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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLASS PRICES
PER HUNDREDWEIGHT FOR 3.5% MILK AND BUTTERFAT DIFFERENTIALS**

	<u>Mar1997</u>	<u>Apr 1997</u>	<u>May 1997</u>
CLASS I PRICE			
TEXAS ^{1/}	\$ 15.10	\$ 15.62	\$ 15.65
PROCESSOR ASSESSMENT ^{2/}	<u>.20</u>	<u>.20</u>	<u>.20</u>
TOTAL ^{2/}	15.30	15.82	15.85
NEW MEXICO-WEST TEXAS ^{3/}	\$ 14.29	\$ 14.81	\$ 14.84
PROCESSOR ASSESSMENT ^{2/}	<u>.20</u>	<u>.20</u>	<u>.20</u>
TOTAL ^{2/}	14.49	15.01	15.04
CLASS II PRICE	\$ 12.24	\$ 12.76	\$ 12.79
CLASS III PRICE	\$ 12.49		
CLASS III-A PRICE	\$ 12.78		
BUTTERFAT DIFFERENTIAL	\$.110		

PRICE QUOTATIONS AND FORMULA PRICES

	<u>Mar 1997</u>	<u>Feb 1997</u>	<u>Mar 1996</u>
BASIC FORMULA PRICE AT 3.5% PER CWT	\$ 12.49	\$ 12.46	\$ 12.70
BASE MONTH PRICE AT TEST PER CWT		12.74	12.87
BASE MONTH PRICE AT 3.5% PER CWT		12.36	12.65
CHANGE IN VALUES PER CWT (ADJ. FROM PREV. TO CUR. MO.)	0.13	0.46	0.09
CHICAGO 92-SCORE BUTTER PER LB. (MERC. EXCH.)	1.0581	.9846	.6500
NON-FAT DRY MILK AVG PER LB. (CENTRAL STATES)	1.1578	1.1491	1.1008
40-LB BLOCK CHEESE PER LB. (NAT'L CHEESE EXCHANGE)	1.3234	1.3124	1.3874

^{1/} The Class I price for the Texas Marketing Area is the basic formula price for the second preceding month plus \$3.16, subject to the zone adjustment below:

ZONE 1	0 Cents (DFW, Sulphur Spgs.)	ZONE 7	+30 Cents (Austin)
ZONE 2	0 Cents (Tyler)	ZONE 8	+54 Cents (Conroe-Houston)
ZONE 3	+15 Cents (Stephenville, Waco)	ZONE 9	+42 Cents (San Antonio)
ZONE 4	+18 Cents (Lufkin)	ZONE 11	+66 Cents (Corpus Christi)
ZONE 5	+20 Cents (Bryan)		

^{2/} The processor assessment is an obligation under the Fluid Milk Promotion Order (7 CFR § 1160.101 *et seq.*). The Order requires that all persons who process and market more than 500,000 pounds of fluid milk products in consumer-type packages in the contiguous 48 States of the continental United States and the District of Columbia be assessed 20 cents per hundredweight on all marketings of such packaged fluid milk products during the month.

^{3/} The Class I price for the New Mexico-West Texas Marketing Area is the basic formula price for the second preceding month plus \$2.35, subject to the zone adjustment below:

ZONE 1	0 Cents (El Paso, Albuquerque, Portales)
ZONE 2	-15 Cents (Roswell, Hobbs)
ZONE 3	+14 Cents (Amarillo, Lubbock)

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