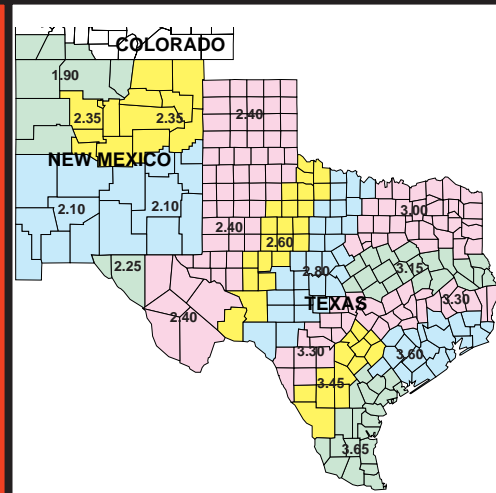


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MARKET SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER

The Producer Price Differential (P.P.D.) for milk delivered to handlers located in Dallas/Tarrant counties (TX) of the Southwest Milk Market Order was \$2.00 for September. Butterfat price decreased \$0.0602 per pound from \$1.0701 in August to the level of \$1.0099 in September. Protein price increased \$0.1625 per pound from \$1.9021 in August to \$2.0646 in September. September's Other Solids price increased \$0.0190 per pound from the previous month to \$0.0367. The Somatic Cell Count adjustment rate factor for September was .00057 per thousand (difference from 350).

For comparison in hundredweights, producers who delivered milk to handlers located in Dallas/Tarrant counties (TX) received a September statistical uniform price of \$11.92 per hundredweight for milk testing 3.5% butterfat, 2.99% true protein, 5.69% other solids and 350,000 SCC. This is a decrease of \$0.03 in comparison to the statistical blend price of \$11.95 in August.

The September Class I price decreased 2 cents

from \$13.48 in August to the September level of \$13.46. The Boston Class I price of \$13.71 produced a dairy deficiency payment of \$1.45 for September. The Class II price for September of \$10.91 per hundredweight decreased \$0.16 from \$11.07 in August. September's Class III price increased \$0.38 from \$9.54 in August to \$9.92 in September. The Class IV price decreased \$0.19 from \$10.41 in August to \$10.22 in September.

In September 709 producers delivered a total of 747,642,061 pounds of milk. On a daily basis this represents a decrease of 0.86 percent from the producer receipts level in August but it represents an increase of 10.91 percent when compared to the producer receipts level of September 2001.

Producer milk classified as Class I during September amounted to 45.25 percent of total producer receipts. This figure is up slightly from 45.01 percent in August but it is down from 49.42 percent in September 2001. The average butterfat test of producer milk pooled during September was 3.576 percent, average protein test was 3.031 percent, average other solids test was 5.663 percent and the average somatic cell count was 325,000.

Federal Order	Statistical Uniform Price		Producer Price Differential		Class I Utilization	
	Sep 02	Aug 02	Sep 02	Aug 02	Sep 02	Aug 02
Appalachian	12.76	12.87	-----	-----	71.22	72.52
Arizona-Las Vegas	11.03	11.04	-----	-----	36.02	35.60
Central	10.74	10.58	0.82	1.04	26.33	27.02
Florida	13.97	14.19	-----	-----	89.20	91.98
Mideast	11.09	11.19	1.17	1.65	38.70	41.60
Northeast	12.20	12.16	2.28	2.62	46.30	43.30
Pacific Northwest	10.66	10.66	0.74	1.12	27.24	26.34
Southeast	12.56	12.63	-----	-----	65.60	67.28
Southwest	11.92	11.95	2.00	2.41	45.25	45.01
Upper Midwest	10.46	10.20	0.54	0.66	20.60	19.90
Western	10.55	10.35	0.63	0.81	17.31	21.50

DAIRY SITUATION AND OUTLOOK

Milk production continues to post sizable increases from the weak levels of a year earlier. Milk cow numbers have generally moved up since late summer - early autumn 2001 and were 0.5 percent above a year earlier by early summer. Meanwhile, gains in milk per cow were below 2 percent and have slackened compared with either last year's level or the longer run trend. Much lower milk prices and higher feed prices probably will put considerable pressure on milk producers during the rest of 2002 and 2003, but may not overcome recent upward production momentum easily or quickly.

Feed prices will be sharply higher during the rest of this year and at least most of next year. Feed grain and soybean crops are much smaller than in 2001, and export markets are expected to stay quite strong. Average concentrate prices are projected to run 10 to 15 percent higher than a year earlier, with prices of some feeds increasing much more. Alfalfa hay prices in much of the country are expected to be considerably higher than in recent years.

Milk cow numbers are expected to start downward this autumn, although they are projected to stay above a year earlier through year end. Decreases probably will accelerate during 2003, but the annual average is projected to be only about 1 percent below 2002, following a very small increase this year. Recovery in milk per cow was quite muted even with the earlier quite favorable milk-feed price ratios. Ratios through the end of 2003 are projected to run at levels associated with below-trend growth in milk per cow. Combined with spotty forage supplies and quality, any further recovery towards the long-run trends seems unlikely. Milk per cow is expected to increase about 2 percent in 2003, following a 2002 rise of about 2.5 percent.

Even with the increase in milk production slackening to only about 1 percent in 2003, milk prices are not expected to recover significantly. This year's demand sluggishness has been more persuasive and longer lasting than expected and resulted in a significant buildup in commercial stocks. Although demand is projected to resume growth later this year or in early 2003, it probably will require some time for demand to pull down stocks and catch up with output. The recent period of economic weakness was mild and relatively short. However, a number of sectors continue to face significant adjustments, and the recovery has been inconsistent and somewhat sluggish. In addition, the shocks of the past year seem to have resulted in sizable shifts in consumer spending among product categories. Demand conditions are projected to gradu-

ally improve during the rest of the year and in 2003. So far this year, demand has weakened for most dairy products. The most prominent demand weakness has been stagnant cheese sales.

Farm milk prices in 2002 are projected to fall an average of almost \$3 per cwt from 2001's strong showing. This would be the largest proportional single year drop in a half century. Farmers are expected to receive only slightly higher prices in 2003.

Source: "Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Situation and Outlook", LDP-M-99, September 17, 2002, Economic Research Service, USDA.

\$752 MILLION IN IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

On September 19, Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced that approximately \$752 million is being made available for a new program, the Livestock Compensation Program, for cattle, sheep, goats and buffalo producers in counties that have received primary disaster designation due to drought in 2001 and/or 2002. Sign up began Oct. 1 with payments to be made soon after.

The cash assistance will be made available statewide in Arizona, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Carolina and Utah. Assistance will also be available in specified counties in 30 other drought affected states including CA, CO, DE, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MI, MO, NC, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA and WY.

The funding for the program will come from Section 32, a permanent appropriation that since 1935 has earmarked the equivalent of 30 percent of annual customs receipts to support the U.S. agriculture sector. Payments will be based on standard feed consumption data for each eligible type of livestock. The payment rate is \$18 per animal consuming unit, which is indexed against beef cattle. Types of livestock adjusted by these factors are: beef cows \$18.00/head; dairy cows \$31.50/head; stockers \$13.50/head; buffalo and beefalo \$18.00/head; sheep and goats \$4.50/head.

Producers will certify the number of eligible animals owned as of June 1, 2002. The animals must have been owned for 90 days or more before and/or after June 1. Payment will be determined by multiplying the number of eligible animals by the respective payment rate. Producers would be subject to \$2.5 million gross income limit, and payments would be limited to \$40,000 per person. For more information producers can contact their local Farm Service Agency county office.

TOP TEN TEXAS COUNTIES a/ – SEPTEMBER 2002

County	Number of Producers	Pounds	% Change From 2001b/	County	Number of Producers	Pounds	% Change From 2001b/
1. Erath	118	93,746,580	- 1.84	7. Deaf Smith	4	12,068,315	+ 835.67
2. Hopkins	165	35,637,404	+ 1.71	8. Hamilton	16	11,452,221	+ 19.09
3. Comanche	38	35,560,893	+ 6.64	9. Tom Green	8	9,137,814	+ 11.08
4. Lamb	5	21,185,087	+ 33.90	10. Bailey	5	9,049,811	+ 133.57
5. El Paso	7	17,658,028	- 7.41	Ten County Total	421	262,307,776	+ 5.35 b/
6. Archer	55	16,811,623	+ 8.71	<u>Other Counties Total</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>124,424,911</u>	<u>+ 17.94</u>
				Texas Total	859	386,732,687	+ 9.10

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.

Class Prices at 3.5%, for Federal Orders 126 Formula Prices and Price Quotations

Month	Class Prices & P.P.D.					BF	Component Prices			NASS Product Prices			
	I a/	II	III	IV	P.P.D.a/		Other Solids	True Protein	SCC c/ Adj Rate	Grade AA Butter	Cheddar Cheese	NFDM Powder	Dry Whey
	Dollars Per Hundred Wt. -----					Cents Per Pound-----							
July 2001	18.34	15.96	15.46	14.81	1.66	218.83	15.10	231.75	.00083	190.94	165.73	96.34	28.62
August	18.40	15.98	15.55	15.06	1.88	229.76	15.35	221.88	.00083	199.90	166.93	94.73	28.86
September	18.56	16.24	15.90	15.59	1.70	244.49	15.20	216.47	.00085	211.98	170.85	94.97	28.71
October	18.93	13.53	14.60	12.77	1.45	165.26	14.82	266.64	.00078	147.01	155.91	94.41	28.35
November	18.76	12.78	11.31	11.97	3.77	145.00	14.70	180.45	.00062	130.40	123.22	93.49	28.23
December	14.98	12.61	11.80	11.79	1.65	143.22	15.17	197.82	.00064	128.94	127.62	91.99	28.68
Averages 2001b/	17.27	14.53	13.10	13.76	2.36	184.80	13.43	196.13	.00071	163.04	142.64	97.91	27.00
January 2002	14.96	12.69	11.87	11.93	1.79	148.46	13.92	196.60	.00065	133.24	129.22	91.61	27.47
February	14.95	12.28	11.63	11.54	1.65	138.17	9.65	208.84	.00064	124.80	128.95	91.21	23.34
March	14.62	12.19	10.65	11.42	2.12	136.38	6.88	183.42	.00060	123.33	120.87	90.60	20.66
April	14.47	11.88	10.85	11.09	1.86	128.90	5.66	201.09	.00062	117.20	123.23	89.75	19.48
May	14.26	11.29	10.82	10.57	1.60	114.33	3.71	220.97	.00062	105.25	123.59	89.72	17.59
June	14.03	11.19	10.09	10.52	2.02	112.11	2.47	201.48	.00059	103.43	117.08	90.05	16.39
July	13.62	11.14	9.33	10.45	2.48	109.29	1.50	180.95	.00055	101.12	110.04	90.33	15.45
August	13.48	11.07	9.54	10.41	2.41	107.01	1.77	190.21	.00056	99.25	111.89	90.74	15.71
September	13.46	10.91	9.92	10.22	2.00	100.99	3.67	206.46	.00057	94.31	114.38	90.96	17.55

a/ Subject to location adjustments. b/ Simple averages c/ SCC adjustment rate is per 1,000 difference.

TOP NEW MEXICO COUNTIES a/ – SEPTEMBER 2002

County	Number of Producers	Pounds	% Change From 2001b/	County	Number of Producers	Pounds	% Change From 2001b/
1. Chaves	39	143,922,169	+ 6.60	7. Socorro	8	15,006,315	+ 10.89
2. Roosevelt	43	91,358,075	+ 18.33	8. Valencia	9	9,826,546	+ 2.73
3. Curry	20	91,247,003	+ 25.01	9. Bernalillo	5	5,911,795	- 0.08
4. Dona Ana	24	75,350,265	+ 6.22				
5. Lea	16	40,711,161	+ 10.72	Nine County Total	171	500,278,916	+ 12.29 b/
6. Eddy	7	26,945,587	+ 14.31	<u>Other Counties Total</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13,494,580</u>	<u>+ 38.37</u>
				New Mexico Total	178	513,773,496	+ 12.85

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

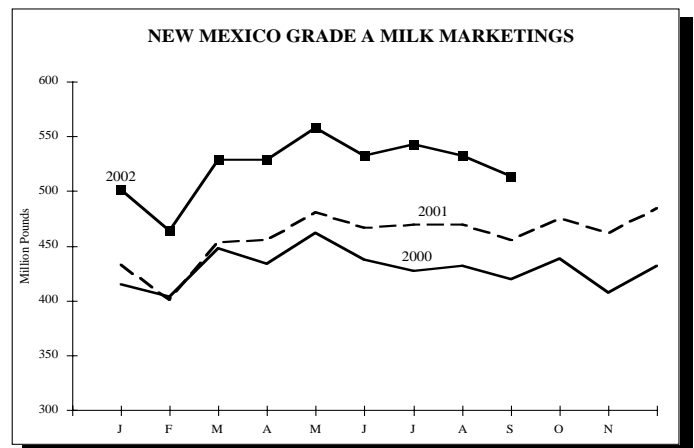
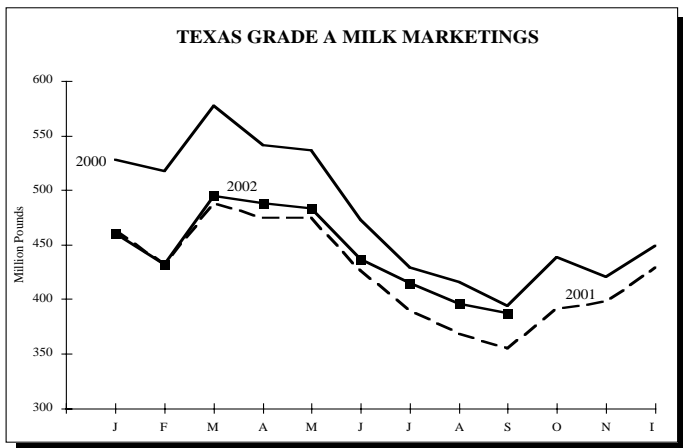
b/ Compared to top counties for the month in the previous year.

**POUNDS OF GRADE A MILK MARKETED BY
PRODUCERS LOCATED IN TEXAS BY MONTHS:
JANUARY 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2002, WITH PRODUCTION PERCENTAGE COMPARISONS**

MONTH	2000 POUNDS	Number of Producers	2001 POUNDS	Number of Producers	2002 POUNDS	Number of Producers	PERCENT CHANGE 2001/00	2002/01
January	528,032,131	1,156	463,431,654	1,026	459,850,238	897	-12.23	-0.77
February	517,023,791	1,141	432,156,106	1,006	431,807,361	894	-13.43	-0.08
March	577,134,609	1,134	487,875,678	991	494,608,931	893	-15.47	+1.38
April	540,903,763	1,121	474,386,881	978	487,475,741	889	-12.30	+2.76
May	536,505,477	1,112	474,236,039	962	482,994,330	875	-11.61	+1.85
June	472,478,168	1,103	425,591,909	954	435,698,971	872	-9.92	+2.37
July	428,683,700	1,089	389,996,462	933	414,700,943	862	-9.02	+6.33
August	415,788,563	1,082	367,810,615	919	395,468,644	851	-11.54	+7.52
September	393,642,034	1,066	354,482,882	916	386,732,687	859	-9.95	+9.10
October	437,963,207	1,058	391,332,224	908			-10.65	
November	420,274,058	1,041	397,352,762	907			-5.45	
December	<u>448,671,268</u>	1,033	<u>429,232,267</u>	903			<u>-4.33</u>	
Years Total	5,717,100,769		5,087,885,479				-10.76	

**POUNDS OF GRADE A MILK MARKETED BY
PRODUCERS LOCATED IN NEW MEXICO BY MONTHS:
JANUARY 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2002, WITH PRODUCTION PERCENTAGE COMPARISONS**

MONTH	2000 POUNDS	Number of Producers	2001 POUNDS	Number of Producers	2002 POUNDS	Number of Producers	PERCENT CHANGE 2001/00	2002/01
January	414,930,653	158	432,749,978	166	501,275,998	174	+4.29	+15.84
February	404,085,655	158	400,543,634	166	463,667,936	173	+2.66	+15.76
March	447,971,781	158	453,232,150	165	528,830,087	175	+1.17	+16.68
April	433,303,618	159	454,980,340	167	528,467,048	175	+5.00	+16.15
May	461,526,991	159	480,995,372	169	557,746,887	176	+4.22	+15.96
June	437,718,050	159	466,640,323	170	532,178,000	178	+6.61	+14.04
July	427,456,503	159	469,362,545	171	542,546,821	176	+9.80	+15.59
August	431,815,797	160	469,391,326	174	532,685,705	176	+8.70	+13.48
September	419,669,872	161	455,259,423	173	513,773,496	178	+8.48	+12.85
October	438,410,599	163	474,918,306	173			+8.33	
November	407,114,759	167	462,212,000	173			+13.53	
December	<u>431,351,678</u>	166	<u>484,020,641</u>	173			<u>+12.21</u>	
Years Total	5,155,355,956		5,504,306,038				+6.74	



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TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO MARKET COMPONENT TEST

Month	Butterfat		Protein		Other Solids		S-N-F		SCC ^{a/}	
	TX	NM	TX	NM	TX	NM	TX	NM	TX	NM
September 2001	3.68	3.52	3.11	3.01	5.63	5.66	8.73	8.68	447	328
October	3.76	3.61	3.18	3.09	5.65	5.67	8.83	8.76	385	284
November	3.76	3.67	3.15	3.12	5.67	5.67	8.82	8.78	364	285
December	3.79	3.73	3.14	3.14	5.68	5.68	8.82	8.81	377	306
Averages 2001	3.66	3.58	3.08	3.03	5.67	5.67	8.74	8.70	408	321
January 2002	3.78	3.71	3.12	3.09	5.69	5.69	8.81	8.78	364	322
February	3.77	3.71	3.09	3.06	5.70	5.69	8.79	8.75	371	327
March	3.72	3.66	3.08	3.03	5.71	5.70	8.79	8.73	335	294
April	3.63	3.56	3.03	2.98	5.70	5.71	8.73	8.68	342	275
May	3.58	3.49	3.01	2.96	5.68	5.69	8.68	8.65	342	256
June	3.58	3.47	2.99	2.92	5.69	5.69	8.67	8.61	366	263
July	3.59	3.45	3.00	2.91	5.67	5.69	8.66	8.60	407	290
August	3.58	3.47	3.02	2.93	5.65	5.68	8.67	8.61	414	303
September	3.62	3.55	3.09	3.00	5.64	5.67	8.72	8.67	393	297

a/ In thousands.

**SEPTEMBER 2002
COMPUTATION OF PRODUCER PRICE DIFFERENTIAL**

		Pounds	Price	Value
Add: Class I Differential				\$378,332.40
Class I Butterfat	60(a)	7,744,113	\$1.1105	\$8,599,837.51
Class I Skim Per Cwt		330,563,210	\$9.9200	\$32,791,870.44
Class II Butterfat	60(b)	7,668,996	\$1.0169	\$7,798,602.09
Class II Nonfat Solids		7,495,688	\$0.8467	\$6,346,599.03
Class III Butterfat	60(c)	8,481,570	\$1.0099	\$8,565,537.57
Class III Protein		7,485,089	\$2.0646	\$15,453,714.74
Class III Other Solids		14,027,374	\$0.0367	\$514,804.66
Class IV Butterfat	60(d)	2,838,620	\$1.0099	\$2,866,722.37
Class IV Nonfat Solids		6,133,156	\$0.7696	\$4,720,076.84
Class II, III & IV Somatic Cell Adj.	60(e)			\$87,112.58
Total Producer Milk-Product Lbs & Value		747,642,061		\$88,123,210.23
Add: Value as for 60(f) Thru 60(j)				\$35,639.94
Less: Total Protein Pounds	61(b)	22,661,549	\$2.0646	\$46,787,034.07
Total Other Solids Pounds		42,336,762	\$0.0367	\$1,553,759.17
Total Butterfat Pounds		26,733,299	\$1.0099	\$26,997,958.71
Total Value of Somatic Cell Adjustment				\$106,167.37
Total Milk and Value		747,642,061		\$12,713,930.85
Add: Location Differential Adjustments	61(c)			\$2,240,713.91
Producer-Settlement Fund	61(d)			\$340,442.64
Total Producer Milk/URSP and Value		747,642,061	\$2.04577	\$15,295,087.40
Less: Producer-Settlement Fund	61(f)		\$0.04577	\$342,246.18
Producer Price Differential (Dallas County)			\$2.00	\$14,952,841.22

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PRODUCER MILK AND COMPONENT UTILIZATION PERCENTAGES

Producer Milk Utilization Percentages						
	Product Pounds	Percent	Butterfat Pounds	Percent	Skim Milk Pounds	Percent
Class I	338,307,323	45.25	7,744,113	28.97	330,563,210	45.85
Class II	90,619,817	12.12	7,668,996	28.69	82,950,821	11.51
Class III	247,874,735	33.15	8,481,570	31.72	239,393,165	33.21
Class IV	70,840,186	9.48	2,838,620	10.62	68,001,566	9.43
Total	747,642,061	100.00	26,733,299	100.00	720,908,762	100.00

Producer Milk Component Utilization Percentages						
	Protein Pounds	Percent	Other Solids Pounds	Percent	Nonfat Solids Pounds	Percent
Class I	10,435,333	46.05	19,421,666	45.88	29,857,002	45.93
Class II	2,617,266	11.55	4,878,423	11.52	7,495,688	11.53
Class III	7,485,089	33.03	14,027,374	33.13	21,512,465	33.10
Class IV	2,123,861	9.37	4,009,299	9.47	6,133,156	9.44
Total	22,661,549	100.00	42,336,762	100.00	64,998,311	100.00