\$0.24)	\$2.12	\$0.2279

Commodity Price Summaries

AMS COMMODITY PRICES FOR FINAL CLASS PRICES CALCULATION

	Feb	Mar	Change
Cheese 1/	\$1.4338	\$1.5607	\$0.1269
Butter	\$1.6966	\$1.8969	\$0.2003
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$1.3726	\$1.5741	\$0.2015
Whey	\$0.6931	\$0.6724	(\$0.0207)

1/ only blocks effective June 2025

AMS COMMODITY PRICES FOR ADVANCED CLASS PRICES CALCULATION

	Apr	May	Change
Cheese 1/	\$1.5297	\$1.6522	\$0.1225
Butter	\$1.8970	\$1.7672	(\$0.1298)
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$1.5431	\$1.7724	\$0.2293
Whey	\$0.6840	\$0.6474	(\$0.0366)

1/ only blocks effective June 2025

CURRENT COMMODITY PRICES

The AMS survey of cheddar cheese prices showed an increase in prices received for 40-pound blocks of 9.71 cents between the March 14 and the April 18 surveys, to \$1.6563 per pound. The AMS butter price showed a net decrease of 17.30 cents between the weeks ending March 14 and the April 18 from \$1.9373 per pound to \$1.7643 per pound. The AMS nonfat dry milk showed an increase of 28.08 cents since mid-March to \$1.8259 per pound. The average price for AMS whey showed a net decrease of 2.72 cents since mid-March to \$0.6489 per pound. 🐄

Monthly Selected Statistics

PRICE & POOL DATA	PACIFIC NORTHWEST				ARIZONA			
	Mar 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2025	Feb 2025
Producer Prices								
Producer Price Differential (\$/cwt)	\$0.87	\$1.53	\$0.34	\$0.14	+	+	+	+
Butterfat (\$/pound)	2.0220	1.7794	2.6242	2.8186	+	+	+	+
Protein (\$/pound)	2.0905	1.9373	2.4606	2.5337	+	+	+	+
Other Solids (\$/pound)	0.4178	0.4391	0.3647	0.4799	+	+	+	+
Uniform Skim Price (\$/cwt)	+	+	+	+	\$11.67	\$10.57	\$11.03	\$11.63
Uniform Butterfat Price (\$/pound)	+	+	+	+	1.9585	1.7303	2.6613	2.8442
Statistical Uniform Price (\$/cwt)*	\$17.03	\$16.47	\$18.96	\$20.32	\$18.12	\$16.26	\$19.96	\$21.18
Producer Data								
Number of Producers	170	107	292	299	59	59	63	63
Avg. Daily Production (pounds)	74,106	73,070	76,500	73,821	182,830	212,191	218,700	228,138
Producer Milk Ratios								
Class I	18.49%	34.25%	16.88%	18.84%	38.16%	28.07%	24.95%	28.42%
Class II	5.73%	8.45%	5.10%	4.98%	12.34%	22.50%	23.00%	17.07%
Class III	73.25%	54.15%	44.84%	45.28%	21.53%	21.78%	22.61%	21.84%
Class IV	2.53%	3.15%	33.18%	30.90%	27.97%	27.65%	29.44%	32.67%
Market Shrinkage								
Pounds	9,826,434	5,905,352	13,405,811	10,187,591	2,137,838	2,855,032	5,078,844	4,564,776
% of Producer Milk	2.52%	2.70%	1.94%	1.65%	0.64%	0.81%	1.19%	1.13%

+ Not Applicable. Preliminary data indicated in **bold**.

Monthly Supplemental Statistics

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA	PACIFIC NORTHWEST				ARIZONA			
	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	Feb 2025	Jan 2025
Number of Handlers								
Pool Handlers	16	19	21	19	8	8	8	8
<i>Distributing Plants</i>	12	13	13	12	6	6	6	6
<i>Supply Plants 1/</i>	1	3	5	4	1	1	1	1
<i>Cooperatives</i>	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1
Producer-Handlers	3	3	3	4	0	0	0	0
Other Plants w/ Class I Use	28	26	29	30	36	36	32	32
Class I Route Disposition In Area								
By Pool Plants	103,453,214	121,943,259	109,287,123	124,897,741	63,840,516	70,561,564	63,536,148	72,283,776
By Producer-Handlers	3,771,645	4,251,118	4,223,646	4,881,943	0	0	0	0
By Other Plants	11,808,883	10,842,028	11,570,946	12,388,410	17,882,920	18,407,318	19,374,722	17,292,689
Total	119,033,742	137,036,405	125,081,715	142,168,094	81,723,436	88,968,882	82,910,870	89,576,465
Producer-Handler Data								
% Class I Use	37.60%	39.38%	48.98%	38.34%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
% of Total In-Area Route Dispositions	3.17%	3.10%	3.38%	3.43%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Preliminary data indicated in **bold**. 1/ Includes Cooperative Pool Manufacturing Plants.

Monthly Statistical Summary

RECEIPTS & UTILIZATION	PACIFIC NORTHWEST				ARIZONA			
	Mar	Feb	Mar	Feb	Mar	Feb	Mar	Feb
	2026	2026	2025	2025	2026	2026	2025	2025
Receipts of Milk								
Total Producer Milk	390,540,918	218,917,304	692,476,527	618,028,874	334,395,813	350,540,257	427,120,659	402,435,692
Receipts From Other Sources	178,659,065	143,177,139	53,827,955	43,888,107	107,603,728	45,020,907	15,034,604	9,145,627
Opening Inventory	40,501,650	36,924,620	45,178,616	46,396,787	24,847,506	24,280,320	25,258,806	24,405,391
Total To Be Accounted For	609,701,633	399,019,063	791,483,098	708,313,768	466,847,047	419,841,484	467,414,069	435,986,710
Utilization of Receipts								
Whole milk	50,874,411	44,347,602	48,011,144	45,231,120	29,618,405	27,092,528	28,731,154	26,070,786
Flavored milk & drinks	9,630,700	8,477,953	9,238,074	8,235,873	5,771,258	5,742,614	4,953,993	5,900,260
2% milk	37,722,309	33,204,786	38,245,787	36,375,693	23,937,330	21,890,759	24,225,931	21,766,189
1% milk	13,063,998	11,877,829	14,311,886	13,496,734	6,583,948	6,114,574	7,161,315	6,592,357
Skim milk	4,808,958	4,205,303	4,945,481	4,538,029	2,663,827	2,448,952	3,027,743	2,683,586
Buttermilk	1,752,034	1,339,741	1,554,562	1,409,674	604,635	551,089	599,271	522,970
Class I dispositions in area	117,852,410	103,453,214	116,306,934	109,287,123	69,179,403	63,840,516	68,699,407	63,536,148
Class I dispositions out of area	11,135,548	9,394,350	7,850,335	7,530,313	30,203,595	27,592,315	28,362,876	26,493,647
Other Class I usage	28,635,283	28,610,576	24,762,083	29,430,492	41,580,181	19,340,864	24,597,999	39,628,312
Utilization by Class								
Total Class I Use	157,623,241	141,458,140	148,919,352	146,247,928	140,963,179	110,773,695	121,660,282	129,658,107
Total Class II Use	49,653,666	43,223,570	54,374,879	44,108,215	42,849,366	80,163,633	99,275,878	69,615,963
Total Class III Use	294,468,957	121,887,334	315,122,124	282,254,931	72,057,921	77,223,515	96,569,090	87,914,549
Total Class IV Use	107,955,769	92,450,019	273,066,743	235,702,694	210,976,581	151,680,641	149,908,819	148,798,091
Total Accounted For	609,701,633	399,019,063	791,483,098	708,313,768	466,847,047	419,841,484	467,414,069	435,986,710

CLASSIFICATION OF RECEIPTS	PACIFIC NORTHWEST				ARIZONA			
	Mar	Feb	Mar	Feb	Mar	Feb	Mar	Feb
	2026	2026	2025	2025	2026	2026	2025	2025
Producer milk								
Class I	72,200,318	74,987,258	116,892,739	116,433,162	127,605,571	98,393,958	106,573,686	114,366,438
Class II	22,393,314	18,504,765	35,323,809	30,796,126	41,279,814	78,885,669	98,243,769	68,688,095
Class III	286,059,789	118,533,048	310,534,282	279,823,028	71,978,984	76,334,666	96,569,090	87,878,152
Class IV	9,887,497	6,892,233	229,725,697	190,976,558	93,531,444	96,925,964	125,734,114	131,503,007
Other receipts								
Class I	85,422,923	66,470,882	32,026,613	29,814,766	13,357,608	12,379,737	15,086,596	15,291,669
Class II	27,260,352	24,718,805	19,051,070	13,312,089	1/	1/	1/	1/
Class III	8,409,168	3,354,286	4,587,842	2,431,903	78,937	1/	0	1/
Class IV	98,068,272	85,557,786	43,341,046	44,726,136	119,014,689	56,921,490	25,206,814	18,259,349
Avg. daily producer receipts	12,598,094	7,818,475	22,337,952	22,072,460	10,786,962	12,519,295	13,778,086	14,372,703
Change From Previous Year	-43.60%	-64.58%	11.56%	11.08%	-21.71%	-12.90%	3.18%	5.43%
Avg. daily Class I use	5,084,621	5,052,076	4,803,850	5,223,140	4,547,199	3,956,203	3,924,525	4,630,647
Change From Previous Year	5.84%	-3.28%	-6.16%	-2.58%	15.87%	-14.56%	-5.29%	5.84%

1/ Restricted - Included with Class IV.

Federal Order 124 News

Producer Milk and its Benefits

In recent months, FO 124 has seen a sharp decline in producer milk as February represented its lowest levels since September 2003 and March represented a 43.6 percent yearly decline. When milk is not pooled by a handler, it can be via a decision or by qualification. It is worth noting that pooling decisions are often made due to price relationships, and decreased pool volumes may not be indicative of decreased demand in the market or a drop of milk production in the milkshed. Because producer milk begins with the producer, it is important to first understand how a producer is defined under the federal orders.

In the Federal Milk Marketing Orders (FMMOs), the definition of a producer is order-specific and outlined in §1xxx.12 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). To qualify as producer milk, the milk must meet specific requirements. When a dairy farmer qualifies as a producer, the milk their handler elects to pool on the order may be eligible to be classified as producer milk and included in the monthly pool.

The FMMO system provides a structured and regulated framework that ensures producers pooled on the order are paid accurately, consistently, and based on verified producer weights and tests.

Accurate

- Handler-reported data, including receipts and utilization, are subject to review and auditing to ensure accuracy
- Payments to producers are based on verified records submitted in monthly reports
- Minimum prices are established using standardized formulas tied to market conditions


Timely

- Payroll records are reviewed to ensure handlers meet payment deadlines specified in the regulations
- Payment timelines are enforced to promote consistency and reliability for producers

Verified

- Milk component testing (butterfat, protein, and other solids) is verified to ensure proper payment
- Laboratory equipment is calibrated and monitored through control sample programs

Additionally, Market Administrators use pooled data to generate reports and market information that support transparency and inform industry stakeholders. Producer-level data contributes to a broader understanding of market conditions and helps maintain confidence in the pricing system.

It is important to note that federal orders can only enforce minimum prices and payment requirements when milk qualifies as producer milk under the order. If milk does not meet the definition of producer milk—such as when it fails qualification requirements or is not pooled—the order does not establish or enforce the price paid for that milk. Producers who are members of a cooperative typically are paid according to payment provisions adopted by the cooperative, which may differ from payment provisions applicable under federal orders to producers who do not belong to a cooperative. 

Federal Order Statistics for March 2026

Federal Order Name (Number)	Producer Deliveries	Class I Receipts	Class I Utilization	Class I Price	Uniform Price
	<i>- million pounds -</i>			<i>- per cwt (at location) -</i>	
Northeast (FO 1)	2,416.7	680.5	28.2%	\$20.57	\$18.82
Appalachian (FO 5)	439.1	307.8	70.1%	\$21.07	\$20.64
Florida (FO 6)	225.9	176.4	78.1%	\$22.27	\$21.55
Southeast (FO 7)	301.2	217.3	72.2%	\$21.27	\$20.95
Upper Midwest (FO 30)	2,232.8	166.5	7.5%	\$18.67	\$16.66
Central (FO 32)	1,241.6	358.5	28.9%	\$18.67	\$17.65
Mideast (FO 33)	1,756.2	585.6	33.3%	\$19.27	\$17.74
California (FO 51)	1,820.4	398.3	21.9%	\$18.27	\$17.22
Pacific Northwest (FO 124)	390.5	72.2	18.5%	\$18.17	\$17.03
Southwest (FO 126)	1,293.5	331.3	25.6%	\$19.17	\$17.68
Arizona (FO 131)	334.4	127.6	38.2%	\$18.07	\$18.12

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