

## Mailbox Milk Prices for Selected Reporting Areas in Federal Milk Orders and California, March 2015, With Comparisons

In March 2015, mailbox milk prices for selected reporting areas in Federal milk orders averaged \$16.60 per cwt, down \$0.31 per cwt from the February 2015 average, and down \$8.58 per cwt from the March 2014 average. The component tests of producer milk in March 2015 were: butterfat, 3.80%; protein, 3.13%; and other solids, 5.73%. When compared to the previous month, the March Mailbox prices decreased in all 19 Federal milk order reporting areas with a simple average decrease of \$0.44 per cwt. Florida experienced the greatest decrease of \$1.57 per cwt while Minnesota experienced the smallest decrease of only \$0.09 per cwt. Mailbox prices in March 2015 ranged from \$18.08 in the New England States to \$14.51 in New Mexico.

Reporting Area <sup>1</sup>	Mailbox Milk Price <sup>2</sup>		
	Mar 2014	Feb 2015	Mar 2015
	<i>(dollars per hundredweight)</i>		
New England States <sup>3</sup>	26.30	18.44	18.08
New York	25.58	17.05	16.67
Eastern Pennsylvania <sup>4</sup>	25.48	17.03	16.56
Appalachian States <sup>5</sup>	25.96	17.94	16.91
Southeast States <sup>6</sup>	26.10	18.29	17.06
Southern Missouri <sup>7</sup>	24.92	17.72	16.79
Florida	27.27	19.55	17.98
Western Pennsylvania <sup>8</sup>	25.61	17.10	16.73
Ohio	25.24	17.33	16.85
Indiana	24.46	16.43	15.89
Michigan	24.62	16.03	15.56
Wisconsin	25.34	17.57 *	17.46
Minnesota	25.43	17.41	17.32
Iowa	25.75	17.11	16.74
Illinois	25.61	17.28	17.01
Corn Belt States <sup>9</sup>	24.39	16.01	15.63
Western Texas <sup>10</sup>	24.32	15.78	15.47
New Mexico	22.96	14.84	14.51
Northwest States <sup>11</sup>	25.36	15.39	16.65
All Federal Order Areas <sup>12</sup>	25.18	16.91	16.60
California <sup>13</sup>	23.36	14.49	14.45

\* Revised from 17.58 to 17.57.

<sup>1</sup> Areas for which prices are reported for at least 75% of the milk marketed under Federal milk orders.

<sup>2</sup> Net pay prices received by dairy farmers for milk. Prices reflect all payments received for milk sold and all costs associated with marketing the milk. Prices are weighted averages of the prices reported for all orders receiving milk from the reporting area and are reported at the average butterfat tests. Prices include, for the most part, the assessment under the Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) program.

<sup>3</sup> Includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

<sup>4</sup> Includes all counties to the east of those listed in <sup>8</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> Includes Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

<sup>6</sup> Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

<sup>7</sup> Includes the counties Vernon, Cedar, Polk, Dallas, Laclede, Texas, Dent, Crawford, Washington, St. Francois, and Perry, and all those to the south of these.

<sup>8</sup> The counties of Warren, Elk, Clearfield, Indiana, Westmoreland, and Fayette, and all those counties to the west of these.

<sup>9</sup> Includes Kansas, Nebraska, and the Missouri counties to the north of those listed in <sup>7</sup>.

<sup>10</sup> Includes all counties to the west of Fanin, Hunt, Van Zandt, Henderson, Houston, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, and Shelby.

<sup>11</sup> Includes Oregon and Washington.

<sup>12</sup> Weighted average of prices for all selected reporting areas.

<sup>13</sup> Calculated by California Department of Food and Agriculture, and published at

<http://cdfa.ca.gov/dairy/uploader/docs/MailBox%20Data%202014.pdf>

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