

Market Information BULLETIN



Southeast Marketing Area
Federal Order 7

Sue L. Mosley, Market Administrator

www.fmmatlanta.com

May 2010

Volume 11—No. 5

ISSUED FOR THE INFORMATION OF PRODUCERS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS

USDA Issues Final Rule

On April 23, 2010 the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a final rule amending the producer-handler definition in all Federal milk marketing orders. Producers in all Federal milk marketing orders approved the amendments in referenda held in March 2010.

This rule amends the producer-handler definition to limit exemption from pooling and pricing provisions of the orders to those producer-handlers with total route disposition and sales of packaged fluid milk products to other plants of 3 million pounds or less per month.

These amendments were considered in a recommended decision published Oct. 21, 2009, and adopted by a final decision published March 4, 2010. The final rule appeared in the April 23, 2010 Federal Register. The amendments will be effective June 1, 2010. For more information on the final rule, visit www.ams.usda.gov/dairy.

Comments Sought on Request to Extend Transportation Credits to June 2010

The Atlanta Market Administrator has received a request to extend the Transportation Credit Balancing Fund payout period to June 2010. The request is being considered and in accordance with Section 1007.82(b) of the Order Regulating the Handling of Milk in the Southeast Marketing Area, is inviting written data, views, and comments regarding the request.

The request, made by the Southern Marketing Agency, Inc., is available online at www.fmmatlanta.com (click on 'What's New'). Please submit comments by the close of business on May 26, 2010 via fax to (770) 822-1038, via email to smosley@fmmatlanta.com, or via mail to Market Administrator, 1550 North Brown Road Suite 120, Lawrenceville, GA 30043.

Uniform Price Falls

The uniform price in Fulton County, GA, was \$16.03 per hundredweight of milk at 3.5 percent butterfat for the month of April. The uniform price is \$0.77 lower than the previous month and is \$2.89 per hundredweight higher compared with April of last year.

Class I utilization was 62.18 percent in March, a decrease of 1.84 percent compared with the previous month and an increase of 1.16 percent compared with April 2009.

National Dairy Situation

The USDA estimates that the total U.S. production of milk in March was 16.58 billion pounds, an increase of 0.6 percent from March 2009 and an increase of 1.5 percent when compared with February 2010 on a daily average basis. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 890 million pounds, 2.3 percent above March 2009 and 3.7 percent above February 2010 on a daily average basis. Butter production was 141 million pounds, 4.3 percent below March 2009 and down 9.7 percent compared to February 2010 on a daily average basis.

Nonfat dry milk powder production was 137.5 million pounds in March, up slightly from March of last year and 5.5 percent above February 2010 on a daily average basis. Dry whey production was 93.6 million pounds, up 13.1 percent from March 2009 and 6.0 percent above February 2010 on a daily average basis. Whey protein concentrates production was 36.3 million pounds, up 3.0 percent from March 2009 and 4.5 percent above February 2010 on a daily average basis.

The milk-feed price ratio, the pounds of 16 percent mixed dairy feed equal in value to one pound of whole milk, was 2.51 in April, down 0.04 from the previous month's revised ratio.

F.O. 7 - SOUTHEAST: CALCULATION OF UNIFORM PRICES - APRIL 2010

Calculation of Uniform Butterfat Price:

	<u>Utilization</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Price/lb.</u>	<u>Value</u>
Class I Butterfat	34.58%	7,875,546	\$1.5179	\$ 11,954,291.29
Class I Differential at Location				263,075.96
Class II Butterfat	26.74%	6,091,003	\$1.5883	9,674,340.08
Class III Butterfat	23.65%	5,386,741	\$1.5813	8,518,053.53
Class IV Butterfat	15.03%	3,422,783	\$1.5813	5,412,446.75
Total Butterfat	100.00%	22,776,073		\$ 35,822,207.61

Uniform Butterfat Price per lb. (Fulton County, Georgia): **\$1.5728**

Calculation of Uniform Skim Milk Price

<u>Producer Milk</u>	<u>Utilization</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Price per unit</u>	<u>Value</u>
Class I Skim Milk	63.19%	390,658,915	\$8.19 /cwt.	\$ 31,994,965.14
Class I Butterfat	34.58%	7,875,546	\$1.5179 /lb.	11,954,291.29
Class I Differential at Location		398,534,461		13,372,568.89
Total Class I Milk	62.18%	398,534,461		\$ 57,321,825.32
Class II Skim Milk	7.97%	49,258,463	\$8.52 /cwt.	\$ 4,196,821.02
Class II Butterfat	26.74%	6,091,003	\$1.5883 /lb.	9,674,340.08
Total Class II Milk	8.64%	55,349,466		\$ 13,871,161.10
Class III Skim Milk	21.77%	134,556,462	\$7.65 /cwt.	\$ 10,293,569.33
Class III Butterfat	23.65%	5,386,741	\$1.5813 /lb.	8,518,053.53
Total Class III Milk	21.83%	139,943,203		\$ 18,811,622.86
Class IV Skim Milk	7.07%	43,687,914	\$8.49 /cwt.	\$ 3,709,103.90
Class IV Butterfat	15.03%	3,422,783	\$1.5813 /lb.	5,412,446.75
Total Class IV Milk	7.35%	47,110,697		\$ 9,121,550.65
Producer Milk	100.00%	640,937,827		\$ 99,126,159.93

Adjustments

Overage and Other Source	\$20,197.95
Inventory Adjustments	\$82,528.08
Producer butterfat at uniform butterfat price	(\$35,822,207.61)
Location Adjustments to Producers	\$4,044,506.68
1/2 Unobligated Balance in P.S.F	\$266,916.61

Adjusted Pool Value

Reserve for Producer Settlement Func **\$ 10.95475** **\$67,718,101.64**

\$ 0.04475 **\$276,654.27**

Uniform Skim Milk Price per cwt. (Fulton County, Georgia):

\$10.91

Uniform Price per cwt. (Fulton County, Georgia)

\$16.03*

* At 3.5% butterfat test; for information purposes.

OTHER FEDERAL ORDERS: CLASS I AND UNIFORM PRICES (At 3.5% Butterfat)

MARKET NAME (Priced at)	CLASS I		UNIFORM		CLASS I %
	APR 2010	MAY 2010	MAR 2010	APR 2010	APR 2010
Appalachian (Charlotte)	\$ 16.62	\$ 17.20	\$ 16.75	\$ 15.86	64.73%
Arizona (Phoenix)	\$ 15.57	\$ 16.15	\$ 14.29	\$ 14.14	32.95%
Central (Kansas City)	\$ 15.22	\$ 15.80	\$ 14.03	\$ 13.80	34.00%
Florida (Tampa)	\$ 18.62	\$ 19.20	\$ 19.13	\$ 18.20	88.74%
Mideast (Cleveland)	\$ 15.22	\$ 15.80	\$ 14.52	\$ 14.03	37.10%
Northeast (Boston)	\$ 16.47	\$ 17.05	\$ 15.54	\$ 15.11	41.80%
Pacific Northwest (Seattle)	\$ 15.12	\$ 15.70	\$ 13.86	\$ 13.79	29.02%
Southeast (Atlanta)	\$ 17.02	\$ 17.60	\$ 16.80	\$ 16.03	62.18%
Southwest (Dallas)	\$ 16.22	\$ 16.80	\$ 15.06	\$ 14.76	38.28%
Upper Midwest (Chicago)	\$ 15.02	\$ 15.60	\$ 13.32	\$ 13.28	12.80%

**SOUTHEAST MILK MARKETING AREA-FEDERAL ORDER 7
STATISTICAL SUMMARY**

Receipts:	April 2010	April 2009
Producer Milk		
Class I	398,534,461	393,669,256
Class II	55,349,466	62,288,023
Class III	139,943,203	122,741,068
Class IV	47,110,697	66,498,265
Total Producer Milk	<u>640,937,827</u>	<u>645,196,612</u>
Average Butterfat Test	3.55%	3.61%
Percent of Producer Milk in Class I	62.18%	61.02%
Daily Average Receipts	21,364,594	21,506,554
Other Source Milk		
Class I	7,124,043	7,341,349
Class II	8,339,371	3,513,264
Class III	7,451,114	2,253,667
Class IV	6,110,623	11,093,124
Total Other Source Milk	<u>29,025,151</u>	<u>24,201,404</u>
Overage		
Class I	0	0
Class II	0	0
Class III	12,769	0
Class IV	4	0
Total Overage	<u>12,773</u>	<u>0</u>
Opening Inventory		
Class I	32,937,188	35,640,331
Class II	5,134,441	2,537,761
Class III	7,672,839	3,009,888
Class IV	12,158,389	11,509,205
Total Opening Inventory	<u>57,902,857</u>	<u>52,697,185</u>
Total Receipts	727,878,608	722,095,201
Utilization:		
Class I Utilization		
Inventory of Packaged FMP	37,486,552	34,970,235
Route Disposition Class I	390,304,945	389,639,977
Shrinkage	3,270,308	2,573,592
Transfers & Diversions to Nonpool	7,533,887	9,467,132
Total Class I Utilization	<u>438,595,692</u>	<u>436,650,936</u>
Average Butterfat Test	1.97%	2.02%
Daily Average Utilization	14,619,856	14,555,031
Class II Utilization		
Nonfluid Used To Produce	1,450,515	1,747,900
Shrinkage	3,247	317,963
Transfers & Diversions to Nonpool/Commercial Foods Used To Produce/Other Uses	43,995,759	42,174,336
Total Class II Utilization	<u>23,373,757</u>	<u>24,098,849</u>
Average Butterfat Test	10.194722%	9.96%
Class III Utilization		
Shrinkage	7,561,915	0
Transfers & Diversions to Nonpool	142,905,204	128,004,623
Used To Produce/Other Uses	4,612,806	0
Total Class III Utilization	<u>155,079,925</u>	<u>128,004,623</u>
Average Butterfat Test	3.69%	3.82%
Class IV Utilization		
Inventory	12,740,416	18,031,020
Nonfluid Used To Fortify	1,438,559	1,620,957
Shrinkage	904	7,829,670
Transfers & Diversions to Nonpool	51,199,834	56,961,908
Used To Produce/Other Uses	0	4,657,039
Total Class IV Utilization	<u>65,379,713</u>	<u>89,100,594</u>
Average Butterfat Test	7.70%	6.71%
Total Utilization	727,878,608	722,095,201

Southeast Market Summary

The minimum order uniform price for payment to producers supplying the Southeast Order marketing area during April 2010 is \$16.03 per hundredweight for milk with a 3.5% butterfat test in Fulton County, Georgia. This is .965 times the uniform skim milk price of \$10.91 per hundredweight plus 3.5 times the uniform butterfat price of \$1.5728 per pound. Payment to producers may be reduced by location differentials, if applicable, and by properly authorized deductions.

Uniform prices are the result of marketwide pooling; all producer milk was classified and priced according to the milk's use. In April, Class I use, which is primarily bottled or packaged fluid milk, accounted for 63.19% of all producer skim milk (priced to handlers at \$8.19 per hundredweight, plus the Class I differential, see page 2) and 34.58% of producer butterfat (priced to handlers at \$1.5179 per pound plus Class I differential). Class II use, which is milk used in fluid cream products and miscellaneous manufacturing, accounted for 7.97% of all producer skim milk (\$8.52 per hundredweight) and 26.74% of producer butterfat (\$1.5883 per pound). Class III use, mostly milk used to produce cheese, accounted for 23.65% of all producer skim milk (\$7.65 per hundredweight) and 23.65% of producer butterfat (\$1.5813 per pound). Class IV use, generally milk processed into butter and powder, accounted for 7.07% of all producer skim milk (\$8.49 per hundredweight) and 15.03% of producer butterfat (\$1.5813 per pound).

Packaged Class I Route Sales in Marketing Area

Product Description	Pounds	Percent
March 2010		
Whole Milk	133,454,421	30.06%
Fat Free Milk	52,859,335	11.90%
Lowfat Milk (incl. 1%)	39,245,042	8.84%
Reduced Fat Milk (incl. 2%)	158,356,751	35.66%
Cultured Fluid Milk (incl. Buttermilk)	8,954,683	2.02%
Flavored Drinks and Milk	51,151,688	11.52%
Total Disposition in Marketing Area	444,021,920	100.00%
Total Disposition by Pool Plants	357,208,264	80.45%
Total Disposition by Nonpool Plants	86,813,656	19.55%
Total Disposition in Marketing Area	444,021,920	100.00%

Receipts of producer milk during April totaled 640.9 million pounds. There were 25 regulated pool distributing plants, 3 pool supply plants and 12 cooperative associations submitting reports of receipts and utilization that were included in the computation of the uniform prices for April 2010. Class I route disposition in the area was 444.0 million pounds in March 2010.

Mailbox Milk Prices For Selected Reporting Areas

	2009 Average	January 2010	February 2010
New England States 3/	\$13.61	\$17.03	\$17.02
Eastern Pennsylvania 4/	\$13.15	\$16.68	\$16.63
Appalachian States 5/	\$14.05	\$17.76	\$17.65
Southeast States 6/	\$14.62	\$18.15	\$18.20
Southern Missouri 7/	\$12.53	\$16.17	\$15.99
Florida	\$15.89	\$19.02	\$19.01
Western Pennsylvania 8/	\$13.06	\$16.76	\$16.78
Indiana	\$12.96	\$16.42	\$16.41
Wisconsin	\$12.87	\$16.05	\$15.78
Corn Belt States 9/	\$12.56	\$15.76	\$15.63
Western Texas 10/	\$11.98	\$15.63	\$15.33
Northwest States 11/	\$12.11	\$15.42	\$14.93
All Federal Order Areas 12/	\$12.85	\$16.16	\$15.97
California 13/	\$11.02	\$14.12	\$13.59

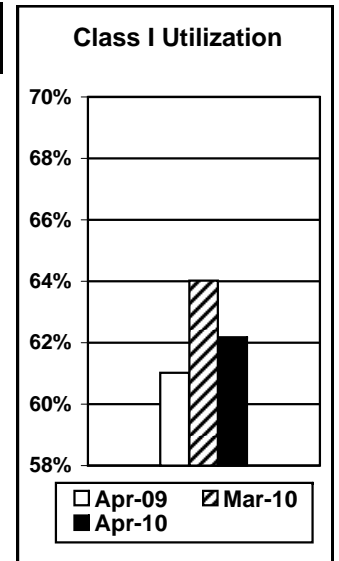
Source: Dairy Market News; 1/ Information is shown for those areas for which prices are reported for at least 75% of the milk marketed under Federal milk orders. 2/ Net pay price received by dairy farmers for milk. 3/ Includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. 4/ All the counties to the east of those listed in 8/. 5/ Includes Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. 6/ Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi. 7/ The counties of Vernon, Cedar, Polk, Dallas, Laclede, Texas, Dent, Crawford, Washington, St. Francois, and Perry and all those to the south of these. 8/ The counties of Warren, Elk, Clearfield, Indiana, Westmoreland, and Fayette, and all those to the west of these. 9/ Includes Kansas, Nebraska and the Missouri counties to the north of those listed in 7/. 10/ All counties to the west of Fanin, Hunt, Van Zandt, Henderson, Anderson, Houston, Cherokee, Nacogdoches, and Shelby. 11/ Includes Oregon and Washington. 12/ Weighted average of the information for all selected reporting areas in Federal milk orders. 13/ Calculated by CA Department of Food and Agriculture.

FEDERAL ORDER 7 - SOUTHEAST: CLASS AND UNIFORM PRICES

Pool Period	CLASS I*			CLASS II			CLASS III			CLASS IV			UNIFORM*		
	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5	Skim/cwt	Bfat/lb	@ 3.5
Jan 2009	\$15.04	\$1.4363	\$19.54	\$6.74	\$1.1154	\$10.41	\$7.15	\$1.1084	\$10.78	\$5.92	\$1.1084	\$9.59	\$12.77	\$1.2288	\$16.62
Feb	\$10.87	\$1.1520	\$14.52	\$6.63	\$1.1011	\$10.25	\$5.68	\$1.0941	\$9.31	\$5.82	\$1.0941	\$9.45	\$9.65	\$1.1155	\$13.22
Mar	\$9.61	\$1.1298	\$13.23	\$6.51	\$1.1664	\$10.36	\$6.61	\$1.1594	\$10.44	\$5.78	\$1.1594	\$9.64	\$8.75	\$1.1495	\$12.47
Apr	\$10.36	\$1.1880	\$14.16	\$6.47	\$1.2119	\$10.49	\$6.80	\$1.2049	\$10.78	\$5.81	\$1.2049	\$9.82	\$9.27	\$1.1992	\$13.14
May	\$10.81	\$1.2399	\$14.77	\$6.49	\$1.2718	\$10.71	\$5.61	\$1.2648	\$9.84	\$5.92	\$1.2648	\$10.14	\$9.13	\$1.2567	\$13.21
Jun	\$9.71	\$1.2897	\$13.88	\$6.61	\$1.2614	\$10.79	\$5.78	\$1.2544	\$9.97	\$6.04	\$1.2544	\$10.22	\$8.70	\$1.2677	\$12.83
Jul	\$9.83	\$1.3062	\$14.06	\$6.73	\$1.2508	\$10.87	\$5.82	\$1.2438	\$9.97	\$6.01	\$1.2438	\$10.15	\$8.94	\$1.2693	\$13.07
Aug	\$9.80	\$1.2529	\$13.84	\$6.70	\$1.2561	\$10.86	\$7.08	\$1.2491	\$11.20	\$6.23	\$1.2491	\$10.38	\$9.25	\$1.2508	\$13.30
Sep	\$10.54	\$1.3026	\$14.73	\$6.95	\$1.2296	\$11.01	\$8.12	\$1.2226	\$12.11	\$7.12	\$1.2226	\$11.15	\$10.08	\$1.2549	\$14.12
Oct	\$12.23	\$1.2421	\$16.15	\$7.71	\$1.2822	\$11.93	\$8.66	\$1.2752	\$12.82	\$7.66	\$1.2752	\$11.86	\$11.54	\$1.2622	\$15.55
Nov	\$12.50	\$1.3132	\$16.66	\$8.38	\$1.4726	\$13.24	\$9.27	\$1.4656	\$14.08	\$8.41	\$1.4656	\$13.25	\$11.77	\$1.4075	\$16.28
Dec	\$13.11	\$1.4690	\$17.79	\$9.14	\$1.5503	\$14.25	\$9.93	\$1.5433	\$14.98	\$9.96	\$1.5433	\$15.01	\$12.36	\$1.5152	\$17.23
Jan 2010	\$13.62	\$1.6254	\$18.83	\$10.52	\$1.4475	\$15.22	\$9.80	\$1.4405	\$14.50	\$9.13	\$1.4405	\$13.85	\$12.77	\$1.5074	\$17.60
Feb	\$14.07	\$1.4470	\$18.64	\$10.97	\$1.4474	\$15.65	\$9.57	\$1.4404	\$14.28	\$8.14	\$1.4404	\$12.90	\$13.00	\$1.4427	\$17.59
Mar	\$13.40	\$1.4895	\$18.14	\$9.39	\$1.5417	\$14.46	\$7.68	\$1.5347	\$12.78	\$7.82	\$1.5347	\$12.92	\$11.90	\$1.5193	\$16.80
Apr	\$11.99	\$1.5559	\$17.02	\$8.52	\$1.5883	\$13.78	\$7.65	\$1.5813	\$12.92	\$8.49	\$1.5813	\$13.73	\$10.91	\$1.5728	\$16.03
May	\$12.33	\$1.6300	\$17.60	\$9.23											

FEDERAL ORDER 7 - SOUTHEAST: POOLED RECEIPTS AND UTILIZATION OF PRODUCER MILK

Pool Period	Producer Milk 1000 lbs.	Number of Farms	CLASS I		CLASS II		CLASS III		CLASS IV	
			1000 lbs.	%	1000 lbs.	%	1000 lbs.	%	1000 lbs.	%
Jan 2009	606,876	2,914	413,503	68.14%	58,107	9.57%	73,691	12.14%	61,575	10.15%
Feb	545,996	2,878	370,916	67.93%	57,125	10.46%	97,875	17.93%	20,079	3.68%
Mar	677,722	2,910	411,467	60.71%	68,678	10.13%	131,319	19.38%	66,259	9.78%
Apr	645,197	2,968	393,669	61.02%	62,288	9.65%	122,741	19.02%	66,498	10.31%
May	663,300	2,994	379,284	57.18%	61,295	9.24%	155,016	23.37%	67,705	10.21%
Jun	605,153	2,958	370,303	61.19%	63,971	10.57%	132,530	21.90%	38,350	6.34%
Jul	570,631	2,811	381,874	66.92%	62,766	11.00%	110,511	19.37%	15,480	2.71%
Aug	568,941	2,803	402,719	70.79%	60,254	10.59%	59,535	10.46%	46,434	8.16%
Sep	543,362	2,734	397,084	73.08%	69,511	12.79%	63,408	11.67%	13,360	2.46%
Oct	565,165	2,837	418,281	74.01%	60,617	10.73%	63,975	11.32%	22,293	3.94%
Nov	561,219	2,801	394,695	70.33%	66,691	11.88%	71,884	12.81%	27,950	4.98%
Dec	615,755	2,747	413,012	67.08%	61,330	9.96%	103,723	16.84%	37,690	6.12%
Jan 2010	596,885	2,665	410,072	68.70%	44,734	7.49%	80,985	13.57%	61,094	10.24%
Feb	545,481	2,619	372,170	68.23%	46,213	8.47%	75,070	13.76%	52,027	9.54%
Mar	641,090	2,655	410,387	64.02%	52,439	8.18%	128,748	20.08%	49,516	7.72%
Apr	640,938	2,650**	398,534	62.18%	55,349	8.64%	139,943	21.83%	47,111	7.35%



* Class I and uniform prices are at Fulton County (Atlanta), Georgia; ** Estimated

Southeast Marketing Area - Federal Order 7

Pool and Payment Dates for the Pooling Periods May 2010 through July 2010

Pool Month	Pool & Uniform Price Release Date	MA Payment Dates		Payments for Producer Milk			
		Due to:	Due From:	Partial Payment** Due		Final Payment Due	
		All Funds	P/S & T-Credit	Coop	Nonmember	Coop	Nonmember
MAY 2010	06/11/10	06/14/10	06/15/10	05/25/10	05/26/10	06/15/10	06/16/10
JUN 2010	07/11/10	07/12/10	07/13/10	06/25/10	06/28/10	07/13/10	07/14/10
JUL 2010	08/11/10	08/12/10	08/13/10	07/26/10	07/26/10	08/13/10	08/16/10

** The base rate for making partial payments in Fulton County, GA for May will be \$14.43 per hundredweight. This is 90 percent of the preceding month's uniform price of \$16.03 per hundredweight.

Producer Touch Base Requirements & Handler Diversion Limits

[per Order Amendment issued March 17, 2008]

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Producer Touch Base Days	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Diversion Percentage Limits	25%	25%	35%	35%	35%	35%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	35%

WASDE Dairy Report 1/

WASDE - 482 May 11, 2010

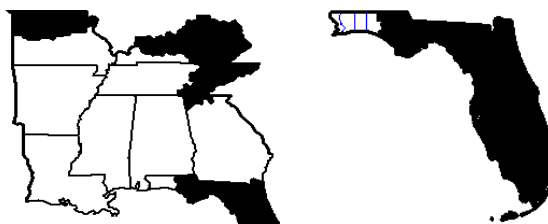
Milk production for 2011 is forecast to increase as producers respond to improving returns. Cow numbers are projected lower than 2010, but the rate of decline is expected to slow, especially in the latter part of the year. Milk per cow is forecast to increase at a rate similar to 2010. Commercial exports are forecast to increase as the global economy improves. Imports will also increase slightly. An improving economy will support increased domestic use, reducing stocks below 2010 levels. Cheese, nonfat dry milk (NDM), and whey prices are forecast higher in the face of improved demand and tighter supplies. However, butter prices are expected to be below 2010 levels. Nonetheless, both Class III and Class IV prices are forecast to be higher than 2010 as higher cheese and whey prices support the Class III price and stronger NDM prices more than offset weaker butter prices and support the Class IV price. The all milk price is forecast at \$15.70 to \$16.70 per cwt for 2011.

Forecast milk supply in 2010 is raised slightly from last month reflecting a slower decline in cow numbers and stronger expected growth in milk per cow. Cheese and whey price forecasts are lowered, resulting in a lower Class III price. Butter and NDM price forecasts are raised and the Class IV price increased. The all milk price is forecast to average \$15.65 to \$16.15 per cwt.

1/ The World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report provides USDA's comprehensive forecasts of supply and demand for major U.S. and global crops and U.S. livestock, including dairy. The most recent WASDE report is available at www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/wasde/index.htm.



MILK MARKET ADMINISTRATOR
U.S. Department Of Agriculture
1550 North Brown Road, Suite 120
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043



www.fmmatlanta.com

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."