

MILK PRICES
 paid by
 CREAMERIES AND CHEESE PLANTS
 DECEMBER 1966

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Manufacturing grade milk used in making cheese in the United States averaged \$4.38 per 100 pounds in December, the Crop Reporting Board reports. This is 6 cents less than in November, but 60 cents higher than in December 1965. The milkfat price of \$1.13 per pound was unchanged from November, but was 15 cents above December a year earlier. Milkfat tests averaged 3.89 percent in December, compared with 3.92 percent in November and 3.86 percent in December 1965.

Milk delivered to American cheese factories averaged \$4.37 in December, as against \$4.43 in November and \$3.76 in December 1965. The price per pound of milkfat remained steady at \$1.12 from November to December, but was up 15 cents from December 1965. Milkfat tests declined seasonally from 3.95 percent in November to 3.91 percent in December. They averaged 3.33 percent in December a year earlier. December milk prices were off 1 percent from November in each of the three Central Regions, while up fractionally in the Mountain States and 1 percent in the Pacific. Compared with December 1965, milk price increases in all regions varied slightly from 16 percent in the East North Central to 18 percent in both the West North Central and the Pacific.

At miscellaneous or foreign-type cheese plants, milk prices were \$4.41 in December—down 4 cents from November, but up 61 cents from December 1965. Milk prices were unchanged from November to December at Swiss cheese plants, but averaged lower at all other type cheese plants. Compared with December 1965, increases at all miscellaneous type plants varied from 14 percent at Swiss factories to 18 percent at "All Other".

Milk used for butter and creamery by-products in December averaged \$4.27 per 100 pounds, compared with \$4.30 in November and \$3.57 in December 1965. Milkfat tests averaged 3.83 percent in December, the same as in November. A year earlier, the tests averaged 3.76 percent. The milkfat price of \$1.11 in December was off 1 cent from November, but up 6 cents from December 1965. Milk prices declined nearly 1 percent from November to December in the two North Central Regions, while nominally unchanged in the West. Compared with December 1965, milk prices increased 20 percent in both North Central Regions. In the West, milk prices were up 17 percent in the Pacific States and 22 percent in the Mountain.

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

Dairy Products	Price paid per 100 lbs. milk			Average milkfat test			Price per lb. of milkfat				
	Dec. 1965	Nov. 1966	Dec. 1966	Dec. 1965	Nov. 1966	Dec. 1966	Dec. 1965	Nov. 1966	Dec. 1966		
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.		
American cheese .	3.76	4.43	4.37	+ 16.2	- 1.4	3.88	3.95	3.91	.97	1.12	1.12
Misc. cheese:											
Swiss	3.82	4.35	4.35	+ 13.9	0	3.80	3.83	3.94	1.01	1.14	1.13
Brick & Munster.	3.77	4.36	4.33	+ 14.9	- 0.7	3.71	3.78	3.75	1.02	1.15	1.15
Italian	3.83	4.51	4.44	+ 15.9	- 1.6	3.82	3.86	3.82	1.00	1.17	1.16
All Other 2/ ...	3.74	4.46	4.42	+ 13.2	- 0.9	3.90	3.92	3.91	.96	1.14	1.13
TOTAL-Misc. Types	3.80	4.45	4.41	+ 16.1	- 0.9	3.82	3.86	3.84	.99	1.15	1.15
All cheese	3.78	4.44	4.38	+ 15.9	- 1.4	3.86	3.92	3.89	.98	1.13	1.13
Butter and By-products	3.57	4.30	4.27	+ 19.6	- 0.7	3.76	3.83	3.83	.95	1.12	1.11

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.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID FARMERS FOR MANUFACTURING GRADE MILK USED IN MAKING
AMERICAN CHEESE AND CREAMERY BUTTER, UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1966 1/

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STATE	Price paid per 100 lbs. milk					Average milkfat test			Price per lb. of milkfat		
	Dec. 1965	Nov. 1966	Dec. 1966	Change from:		Dec. 1965	Nov. 1966	Dec. 1966	Dec. 1965	Nov. 1966	Dec. 1966
				Dec. 1965	Nov. 1966						
<u>AMERICAN CHEESE</u>	<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>
Ohio	3.66	4.32	4.35	+ 18.9	+ 0.7	4.13	4.07	4.10	.89	1.06	1.06
Indiana	3.93	4.56	4.54	+ 15.5	- 0.4	4.14	4.14	4.20	.95	1.10	1.08
Illinois	3.54	3.93	3.94	+ 11.3	+ 0.3	3.90	3.86	3.90	.91	1.02	1.01
Michigan	3.66	4.46	4.36	+ 19.1	- 2.2	3.83	3.92	3.90	.96	1.14	1.12
Wisconsin	3.81	4.47	4.41	+ 15.7	- 1.3	3.71	3.83	3.78	1.03	1.17	1.17
<u>E. N. CENTRAL STATES</u>	3.80	4.46	4.40	+ 15.8	- 1.3	3.75	3.85	3.30	1.01	1.16	1.16
Minnesota	3.59	4.32	4.25	+ 19.4	- 1.6	3.59	3.65	3.60	1.00	1.18	1.18
Iowa	3.67	4.38	4.37	+ 19.1	- 0.2	3.79	3.78	3.80	.97	1.16	1.15
Missouri	3.95	4.53	4.49	+ 13.7	- 0.9	4.34	4.36	4.32	.91	1.04	1.04
Kansas	3.74	4.16	4.19	+ 12.0	+ 0.7	3.97	3.93	3.96	.94	1.06	1.06
<u>W. N. CENTRAL STATES 3/</u>	3.68	4.37	4.33	+ 17.7	- 0.9	3.86	3.90	3.37	.95	1.12	1.12
Kentucky	3.73	4.45	4.40	+ 18.0	- 1.1	4.35	4.37	4.31	.86	1.02	1.02
Tennessee	3.80	4.55	4.50	+ 18.4	- 1.1	4.50	4.52	4.46	.84	1.01	1.01
Mississippi	3.88	4.60	4.51	+ 16.2	- 2.0	4.59	4.67	4.55	.85	.99	.99
Oklahoma	3.67	4.18	4.13	+ 12.5	- 1.2	4.13	4.22	4.17	.89	.99	.99
<u>S. CENTRAL STATES 3/</u>	3.77	4.46	4.40	+ 16.7	- 1.3	4.37	4.43	4.36	.86	1.01	1.01
Idaho	3.48	4.06	4.09	+ 17.5	+ 0.7	3.71	3.65	3.75	.94	1.11	1.09
<u>MOUNTAIN STATES 3/</u>	3.44	4.02	4.03	+ 17.2	+ 0.2	3.75	3.69	3.78	.92	1.09	1.07
Oregon	4.66	5.40	5.46	+ 17.2	+ 1.1	5.13	5.14	5.10	.91	1.05	1.07
California	4.09	4.80	4.93	+ 19.3	+ 1.7	4.29	4.40	4.40	.95	1.09	1.11
<u>PACIFIC STATES 3/</u>	4.60	5.34	5.41	+ 17.6	+ 1.3	5.05	5.07	5.04	.91	1.05	1.07
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	3.76	4.43	4.37	+ 16.2	- 1.4	3.88	3.95	3.91	.97	1.12	1.12
<u>BUTTER AND CREAMERY BY-PRODUCTS</u>											
Ohio	3.65	4.26	4.38	+ 20.0	+ 2.9	4.15	4.10	4.20	.88	1.04	1.04
Illinois	3.42	4.00	4.03	+ 17.8	+ 0.8	3.84	3.85	3.92	.89	1.04	1.03
Michigan	3.53	4.20	4.14	+ 17.3	- 1.4	3.97	3.96	3.98	.89	1.06	1.04
Wisconsin	3.68	4.47	4.41	+ 19.8	- 1.3	3.77	3.91	3.36	.98	1.14	1.14
<u>E. N. CENTRAL STATES 3/</u>	3.67	4.43	4.39	+ 19.6	- 0.9	3.81	3.93	3.90	.96	1.13	1.13
Minnesota	3.46	4.19	4.16	+ 20.2	- 0.7	3.60	3.66	3.64	.96	1.14	1.14
Iowa	3.60	4.26	4.23	+ 17.5	- 0.7	3.71	3.74	3.73	.97	1.14	1.12
Missouri	3.80	4.38	4.42	+ 16.3	+ 0.9	4.32	4.33	4.33	.88	1.01	1.01
Kansas	3.68	4.10	4.18	+ 13.6	+ 2.0	3.88	3.87	3.95	.95	1.06	1.06
<u>W. N. CENTRAL STATES 3/</u>	3.48	4.19	4.16	+ 19.5	- 0.7	3.64	3.69	3.63	.96	1.14	1.13
Idaho	3.71	4.53	4.54	+ 22.4	+ 0.2	4.10	4.05	4.13	.90	1.12	1.10
<u>MOUNTAIN STATES 3/</u>	3.66	4.45	4.46	+ 21.9	+ 0.2	4.08	4.03	4.10	.90	1.10	1.09
Oregon	3.76	4.60	4.54	+ 20.7	- 1.3	4.70	4.72	4.69	.80	.97	.97
California	3.68	4.30	4.34	+ 17.9	+ 0.9	4.23	4.22	4.25	.87	1.02	1.02
<u>PACIFIC STATES 3/</u>	3.71	4.34	4.34	+ 17.0	0	4.40	4.39	4.36	.84	.99	1.00
<u>UNITED STATES</u>	3.57	4.30	4.27	+ 19.6	- 0.7	3.76	3.83	3.83	.95	1.12	1.11

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