

MILK PRICES
paid by
CREAMERIES AND CHEESE PLANTS
MARCH 1966

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Prices paid producers for milk of manufacturing grade used in making cheese in the United States averaged \$3.89 per 100 pounds in March, the Crop Reporting Board reports. This is 8 cents more than in February and 58 cents higher than in March 1965. The milkfat price, at \$1.06, was up 3 cents from February and 16 cents from March 1965. Milkfat tests averaged 3.67 percent, compared with 3.71 percent in February and 3.68 percent in March 1965.

Milk used at American cheese plants in March was \$3.87 per 100 pounds, as against \$3.79 in February and \$3.29 in March 1965. Milkfat prices averaging \$1.05 per pound were up 3 cents from February and 16 cents from March 1965. Milk-fat tests declined seasonally from 3.72 percent in February to 3.68 percent in March. A year earlier they averaged 3.69 percent. March milk prices increased from February in all regions except the South Central, where they declined 1 percent. Compared with March 1965, sharp gains in all regions ranged from 9 percent in the Pacific States to 22 percent in the East North Central. Other regional increases were 14 percent in the West North Central, 11 percent in the South Central, and 15 percent in the Mountain.

At miscellaneous or foreign-type cheese plants, milk prices averaged \$3.92 per 100 pounds in March - up 7 cents from February and 58 cents from March a year earlier. The milkfat price in March, of \$1.07 per pound, was 3 cents above February and 16 cents higher than in March 1965. Milk prices this March were sharply higher than a year ago at all miscellaneous type plants. The increases over February varied from 1 percent at "All Other" plants to 4 percent at Brick and Munster.

Milk used for making butter and creamery by-products in March was estimated at \$3.59 per 100 pounds. This is 5 cents above February and 31 cents above March 1965. The price of milkfat, at \$.99 per pound, was 3 cents more than in February and 9 cents higher than in March a year earlier. Milkfat tests declined from 3.67 percent in February to 3.63 percent in March, the same as in March 1965. Milk prices were 2 percent higher than in February in both North Central Regions. In the West, milk prices were only fractionally higher in the Pacific States and about 1 percent more in the Mountain. Compared with March 1965, milk prices were up 11 percent in the East North Central States and 10 percent in the West North Central.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID FARMERS FOR MANUFACTURING GRADE MILK USED IN MAKING CHEESE
BY VARIETIES, AND BUTTER AND BY-PRODUCTS, UNITED STATES, MARCH 1966 ^{1/}

Dairy Products	Price paid per 100 lbs. milk					Average milkfat test			Price per lb. of milkfat		
	Mar. 1965	Feb. 1966	Mar. 1966	Change from:		Mar. 1965	Feb. 1966	Mar. 1966	Mar. 1965	Feb. 1966	Mar. 1966
				Mar. 1965	Feb. 1966						
	<u>Dol.</u>	<u>Dol.</u>	<u>Dol.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Dol.</u>	<u>Dol.</u>	<u>Dol.</u>
American cheese	3.29	3.79	3.87	+ 17.6	+ 2.1	3.69	3.72	3.68	.89	1.02	1.05
Misc. cheese:											
Swiss	3.31	3.83	3.93	+ 18.7	+ 2.6	3.66	3.69	3.63	.90	1.04	1.08
Brick & Munster	3.23	3.78	3.93	+ 21.7	+ 4.0	3.56	3.62	3.59	.91	1.04	1.09
Italian	3.39	3.88	3.95	+ 16.5	+ 1.8	3.66	3.69	3.66	.93	1.05	1.08
All Other <u>2/</u>	3.33	3.83	3.86	+ 15.9	+ 0.8	3.71	3.76	3.70	.90	1.02	1.04
TOTAL-Misc. Types	3.34	3.85	3.92	+ 17.4	+ 1.8	3.66	3.70	3.65	.91	1.04	1.07
All cheese	3.31	3.81	3.89	+ 17.5	+ 2.1	3.68	3.71	3.67	.90	1.03	1.06
Butter and By-Products	3.28	3.54	3.59	+ 9.5	+ 1.4	3.63	3.67	3.63	.90	.96	.99

^{1/}Preliminary; subject to revision. Except for California, where milk is generally priced at the ranch, prices are f.o.b. plant or receiving station before hauling costs are deducted. Include quantity, quality, bulk tank or any other premiums. ^{2/}Includes Cream, Neufchatel, Limburger, Blue Mold, etc. ^{3/}Includes some states not shown separately.
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AMERICAN CHEESE AND CREAMERY BUTTER, UNITED STATES, MARCH 1966 1/

STATE	Price paid per 100 lbs. milk					Average milkfat test			Price per lb. of milkfat		
				Change from:							
	Mar. 1965	Feb. 1966	Mar. 1966	Mar. 1965	Feb. 1966	Mar. 1965	Feb. 1966	Mar. 1966	Mar. 1965	Feb. 1966	Mar. 1966
AMERICAN CHEESE	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Ohio	3.36	3.83	3.86	+ 14.9	+ 0.8	4.00	4.06	3.98	.84	.94	.97
Indiana	3.39	3.87	3.99	+ 17.7	+ 3.1	3.99	4.03	3.95	.85	.96	1.01
Illinois	3.16	3.54	3.57	+ 13.0	+ 0.8	3.79	3.85	3.80	.83	.92	.94
Michigan	3.31	3.74	3.77	+ 13.9	+ 0.8	3.70	3.74	3.70	.89	1.00	1.02
Wisconsin	3.29	3.90	4.02	+ 22.2	+ 3.1	3.59	3.61	3.60	.92	1.08	1.12
E. N. CENTRAL STATES	3.29	3.88	4.00	+ 21.6	+ 3.1	3.62	3.64	3.62	.91	1.07	1.10
Minnesota	3.11	3.55	3.66	+ 17.7	+ 3.1	3.48	3.48	3.52	.89	1.02	1.04
Iowa	3.30	3.66	3.77	+ 14.2	+ 3.0	3.71	3.70	3.66	.89	.99	1.03
Missouri	3.47	3.89	3.84	+ 14.7	- 1.3	4.03	4.15	4.00	.86	.94	.96
Kansas	3.34	3.66	3.67	+ 9.9	+ 0.3	3.80	3.89	3.78	.88	.94	.97
W. N. CENTRAL STATES 3/	3.27	3.65	3.72	+ 13.8	+ 1.9	3.71	3.72	3.68	.88	.98	1.01
Kentucky	3.36	3.75	3.75	+ 11.6	0	3.98	4.13	3.94	.84	.91	.95
Tennessee	3.39	3.81	3.74	+ 10.3	- 1.8	4.06	4.26	4.02	.83	.89	.93
Mississippi	3.40	3.82	3.75	+ 10.3	- 1.8	4.10	4.34	4.07	.83	.88	.92
Oklahoma	3.29	3.63	3.63	+ 10.3	0	3.90	3.99	3.90	.84	.91	.93
S. CENTRAL STATES 3/	3.37	3.77	3.73	+ 10.7	- 1.1	4.00	4.17	3.97	.84	.90	.94
Idaho	3.09	3.53	3.58	+ 15.9	+ 1.4	3.59	3.68	3.58	.86	.96	1.00
MOUNTAIN STATES 3/	3.10	3.51	3.55	+ 14.5	+ 1.1	3.62	3.71	3.61	.86	.95	.98
Oregon	3.80	4.18	4.18	+ 10.0	0	4.32	4.55	4.40	.88	.92	.95
California	3.74	3.88	3.97	+ 6.1	+ 2.3	3.98	4.00	3.93	.94	.97	1.01
PACIFIC STATES 3/	3.80	4.15	4.16	+ 9.5	+ 0.2	4.30	4.50	4.35	.88	.92	.96
UNITED STATES	3.29	3.79	3.87	+ 17.6	+ 2.1	3.69	3.72	3.68	.89	1.02	1.05
BUTTER AND CREAMERY BY-PRODUCTS											
Ohio	3.34	3.66	3.72	+ 11.4	+ 1.6	3.94	4.03	3.96	.85	.91	.94
Illinois	3.36	3.74	3.74	+ 11.3	0	3.82	3.86	3.82	.88	.96	.98
Michigan	3.28	3.53	3.56	+ 8.5	+ 0.8	3.81	3.88	3.83	.86	.91	.93
Wisconsin	3.35	3.67	3.73	+ 11.3	+ 1.6	3.67	3.72	3.69	.91	.99	1.01
E. N. CENTRAL STATES 3/	3.35	3.67	3.73	+ 11.3	+ 1.6	3.70	3.75	3.71	.91	.98	1.01
Minnesota	3.19	3.44	3.50	+ 9.7	+ 1.7	3.49	3.55	3.52	.91	.97	.99
Iowa	3.39	3.59	3.67	+ 8.3	+ 2.2	3.67	3.68	3.65	.92	.98	1.01
Missouri	3.48	3.76	3.78	+ 8.6	+ 0.5	4.10	4.22	4.10	.85	.89	.92
Kansas	3.38	3.71	3.75	+ 10.9	+ 1.1	3.86	3.86	3.75	.88	.96	1.00
W. N. CENTRAL STATES 3/	3.21	3.46	3.52	+ 9.7	+ 1.7	3.53	3.58	3.55	.91	.97	.99
Idaho	3.34	3.60	3.62	+ 8.4	+ 0.6	3.85	3.95	3.87	.87	.91	.94
MOUNTAIN STATES 3/	3.31	3.56	3.58	+ 8.2	+ 0.6	3.83	3.92	3.84	.86	.91	.93
Oregon	3.42	3.42	3.40	- 0.6	- 0.6	4.38	4.44	4.32	.78	.77	.79
California	3.48	3.50	3.55	+ 2.0	+ 1.4	3.87	3.93	3.85	.90	.89	.92
PACIFIC STATES 3/	3.45	3.49	3.50	+ 1.4	+ 0.3	4.01	4.10	4.01	.86	.85	.87
UNITED STATES	3.28	3.54	3.59	+ 9.5	+ 1.4	3.63	3.67	3.63	.90	.96	.99

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