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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS II, III, IV AND COMPONENT PRICES <sup>1/ 6/</sup>**

	<u>April 2002</u>
<b>CLASS II PRICE<sup>2/</sup></b> .....	\$ 11.88
Nonfat Solids Price, per lb.....	\$ 0.8456
Butterfat Price, per lb. <sup>3/</sup> .....	\$ 1.2960
<b>CLASS III PRICE<sup>2/</sup></b> .....	\$ 10.85
Skim Milk Price.....	\$ 6.57
Protein Price, per lb.....	\$ 2.0109
Other Solids Price, per lb.....	\$ 0.0566
Butterfat Price, per lb.....	\$ 1.2890
<b>CLASS IV PRICE<sup>2/</sup></b> .....	\$ 11.09
Skim Milk Price.....	\$ 6.82
Nonfat Solids Price, per lb.....	\$ 0.7575
Butterfat Price, per lb.....	\$ 1.2890
<b>SOMATIC CELL ADJ. RATE, per 1,000 SCC</b> .....	\$ 0.00062

**DAIRY PRODUCT AVERAGE PRICE QUOTATIONS**

	<u>APR 2002</u>	<u>MAR 2002</u>	<u>APR 2001</u>
<b>NASS WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES – FULL MONTH</b>			
CHEDDAR CHEESE, per lb.	\$ 1.2323	\$ 1.2087	\$ 1.3423
BUTTER, per lb.	1.1720	1.2333	1.7126
NONFAT DRY MILK, per lb.	0.8975	0.9060	1.0145
DRY WHEY, per lb.	0.1948	0.2066	0.2446

**REGIONAL MILK PRODUCTION COSTS, MARCH 2002 AND APRIL 2002 <sup>4/</sup>**

<u>REGION</u>	<u>TOTAL CASH EXPENSES</u>		<u>TOTAL ECONOMIC COSTS</u>	
	<u>MAR <sup>5/</sup></u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAR <sup>5/</sup></u>	<u>APR</u>
NORTHEAST	\$14.43	\$14.80	\$19.66	\$20.10
SOUTHEAST	\$14.29	\$14.61	\$18.14	\$18.57
UPPER MIDWEST	\$13.22	\$13.44	\$18.24	\$18.55
CORN BELT	\$14.14	\$14.41	\$20.32	\$20.68
SOUTHERN PLAINS	\$12.55	\$12.82	\$16.06	\$16.37
PACIFIC	\$9.35	\$9.50	\$11.20	\$11.40

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

<sup>2/</sup> The Class price announced is per hundredweight at 3.5% butterfat.

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

<sup>4/</sup> 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.

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

<sup>6/</sup> These prices were computed using the formulas in the U.S. District Court's preliminary injunction order dated January 31, 2001.

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