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MARKET SUMMARIES FOR APRIL

The April Class III price increased 19 cents from the previous month to \$11.81. The Class II price for March of \$10.57 per hundredweight decreased \$6.00 from \$16.57 in March. April's Class III-A price decreased \$1.30 from March's level to \$11.06.

Texas: Producers who delivered milk to handlers located in Zones 1 and 2 of the Texas Milk Market Order received \$12.33 per hundredweight for deliveries of milk containing 3.5% butterfat. The April price was down \$3.43 from March.

Producers delivered a total of 529,508,038 pounds of milk during April. On a daily basis this represents a decrease of 19.41 percent from the producer receipts level in March and it represents a decrease of 11.54 percent when compared to the producer receipts level of April 1998.

Producer milk classified as Class I during April amounted to 53.06 percent of total producer receipts. This figure is up from March's 41.52 percent and it is up from 44.11 percent in April 1998. The average butterfat test of producer milk pooled during April 1999 was 3.542 percent.

New Mexico - West Texas: Producers who delivered milk to handlers located in Zone 1 of the New Mexico - West Texas Milk Market Order received \$12.03 per hundredweight for deliveries of milk containing 3.5% butterfat. The April price was down \$2.46 from its March level.

Producers delivered a total of 131,270,630 pounds of milk during April. On a daily basis this represents a decrease of 14.06 percent from the producer receipts level in March and it represents a decrease of 38.48 percent when compared to the producer receipts level of April 1998.

Producer milk classified as Class I during April amounted to 39.63 percent of total producer receipts. This figure is up from 34.89 percent in March and it is up from 25.80 percent in April 1998. The average butterfat test of producer milk pooled during April 1999 was 3.548 percent.

MAY 1999

SOUTHWEST MILK MARKETING CONFERENCE JUNE 23-25 IN ALBUQUERQUE

The 1999 Southwest Milk Marketing Conference is scheduled for June 23-25. This year's event is taking place in Albuquerque at the Airport Wyndham.

Topics at the conference will include federal order reform and compacts, environmental regulations, dairy product marketing, promotion and education, new markets, and value added dairy products. This year's event also has leisure time included in its schedule with the option of either a bus trip to Santa Fe or golf tournament the afternoon of June 24. For participation in either of these events contact Amy Clapper at (817) 410-4500.

Registration is \$125 in advance or \$135 at the door and does not include your hotel room. Hotel reservation can be made by calling (505) 843-7000 or for more information on the conference call Robert Schwart, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, (409) 845-5284.

TEXAS PASSES COMPACT LEGISLATION

The Texas House of Representatives voted April 20, 1999, to approve H.B. 2000 sponsored by Representative Bob Turner (D-Voss), in an effort to stabilize an ailing Texas dairy industry. In a 100-42 vote in favor of the bill, House members authorized Texas to join the emerging Southern Dairy Compact. The Texas Senate must next approve S.B. 737, a companion to H.B. 2000. If approved by the Senate the measure would then be submitted to Governor Bush.

FEDERAL ORDER MAILBOX MILK PRICES ANNUAL AVERAGES 1996-1998, WITH COMPARISONS <u>1</u>/

	4	Annual Averg	1998 Compared to:		
Federal Milk Order <u>2</u> /	1996	1997	1998	1997	1996
			Dollars per cw	't.	
New England <u>4</u> /	14.22	13.24	14.89	1.65	0.67
New York-New Jersey	14.18	12.75	14.70	1.95	0.52
Middle Atlantic	14.37	12.94	14.90	1.96	0.53
Northeast Average <u>3</u> /	14.24	12.92	14.79	1.87	0.55
Carolina	15.92	14.34	16.08	1.74	0.16
Southeast	15.05	13.56	15.36	1.80	0.31
Florida	17.26	15.89	17.43	1.54	0.17
Southeast Average <u>3</u> /	15.78	14.37	16.07	1.70	0.29
Southern Michigan	14.20	12.93	14.84	1.91	0.64
E. Ohio - Western Pa.	14.39	12.92	15.01	2.09	0.62
Ohio Valley	14.52	12.99	14.93	1.94	0.41
Indiana	14.37	13.08	14.97	1.89	0.60
Chicago Regional <u>5</u> /	14.36	13.21	15.36	2.15	1.00
S. Illinois-E. Missouri	13.99	12.71	14.52	1.81	0.53
LouisLexEvans.	14.71	13.29	15.06	1.77	0.35
Upper Midwest <u>5</u> /	14.19	12.92	15.27	2.35	1.08
Nebraska-W. Iowa	13.94	12.73	14.52	1.79	0.58
lowa	14.20	12.95	14.67	1.72	0.47
Midwest Average <u>3</u> /	14.29	13.04	15.13	2.09	0.84
Texas	14.03	12.82	14.72	1.90	0.69
Southwest Plains	13.63	12.28	14.16	1.88	0.53
Eastern Colorado	13.96	12.23	14.58	2.35	0.62
S.W. Idaho- E. Oregon	13.32	11.64	13.39	1.75	0.07
Great Basin	13.30	11.68	13.85	2.17	0.55
New Mexico-W. Texas	12.98	12.01	13.71	1.70	0.73
Pacific Northwest	13.54	12.36	14.59	2.23	1.05
West Average <u>3</u> /	13.61	12.29	14.33	2.04	0.72
All Market Average <u>3</u> /	14.28	12.99	14.99	2.00	0.71

1/ Net pay price received by dairy farmers marketing milk to handlers regulated under the Federal milk orders. Includes all payments received for milk sold and all costs associated with marketing the milk. Price is reported at the market average butterfat test. 2/ Federal milk orders for which information could be released. 3/ All averages are weighted using the proportion of monthly producer deliveries marketed under the respective order or group of orders for which the price is reported. 4/ Includes Northeast Dairy Compact Over Order Producer Price. 5/ Includes payments for milk that, while normally associated with the market, was not pooled due to disadvantageous price relationships.

TOP TEN TEXAS COUNTIES a/ - APRIL 1999

<u>County</u>	Number of <u>Producers</u>		% Change From <u>1998b/</u>		Number of <u>Producers</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	% Change From <u>1998b/</u>
1. Erath	149	134,097,542	+2.29	7. Wood	68	18,833,622	-5.13
2. Hopkins	238	55,073,195	-13.21	8. Johnson	42	17,290,743	-8.46
3. Comanche	46	41,319,912	+6.23	9. Cherokee	24	11,104,201	-19.02
4. El Paso	9	24,619,693	+6.46	10. Van Zandt	24	10,935,946	-7.93
5. Archer	59	21,562,000	60	Ten County Total	687	354,051,113	-1.74 b/
6. Hamilton	28	19,214,259	+8.30	Other Counties Total	<u>l 546</u>	171,722,267	<u>45</u>
 a/ Includes all known Grade b/ Compared to top ten court 				Texas Total	1,233	525,773,380	-1.32

Minimum Prices at 3.5%, for Federal Orders 126 and 138 (Zone 1) Formula Prices (3.5%) and Price Quotations

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	Cla	Class I a/			Class Uniform a/				Grade A	Block	Spray
	126	138	Class II	Class III	III-A	126	138	B F Diff.	Butter	Cheese	Powder
Month			Dollars F	Per Hundre	d Wt			¢/Point	Ce	Jb	
February	16.45	15.64	13.59	13.32	12.89	15.00	13.88	14.0	129.63	141.63	105.21
March	16.41	15.60	13.55	12.81	12.67	14.62	13.67	13.5	125.05	137.93	104.67
April	16.48	15.67	13.62	12.01	12.88	14.46	13.24	14.2	128.56	130.72	104.26
May	15.97	15.16	13.11	10.88	13.96	13.93	12.80	17.5	149.45	120.34	103.48
June	15.17	14.36	12.31	13.10	15.38	14.11	13.69	21.7	184.68	140.38	102.89
July	14.04	13.23	11.18	14.77	15.59	13.22	13.04	22.3	191.85	156.56	102.97
August	16.26	15.45	13.40	14.99	16.52	15.50	15.05	24.5	208.30	163.20	104.63
September	17.93	17.12	15.07	15.10	19.81	16.81	16.09	32.5	266.66	165.56	110.07
October	18.15	17.34	15.29	16.04	18.13	17.29	16.63	27.3	231.89	175.34	111.80
November	18.26	17.45	15.40	16.84	14.87	17.44	16.89	17.8	165.47	183.17	112.50
December	19.20	18.39	16.34	17.34	13.48	17.85	17.08	13.2	132.31	187.07	114.90
Averages 1998b/	16.70	15.89	13.84	14.20	14.85	15.43	14.65	19.2	168.71	153.63	106.94
January 1999	20.00	19.19	17.14	16.27	13.12	18.03	16.68	13.7	133.22	175.95	108.93
February	20.50	19.69	17.64	10.27	12.78	16.27	19.03	13.9	122.53	130.10	104.37
March	19.43	18.62	16.57	11.62	12.36	15.76	14.49	13.2	120.27	130.92	102.39
April	13.43	12.62	10.57	11.81	11.06	12.33	12.03	9.5	93.98	131.31	102.28
May	14.78	13.97	11.92								
June	14.97	14.16	12.11								

a/ Subject to zone and location adjustments. b/ Simple averages

TOP NEW MEXICO COUNTIES a/ – APRIL 1999

<u>County</u>	Number of <u>Producers</u>		% Change From <u>1998b/</u>	<u>County</u>	Number of <u>Producers</u>	Pounds	% Change From <u>1998b/</u>
1. Chaves	41	139,249,749	+7.12	7. Bernalillo	8	10,716,797	+11.39
2. Dona Ana	22	66,892,328	-1.10	8. Socorro	8	9,699,101	+31.24
3. Roosevelt	33	51,267,664	+15.43	9. Valencia	10	9,576,834	-11.69
4. Curry	12	49,740,732	+21.42				
5. Lea	13	32,257,875	+14.66	Nine County Total	153	393,500,492	+8.82
6. Eddy	6	24,043,185	+6.30	Other Counties Tota	<u>l 4</u>	<u>5,728,870</u>	<u>-29.81</u>
Il known Grade "A" milk compared to top counties			Aexico.	New Mexico Total	157	399,229,362	+7.96

a/ All known Grade "A" milk b/ Compared to top counties for the month in the previous year.

POUNDS OF GRADE A MILK MARKETED BY PRODUCERS LOCATED IN TEXAS BY MONTHS: JANUARY 1997 THROUGH APRIL 1999, WITH PERCENTAGE COMPARISONS

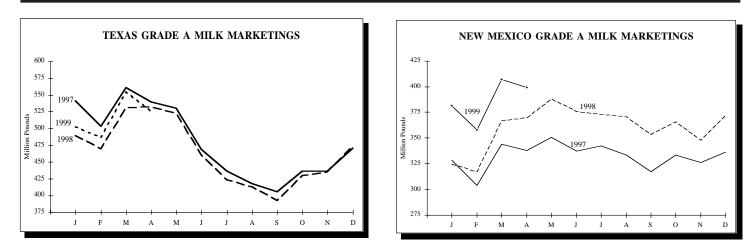
	1997	Number of	1998	Number of	1999	Number of	PERCENT	CHANGE
MONTH	POUNDS	Producers	POUNDS	Producers	POUNDS	Producers	1998/97	<u> 1999/98</u>
January	540,918,023	1,610	491,168,340	1,359	501,754,729	1,251	-9.20	+2.16
February	503,177,566	1,591	469,305,849	1,347	486,044,271	1,245	-6.73	+3.57
March	560,823,025	1,566	532,588,272	1,339	553,983,640	1,241	-5.03	+4.02
April	539,258,903	1,553	532,823,237	1,336	525,773,380	1,233	-1.19	-1.32
May	530,457,547	1,550	524,523,430	1,319			-1.12	
June	468,546,651	1,523	464,057,905	1,321			96	
July	435,777,197	1,489	422,973,696	1,305			-2.94	
August	417,271,524	1,463	413,296,879	1,298			95	
September	405,563,476	1,435	392,427,802	1,300			-3.24	
October	436,528,559	1,408	429,372,951	1,289			-1.64	
November	436,607,225	1,391	435,572,798	1,271			27	
December	470,803,040	1,368	474,573,747	1,260			+.80	
Years Total	5,745,732,736		5,582,684,906				-2.84	

*Revised figures

POUNDS OF GRADE A MILK MARKETED BY PRODUCERS LOCATED IN NEW MEXICO BY MONTHS: JANUARY 1997 THROUGH APRIL 1999, WITH PERCENTAGE COMPARISONS

MONTH	1997 POUNDS	Number of Producers	1998 POUNDS	Number of Producers	1999 POUNDS	Number of Producers	PERCENT 1998/97	CHANGE 1999/98
January	328,059,604	156	324,314,276	158	381,115,401	156	-1.14	+17.51
February	303,972,265	156	317,500,751	156	358,049,940	157	+4.45	+12.77
March	343,866,862	157	366,656,779	157	406,789,374	156	+6.63	+10.95
April	337,943,697	157	369,782,775	156	399,229,362	157	+9.42	+7.96
May	350,910,125	158	388,308,155	155			+10.66	
June	337,592,757	158	378,569,203	159			+12.14	
July	342,391,766	159	372,803,402	157			+8.88	
August	333,406,557	156	370,668,016	156			+11.18	
September	317,181,279	159	353,457,040	155			+11.44	
October	333,587,208	158	365,469,264	159			+9.56	
November	326,212,021	158	348,126,652	158			+6.75	
December	<u>336,117,343</u>	157	<u>371,894,332</u>	157			+10.64	
Years Total	3,991,241,484		4,327,550,645				+8.43	

*Revised figures



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TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO MARKET COMPONENT TEST

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Month	<u>TX</u>	NM	<u></u>	NM	<u> </u>	NM	<u></u> TX	NM	<u> </u>	NM
April	3.52	3.52	3.21	3.17	4.81	4.84	8.73	8.71	336	274
May	3.46	3.41	3.17	3.13	4.79	4.83	8.68	8.67	339	256
June	3.43	3.37	3.15	3.11	4.77	4.83	8.63	8.63	385	254
July	3.41	3.33	3.14	3.08	4.75	4.81	8.59	8.57	417	273
August	3.44	3.37	3.17	3.11	4.73	4.79	8.60	8.60	424	272
September	3.51	3.40	3.22	3.17	4.72	4.77	8.64	8.65	431	262
October	3.58	3.50	3.30	3.28	4.74	4.78	8.74	8.76	403	255
November	3.71	3.65	3.33	3.32	4.78	4.78	8.81	8.79	387	271
December	3.71	3.67	3.34	3.32	4.78	4.77	8.81	8.80	378	263
Average 1998	3.57	3.52	3.23	3.20	4.77	4.80	8.71	8.70	388	285
January 1999	3.67	3.64	3.30	3.26	4.78	4.78	8.78	8.75	375	261
February	3.59	3.60	3.25	3.24	4.78	4.77	8.74	8.72	351	267
March	3.59	3.57	3.26	3.22	4.81	4.78	8.76	8.71	346	255
April	3.50	3.52	3.23	3.20	4.81	4.79	8.74	8.69	342	242
* In thousands.										

NEW MEXICO - WEST TEXAS MILK MARKET AT A GLANCE

	REPORTED <u>APR. 1999</u>	REPORTED MAR. 1999	REPORTED <u>APR. 1998</u>
TOTAL UTILIZATION			
CLASSI	55,202,808	57,813,859	55,957,254
CLASS II	7,356,272	7,277,554	7,686,214
CLASS III/III-A	75,189,128	97,649,684	188,711,717
CLOSING INVENTORY (CLASS I, II AND III)	4,087,923	5,685,346	11,617,160
TOTAL UTILIZATION	141,836,131	168,426,443	263,972,345
DAILY CLASS I UTILIZATION	1,840,094	1,864,963	1,865,242
APRDAILY CLASS I COMPARED TO:		- 1.33%	- 1.35%
CLASS I YEAR TO DATE (IN THOUSANDS)	218,978	163,775	222,301
% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	- 1.50%	- 1.55%	26%
TOTAL RECEIPTS			
PRODUCER RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED AS CLASS I	52,022,021	55,064,782	55,047,603
PRODUCER RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED AS CLASS II	5,917,311	6,102,748	6,214,236
PRODUCER RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED AS CLASS III/III-A	73,331,298	96,668,801	152,118,468
TOTAL PRODUCER RECEIPTS	131,270,630	157,836,331	213,380,307
OTHER SOURCE A/	4,877,839	4,924,989	38,531,991
OPENING INVENTORY	5,685,346	5,665,123	12,060,047
OVERAGE	2,316		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	141,836,131	168,426,443	263,972,345
DAILY PRODUCER RECEIPTS	4,375,688	5,091,495	7,112,677
APRDAILY PRODUCER RECEIPTS COMPARED TO:		- 14.06%	- 38.48%
PRODUCER RECEIPTS YEAR TO DATE (IN THOUSANDS)	511,687	380,417	830,368
% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	- 38.38%	- 38.34%	+ 2.62%
AVERAGE BUTTERFAT TEST OF PRODUCER RECEIPTS	3.548%	3.589%	3.529%
% PRODUCER MILK CLASSIFIED AS CLASS I	39.63%	34.89%	25.80%
NUMBER OF PRODUCERS	99	104	166
AVERAGE DAILY DELIVERY PER PRODUCER	44,199	48,957	42,847
NUMBER OF POOL HANDLERS	9	9	14

A/ INCLUDES MILK, SKIM MILK, CREAM AND SKIM EQUIVALENT OF CONCENTRATED SKIM MILK PRODUCTS

THE MARKET ADMINISTRATOR'S **REPORT**

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TEXAS MILK MARKET AT A GLANCE

	REPORTED APR. 1999	REPORTED MAR. 1999	REPORTED <u>APR. 1998</u>
TOTAL UTILIZATION			
CLASS I	280,016,399	283,856,364	264,828,878
CLASS II	126,698,436	77,142,247	120,130,519
CLASS III/III-A	145,652,455	341,464,443	235,338,891
CLOSING INVENTORY (CLASS I, II AND III)	27,850,008	32,713,465	30,868,531
TOTAL UTILIZATION	580,217,298	735,176,519	651,166,819
DAILY CLASS I UTILIZATION	9,333,880	9,156,657	8,827,629
APRDAILY CLASS I COMPARED TO:		+ 1.94%	+ 5.73%
CLASS I YEAR TO DATE (IN THOUSANDS)	1,101,843	821,827	1,072,000
% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	+ 2.78%	+ 1.82%	- 4.86%
TOTAL RECEIPTS			
PRODUCER RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED AS CLASS I	280,932,643	281,905,180	264,054,906
PRODUCER RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED AS CLASS II	114,552,241	65,441,229	110,333,310
PRODUCER RECEIPTS CLASSIFIED AS CLASS III/III-A	134,023,154	331,624,249	224,199,623
TOTAL PRODUCER RECEIPTS	529,508,038	678,970,658	598,587,839
OTHER SOURCE A/	18,276,203	19,473,636	20,563,963
OPENING INVENTORY	32,417,760	36,727,391	32,015,017
OVERAGE	15,297	4,834	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	580,217,298	735,176,519	651,166,819
DAILY PRODUCER RECEIPTS	17,650,268	21,902,279	19,952,928
APRDAILY PRODUCER RECEIPTS COMPARED TO:		- 19.41%	- 11.54%
PRODUCER RECEIPTS YEAR TO DATE (IN THOUSANDS)	2,310,771	1,781,263	2,209,226
% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	+ 4.60%	+ 10.59%	- 6.17%
AVERAGE BUTTERFAT TEST OF PRODUCER RECEIPTS	3.542%	3.587%	3.523%
% PRODUCER MILK CLASSIFIED AS CLASS I	53.06%	41.52%	44.11%
NUMBER OF PRODUCERS	1,391	1,473	1,359
AVERAGE DAILY DELIVERY PER PRODUCER	12,689	14,869	14,682
NUMBER OF POOL HANDLERS	32	35	31

A/ INCLUDES MILK, SKIM MILK, CREAM AND SKIM EQUIVALENT OF CONCENTRATED SKIM MILK PRODUCTS.