

**United States Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service
Dairy Programs
Milk Market Administrator
Federal Orders 124 & 131**

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Federal Order Minimum Cost for Selected Products/Containers

Value reflects Federal order minimum cost of raw skim and butterfat in milk products at the base zone of each order and effect of Processor Assessment (See Note 1). Not included in these costs are the expenses of standardization, pasteurization, processing, packaging, labor, delivery, etc.

<u>White Milk</u>		<u>FO 124</u>		<u>FO 131</u>	
		<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Half Pints</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Half Pints</u>
3.25%	January 2012	\$1.7626	\$0.1102	\$1.8013	\$0.1126
	February 2012	\$1.6107	\$0.1007	\$1.6494	\$0.1031
	March 2012	\$1.5496	\$0.0969	\$1.5883	\$0.0993
	April 2012	\$1.4968	\$0.0936	\$1.5355	\$0.0960
2.00%	January 2012	\$1.5935	\$0.0996	\$1.6322	\$0.1020
	February 2012	\$1.4417	\$0.0901	\$1.4805	\$0.0925
	March 2012	\$1.3888	\$0.0868	\$1.4276	\$0.0892
	April 2012	\$1.3476	\$0.0842	\$1.3864	\$0.0867
1.00%	January 2012	\$1.4549	\$0.0909	\$1.4937	\$0.0934
	February 2012	\$1.3036	\$0.0815	\$1.3424	\$0.0839
	March 2012	\$1.2573	\$0.0786	\$1.2961	\$0.0810
	April 2012	\$1.2255	\$0.0766	\$1.2643	\$0.0790
0.06%	January 2012	\$1.3261	\$0.0829	\$1.3650	\$0.0853
	February 2012	\$1.1751	\$0.0734	\$1.2139	\$0.0759
	March 2012	\$1.1350	\$0.0709	\$1.1738	\$0.0734
	April 2012	\$1.1120	\$0.0695	\$1.1508	\$0.0719
<u>Chocolate Milk *</u>					
3.25%	January 2012	\$1.6396	\$0.1025	\$1.6756	\$0.1047
	February 2012	\$1.4983	\$0.0936	\$1.5343	\$0.0959
	March 2012	\$1.4415	\$0.0901	\$1.4775	\$0.0923
	April 2012	\$1.3924	\$0.0870	\$1.4284	\$0.0893
1.00%	January 2012	\$1.3502	\$0.0844	\$1.3862	\$0.0866
	February 2012	\$1.2098	\$0.0756	\$1.2458	\$0.0779
	March 2012	\$1.1669	\$0.0729	\$1.2029	\$0.0752
	April 2012	\$1.1374	\$0.0711	\$1.1734	\$0.0733
0.06%	January 2012	\$1.2293	\$0.0768	\$1.2653	\$0.0791
	February 2012	\$1.0893	\$0.0681	\$1.1253	\$0.0703
	March 2012	\$1.0521	\$0.0658	\$1.0881	\$0.0680
	April 2012	\$1.0308	\$0.0644	\$1.0668	\$0.0667
<u>Class I Prices</u>		<u>Skim</u>	<u>Butterfat</u>	<u>Skim</u>	<u>Butterfat</u>
January 2012		\$15.27	\$1.7605	\$15.72	\$1.7650
February 2012		\$13.52	\$1.7380	\$13.97	\$1.7425
March 2012		\$13.06	\$1.6565	\$13.51	\$1.6610
April 2012		\$12.80	\$1.5449	\$13.25	\$1.5494

Conversion Factors

<u>White 3.25% Gal.</u> 8.60	<u>White 3.25% 1/2 Pint</u> 0.53750	<u>White 2.00% Gal.</u> 8.62	<u>White 2.00% 1/2 Pint</u> 0.53875	<u>White 1.00% Gal.</u> 8.62	<u>White 1.00% 1/2 Pint</u> 0.53875	<u>White 0.06% Gal.</u> 8.63	<u>White 0.06% 1/2 Pint</u> 0.539375
<u>Chocolate Gal.</u> 8.00	<u>Chocolate 1/2 Pint</u> 0.50000						

Note 1: All prices include the \$0.20 per cwt. Processor Assessment (Fluid Milk Promotion Order, 7 CFR, 1160.101 et seq.). These prices do not include any other assessments or costs associated with bottling milk.

Note 2: Prices were determined by following formula:

$$(((\text{Percent Skim} \times \text{Skim Price}) / 100 + (\text{Percent Butterfat} \times \text{Butterfat Price})) / 100) \times \text{Conversion Factor}$$

For example, the formula for a gallon of whole milk would be:

$$(((96.75 \times \text{Skim Price}) / 100 + (3.25 \times \text{Butterfat Price})) / 100) \times 8.6$$

Note 3: Asterisk (*): Conversion factors for chocolate milk vary between products.