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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS II, III, IV AND COMPONENT PRICES ^{1/}

	<u>MAR 2000</u>
CLASS II PRICE^{2/}	\$ 11.71
Nonfat Solids Price, per lb.....	\$ 0.9344
Butterfat Price, per lb. ^{3/}	\$ 1.0261
CLASS III PRICE^{2/}	\$ 9.54
Skim Milk Price.....	\$ 6.19
Protein Price, per lb.....	\$ 1.9166
Other Solids Price, per lb.....	\$ 0.0424
Butterfat Price, per lb.....	\$ 1.0191
CLASS IV PRICE^{2/}	\$ 11.00
Skim Milk Price.....	\$ 7.70
Nonfat Solids Price, per lb.....	\$ 0.8553
Butterfat Price, per lb.....	\$ 1.0191
SOMATIC CELL ADJ. RATE, per 1,000 SCC	\$ 0.00055

DAIRY PRODUCT AVERAGE PRICE QUOTATIONS

	<u>MAR 2000</u>	<u>FEB 2000</u>	<u>MAR 1999</u>
NASS WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES – FULL MONTH			
CHEDDAR CHEESE, per lb.	\$ 1.1093	\$ 1.1067	\$ 1.3064
BUTTER, per lb.	0.9497	0.9002	1.3019
NONFAT DRY MILK, per lb.	1.0094	1.0106	1.0169
DRY WHEY, per lb.	0.1780	0.1788	0.1917

REGIONAL MILK PRODUCTION COSTS, FEBRUARY 2000 AND MARCH 2000 ^{4/}

<u>REGION</u>	<u>TOTAL CASH EXPENSES</u>		<u>TOTAL ECONOMIC COSTS</u>	
	<u>FEB ^{5/}</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>FEB ^{5/}</u>	<u>MAR</u>
NORTHEAST	\$14.52	\$14.79	\$19.40	\$19.72
SOUTHEAST	\$14.21	\$14.44	\$18.05	\$18.33
UPPER MIDWEST	\$13.36	\$13.54	\$17.98	\$18.21
CORN BELT	\$14.15	\$14.36	\$19.96	\$20.22
SOUTHERN PLAINS	\$12.51	\$12.69	\$15.84	\$16.07
PACIFIC	\$9.38	\$9.50	\$11.06	\$11.21

^{1/} United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service. For further information contact John Rourke, 202/720-7461. Prices are dollars per 100 pounds (cwt.) unless otherwise indicated.

^{2/} The Class price announced is per hundredweight at 3.5% butterfat.

^{3/} The Class II butterfat price for the Southwest Marketing Area is the butterfat price plus \$0.007 (\$0.70 divided by 100).

^{4/} United States Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service. For further information, contact Sara Short, 202/694-5588. Costs are dollars per 100 pounds (cwt.). Regions are defined as: Northeast-New York Pennsylvania, and Vermont; Southeast-Florida and Georgia; Upper Midwest-Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin; Corn Belt-Iowa, Missouri, and Ohio; Southern Plains-Texas; Pacific-Arizona, California, and Washington.

^{5/} Revised from last month due to changes in milk production, producer price indexes, corn market price, and economic indicators for the U.S. economy.

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