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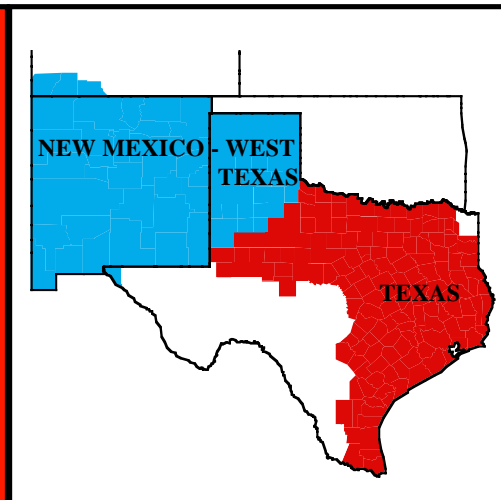
REPORT



TEXAS MARKETING AREA

NEW MEXICO - WEST TEXAS MARKETING AREA

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MARKET SUMMARIES FOR NOVEMBER

The November Class III price increased 13 cents from the previous month to \$12.96. The Class II price for November of \$13.09 per hundredweight increased 72 cents from \$12.37 in October. November's Class III-A price increased 51 cents from October's level to \$14.01.

Texas: Producers who delivered milk to handlers located in Zones 1 and 2 of the Texas Milk Market Order received \$14.70 per hundredweight for deliveries of milk containing 3.5% butterfat. The November price was up 49 cents from October.

Producers delivered a total of 485,335,773 pounds of milk during November. On a daily basis this represents a decrease of 3.10 percent from the producer receipts level in October but it represents an increase of 4.53 percent when compared to the producer receipts level of November 1996.

Producer milk classified as Class I during November amounted to 53.59 percent of total producer receipts. This figure is down from October's 55.89 percent and it is down from 59.67 percent in November 1996. The average butterfat test of producer milk pooled during November 1997 was 3.756 percent.

New Mexico - West Texas: Producers who delivered milk to handlers located in Zone 1 of the New Mexico - West Texas Milk Market Order received \$13.73 per hundredweight for deliveries of milk containing 3.5% butterfat. The November price was up 17 cents from its October level.

Producers delivered a total of 163,241,146 pounds of milk during November. On a daily basis this represents an increase of 27.50 percent from the producer receipts level in October but it represents a decrease of 24.63 percent when compared to the producer receipts level of November 1996.

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ber amounted to 31.58 percent of total producer receipts. This figure is down from 43.63 percent in October but it is up from 26.32 percent in November 1996. The average butterfat test of producer milk pooled during November 1997 was 3.690 percent.

GLICKMAN NAMES MEMBERS TO NATIONAL DAIRY BOARD

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has announced the appointment of two new members and ten incumbents to the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board. All will serve three-year terms that began December 4 upon their seating at the annual board meeting.

Appointed were Pedro R. Lizaso, Emmett, Idaho (region 3) and Merle L. Chaplin, Moundsville, W. Va. (region 9).

Appointed to serve second terms were Mary E. Cameron, Hanford, Calif. (region 2); Jimmie L. Davis, Green Forest, Ark. (region 4); Ronnie G. Hornstra, Avon, S. D. (region 5); Lyle A. Tjosaas, Kasson, Minn. (region 5); David J. Krug, Owen, Wis. (region 6); Roger O. Rebut, Janesville, Wis. (region 6); Myron E. Erdman, Chenoa, Ill. (region 7); J. William Higginbotham, Washington, Ga. (region 10); H. Wallace Cook Jr., Newark, Del. (region 11); and Paul R. Kirsch, Varysburg, N.Y. (region 12).

The National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, composed of 36 dairy farmers representing 13 regions of the contiguous United States, administers a coordinated program of promotion, research and nutrition education.

The board was established by the Dairy Production Stabilization Act of 1983. It is authorized to design programs to strengthen the dairy industry's position in domestic and foreign markets. The national program is financed by a mandatory 15 cent

per hundredweight assessment on milk produced in the contiguous 48 states and marketed commercially by dairy farmers. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service monitors the operation of the board.

1997 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE READY TO COUNT NATION'S FARMS

Report forms for the 1997 Census of Agriculture will soon begin appearing in the mailbox of farmers and ranchers across the nation. For the twenty-fifth time since the first Ag census in 1840, farmers and ranchers will play the key role in providing the country with a statistical picture of U.S. agriculture at county, state, and national levels. The 1997 census will provide a detailed picture of the changes in agriculture since the last Census, in 1992.

The focus of the current Census includes number of farms, farm size, operator characteristics, crop and livestock production, agricultural product sales, and production expenses of farmers and ranchers. Report forms will be mailed in December to collect data for 1997 calendar year. Farmers will be asked to return their forms by February 2, 1998.

Census of Agriculture statistics make up the only national, state and local-level agricultural information database available. These statistics are used by many different organizations and individuals for a myriad of purposes, including:

- ◆ Farm machinery manufacturers use Ag Census statistics to locate their industries where they are needed by using county and state statistics, resulting in economic benefit to farm operators.

- ◆ Researchers and legislators can use county-level data to define problem areas and help farmers recover from outbreaks of disease and pests.

- ◆ The agricultural community as a whole uses Census information for evaluating programs affecting agricultural production.

- ◆ Farm organizations, Congress, and state and local governments use Ag Census Statistics to plan programs to help farm operators get the most for their investments.

- ◆ Seed and fertilizer producers use Ag Census statistics to compare yields and other information to help operators do the most effective job.

- ◆ Irrigation specialists, water resource developers, and irrigation equipment manufacturers use Ag Census information to formulate practical advice for farm operators.

- ◆ State and national lawmakers can determine where to allocate funds that will benefit agricultural

producers.

- ◆ Farm broadcasters and agricultural editors can convey census results to their audiences, and use the data to help focus their stories on important areas of agriculture.

Many of the questions asked in the 1997 Census will be similar to those asked in 1992. Data will be collected from all farmers and ranchers on land use and ownership, crop acreage and quantities harvested, numbers of livestock and poultry, value of crops and livestock sold, and operator characteristics. New items include area and value of cut Christmas trees harvested.

One of every four farms and ranches will receive a report form that includes additional questions on production expenses, fertilizer and chemicals, machinery and equipment, market value of land and buildings, and income from farm-related sources. All report forms are tailored by region to make them less burdensome to respondents.

Anyone who receives a census form should complete and return it. Individuals who don't operate a farm or ranch could possibly receive census questionnaires. In this situation, recipients should return the form with a note stating that the person to whom it was addressed is not involved with a farm or ranch.

USDA PLEASSED BY U.S. DISTRICT COURT GRANTING STAY IN MILK ORDER RULING

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Mike Dunn announced that USDA is pleased by the decision of the U.S. District Court for Minnesota to grant a stay on its Nov. 3 order that enjoined the department from enforcing existing Class I price differential in certain Federal milk marketing order areas. The stay was granted until Feb. 15, 1998.

Dunn said this action will allow time for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit to hear an appeal. "More importantly," he said, "it will prevent disruption in the marketing of milk that would have resulted from the overnight elimination of Class I price differentials."

The granting of the stay will also allow USDA to continue developing the major milk marketing order reforms called for in the 1996 Farm Bill. The department expects to announce a proposed rule early in 1998.

The District Court's Nov. 3 ruling decided a lawsuit brought by the Minnesota Milk Producers Association challenging Class I differentials used by the department to establish fluid milk prices.

TOP TEN TEXAS COUNTIES a/ – NOVEMBER 1997

County	Number of Producers	Pounds	% Change From 1996*	County	Number of Producers	Pounds	% Change From 1996*
1. Erath	156	110,114,744	-4.03	7. Hamilton	29	15,117,556	-2.80
2. Hopkins	289	49,824,264	-12.96	8. Wood	74	13,991,322	-1.86
3. Comanche	48	32,837,837	-6.27	9. Cherokee	34	10,852,371	-13.65
4. El Paso	9	19,526,291	+4.65	10. Van Zandt	26	8,074,787	-23.91
5. Archer	62	18,770,600	+4.43	Ten County Total	774	294,683,702	-6.31 b/
6. Johnson	47	15,573,930	-12.90	Other Counties Total	617	141,923,523	-11.14
				Texas Total	1,391	436,607,225	-7.94

a/ Includes all known Grade "A" milk produced on farms located in Texas.

b/ Compared to top ten counties for the month in the previous year.

Minimum Prices at 3.5%, for Federal Orders 126 and 138 (Zone 1) Formula Prices (3.5%) and Price Quotations

Month	Class I a/		Class II	Class III	Class III-A	Uniform a/		B F Diff.	Grade A Butter	Block Cheese	Spray Powder
	126	138				126	138				
	----- Dollars Per Hundred Wt. -----								¢/Point	-----Cents Per Pound-----	
October 1996r	18.10	17.29	15.24	14.13	14.94	16.79	15.14	13.1	124.45	157.93	131.55
November	18.53	17.72	15.67	11.61	12.18	16.37	13.43	6.5	71.47	132.45	126.59
December	17.29	16.48	14.43	11.34	11.75	14.89	12.80	6.8	73.02	123.73	120.55
Averages 1996 b/	16.79	15.98	13.93	13.39	13.00	15.20	14.03	10.0	99.82	146.63	122.16
January 1997	14.77	13.96	11.91	11.94	11.50	13.50	12.55	7.8	81.74	127.05	113.94
February	14.50	13.69	11.64	12.46	12.36	13.42	12.79	10.0	98.46	131.24	114.91
March	15.10	14.29	12.24	12.49	12.78	13.66	13.07	11.0	105.81	132.34	115.78
April	15.62	14.81	12.76	11.44	12.10	13.61	12.70	9.4	91.90	123.78	114.40
May	15.65	14.84	12.79	10.70	11.56	13.32	12.48	9.0	87.40	116.64	109.83
June	14.60	13.79	11.74	10.74	12.22	12.89	11.90	11.4	105.00	115.83	107.88
July	13.86	13.05	11.00	10.86	12.06	12.73	11.72	11.0	101.84	117.67	107.65
August	13.90	13.09	11.04	12.07	11.88	13.03	12.42	10.6	101.32	130.24	107.18
September	14.02	13.21	11.16	12.79	11.87	13.18	12.95	10.6	103.37	137.82	107.11
October	15.23	14.42	12.37	12.83	13.50	14.21	13.56	15.3	137.35	138.35	106.91
November	15.95	15.14	13.09	12.96	14.01	14.70	13.73	16.7	148.42	138.52	107.13
December	15.99	15.18	13.13								
January 1998	16.12	15.31	13.26								

a/ Subject to zone and location adjustments. b/ Simple averages

TOP NEW MEXICO COUNTIES a/ – NOVEMBER 1997

County	Number of Producers	Pounds	% Change From 1996*	County	Number of Producers	Pounds	% Change From 1996*
1. Chaves	42	118,155,531	+7.03	7. Valencia	12	10,502,128	-2.64
2. Dona Ana	24	58,705,049	-4.96	8. Bernalillo	8	8,894,035	+1.12
3. Roosevelt	29	39,310,184	+2.26	9. Socorro	7	6,394,550	-6.58
4. Curry	11	36,502,399	+45.92				
5. Lea	13	20,580,920	+19.55	Nine County Total	152	318,524,917	+7.94
6. Eddy	6	19,480,121	+29.24	Other Counties Total	6	7,687,104	-7.69
				New Mexico Total	158	326,212,021	+7.51

a/ All known Grade "A" milk produced on farms located in New Mexico.

b/ Compared to top counties for the month in the previous year.

**POUNDS OF GRADE A MILK MARKETED BY
PRODUCERS LOCATED IN TEXAS BY MONTHS:
JANUARY 1995 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1997, WITH PERCENTAGE COMPARISONS ****

MONTH	1995 POUNDS	Number of Producers	1996 POUNDS	Number of Producers	1997 POUNDS	Number of Producers	PERCENT CHANGE 1996/95*	1997/96
January	544,665,125	1,918	549,914,311	1,786	540,921,813	1,610	+0.96	-1.64
February	519,646,630	1,911	536,326,949	1,773	503,177,566	1,591	-0.35	-2.83
March	579,936,046	1,902	590,936,348	1,745	560,823,025	1,566	+1.90	-5.10
April	560,828,983	1,886	575,799,475	1,738	539,258,903	1,553	+2.67	-6.35
May	552,635,192	1,884	567,120,914	1,714	530,457,547	1,550	+2.62	-6.46
June	505,013,242	1,864	490,380,980	1,683	468,546,651	1,523	-2.90	-4.45
July	479,245,070	1,866	454,376,230	1,670	435,777,197	1,489	-5.19	-4.09
August	448,110,385	1,858	448,420,253	1,652	417,271,524	1,463	+0.07	-6.95
September	437,779,650	1,844	427,623,846	1,639	405,563,476	1,435	-2.32	-5.08
October	481,136,358	1,837	466,085,603	1,637	436,528,559	1,408	-3.13	-6.34
November	480,929,263	1,826	474,250,855	1,636	436,607,225	1,391	-1.39	-7.94
December	<u>524,145,612</u>	1,800	<u>516,304,359</u>	1,620			<u>-1.50</u>	
Years Total	6,114,071,556		6,098,233,434				-0.26	

*Revised figures

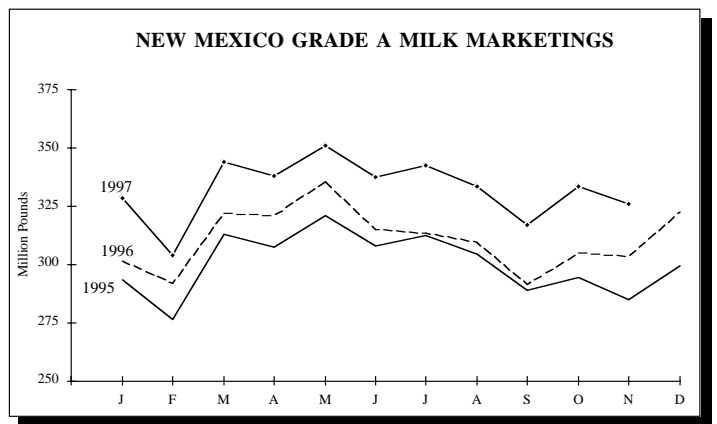
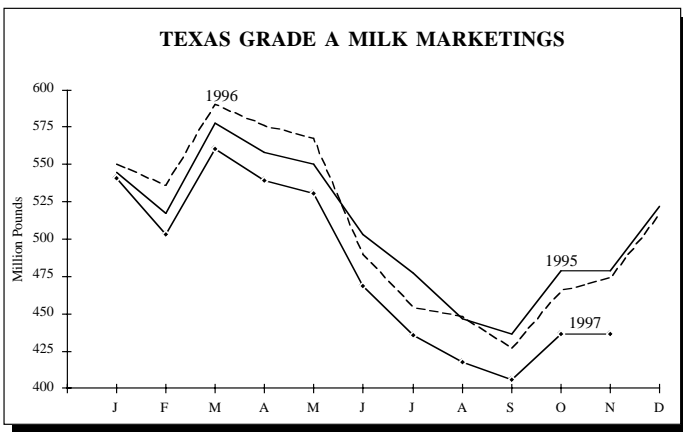
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**POUNDS OF GRADE A MILK MARKETED BY
PRODUCERS LOCATED IN NEW MEXICO BY MONTHS:
JANUARY 1995 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1997, WITH PERCENTAGE COMPARISONS ****

MONTH	1995 POUNDS	Number of Producers	1996 POUNDS	Number of Producers	1997 POUNDS	Number of Producers	PERCENT CHANGE 1996/95*	1997/96
January	293,542,014	156	301,646,087	153	328,059,604	156	+2.76	+8.76
February	276,638,548	155	291,741,013	154	303,972,265	156	+1.82	+7.91
March	313,161,171	152	321,854,914	154	343,866,862	157	+2.78	+6.84
April	307,337,393	152	321,032,089	153	337,943,697	157	+4.46	+5.27
May	320,781,400	154	335,537,514	153	350,910,125	158	+4.60	+4.58
June	309,224,349	153	314,856,503	153	337,592,757	158	+1.82	+7.22
July	312,630,262	153	313,553,863	154	342,391,766	159	+0.30	+9.20*
August	304,582,850	153	309,399,050	155	333,406,557	156	+1.58	+7.76
September	288,872,854	156	293,390,938	157	317,181,279	159	+1.56	+8.11*
October	294,564,685	154	307,608,027	156	333,587,208	158	+4.43	+8.45
November	284,775,780	155	303,433,595	157	326,212,021	158	+6.55	+7.51
December	<u>299,367,034</u>	153	<u>322,470,035</u>	157			<u>+7.72</u>	
Years Total	3,605,478,340		3,736,523,628				+3.63	

*Revised figures

**February figures are based upon average daily production.



TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO MARKET COMPONENT TEST

Month	Butterfat		Protein		Lactose		S-N-F		SCC*	
	TX	NM	TX	NM	TX	NM	TX	NM	TX	NM
November 1996	3.67	3.60	3.29	3.28	4.75	4.78	8.75	8.78	378	224
December	3.66	3.58	3.27	3.25	4.77	4.80	8.75	8.77	378	223
Average 1996	3.58	3.55	3.19	3.14	4.77	4.80	8.67	8.65	358	234
January 1997	3.67	3.62	3.25	3.23	4.79	4.80	8.75	8.74	373	257
February	3.64	3.59	3.24	3.21	4.79	4.81	8.73	8.73	397	280
March	3.57	3.54	3.20	3.16	4.79	4.81	8.70	8.68	400	271
April	3.52	3.50	3.21	3.15	4.79	4.82	8.71	8.69	378	251
May	3.48	3.38	3.19	3.11	4.79	4.82	8.69	8.63	387	250
June	3.46	3.33	3.16	3.08	4.77	4.81	8.64	8.60	436	264
July	3.44	3.33	3.14	3.06	4.74	4.80	8.59	8.57	460	277
August	3.42	3.37	3.17	3.07	4.70	4.78	8.58	8.56	484	301
September	3.50	3.41	3.21	3.13	4.74	4.80	8.65	8.64	443	291
October	3.62	3.53	3.28	3.23	4.75	4.81	8.75	8.75	410	256
November	3.78	3.67	3.32	3.27	4.74	4.78	8.76	8.76	366	238

* In thousands.

NEW MEXICO - WEST TEXAS MILK MARKET AT A GLANCE

	REPORTED NOV. 1997	REPORTED OCT. 1997	REPORTED NOV. 1996
TOTAL UTILIZATION			
CLASS I	53,186,097	59,302,821	57,596,559
CLASS II	6,968,714	7,387,798	7,066,519
CLASS III/III-A	102,099,417	70,460,307	155,813,032
CLOSING INVENTORY (CLASS I, II AND III)	10,631,997	6,152,564	9,620,626
TOTAL UTILIZATION	172,886,225	143,303,490	230,096,736
DAILY CLASS I UTILIZATION	1,772,870	1,912,994	1,919,885
NOV. -DAILY CLASS I COMPARED TO:		- 7.33%	- 7.66%
CLASS I YEAR TO DATE (IN THOUSANDS)	608,142	554,956	640,822
% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	- 5.10%	- 4.85%	- 1.34%
TOTAL RECEIPTS			
PRODUCER RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED AS CLASS I	51,549,326	57,718,647	57,005,086
PRODUCER RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED AS CLASS II	5,523,597	4,922,767	5,669,475
PRODUCER RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED AS CLASS III/III-A	106,168,223	69,662,993	153,921,827
TOTAL PRODUCER RECEIPTS	163,241,146	132,304,407	216,596,388
OTHER SOURCE A/	3,412,505	3,081,821	4,746,383
OPENING INVENTORY	6,152,564	7,885,009	8,636,527
OVERAGE	80,010	32,253	117,438
TOTAL RECEIPTS	172,886,225	143,303,490	230,096,736
DAILY PRODUCER RECEIPTS	5,441,372	4,267,884	7,219,880
NOV. -DAILY PRODUCER RECEIPTS COMPARED TO:		+ 27.50%	- 24.63%
PRODUCER RECEIPTS YEAR TO DATE (IN THOUSANDS)	1,922,295	1,759,054	1,898,945
% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	+ 1.23%	+ 4.56%	+ 13.21%
AVERAGE BUTTERFAT TEST OF PRODUCER RECEIPTS	3.690%	3.562%	3.609%
% PRODUCER MILK CLASSIFIED AS CLASS I	31.58%	43.63%	26.32%
NUMBER OF PRODUCERS	140	130	190
AVERAGE DAILY DELIVERY PER PRODUCER	38,867	32,830	37,999
NUMBER OF POOL HANDLERS	19	17	16

A/ INCLUDES MILK, SKIM MILK, CREAM AND SKIM EQUIVALENT OF CONCENTRATED SKIM MILK PRODUCTS

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TOTAL UTILIZATION			
CLASS I	262,994,792	289,145,892	279,503,322
CLASS II	95,878,740	107,475,320	86,718,783
CLASS III/III-A	133,126,987	142,581,671	121,010,419
CLOSING INVENTORY (CLASS I, II AND III)	36,942,935	28,380,134	27,710,807
TOTAL UTILIZATION	528,943,454	567,583,017	514,943,331
DAILY CLASS I UTILIZATION	8,766,493	9,327,287	9,316,777
NOV.-DAILY CLASS I COMPARED TO:		- 6.01%	- 5.91%
CLASS I YEAR TO DATE (IN THOUSANDS)	3,026,479	2,763,484	3,014,553
% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	+ .40%	+ 1.04%	+ 4.86%
TOTAL RECEIPTS			
PRODUCER RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED AS CLASS I	260,099,769	289,276,386	277,059,365
PRODUCER RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED AS CLASS II	87,934,261	93,390,610	75,854,623
PRODUCER RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED AS CLASS III/III-A	137,301,743	134,900,721	111,369,038
TOTAL PRODUCER RECEIPTS	485,335,773	517,567,717	464,283,026
OTHER SOURCE A/	15,125,538	17,557,055	24,044,289
OPENING INVENTORY	28,480,379	32,387,164	26,457,305
OVERAGE	1,764	71,081	158,711
TOTAL RECEIPTS	528,943,454	567,583,017	514,943,331
DAILY PRODUCER RECEIPTS	16,177,859	16,695,733	15,476,101
NOV.-DAILY PRODUCER RECEIPTS COMPARED TO:		- 3.10%	+ 4.53%
PRODUCER RECEIPTS YEAR TO DATE (IN THOUSANDS)	5,864,464	5,379,129	6,037,281
% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	- 2.86%	- 3.48%	+ .51%
AVERAGE BUTTERFAT TEST OF PRODUCER RECEIPTS	3.756%	3.593%	3.658%
% PRODUCER MILK CLASSIFIED AS CLASS I	53.59%	55.89%	59.67%
NUMBER OF PRODUCERS	1,399	1,440	1,652
AVERAGE DAILY DELIVERY PER PRODUCER	11,564	11,594	9,368
NUMBER OF POOL HANDLERS	33	32	31

A/ INCLUDES MILK, SKIM MILK, CREAM AND SKIM EQUIVALENT OF CONCENTRATED SKIM MILK PRODUCTS.