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For milk production per cow in 1999, Washington had the highest at 22,409 pounds and Louisiana had the lowest at 11,656 pounds.

A summary of the January pool data for the new federal orders is in Table 3 below. The Upper Midwest and the Northeast orders were the largest in terms of volume. The Florida and Appalachian orders had the highest percent Class I utilization rates. These two orders also had the highest uniform prices. It should be noted that the uniform prices do not reflect any over-order premiums or hauling credits, which can be substantial in specific orders.

USDA also announced the March 2000 Class I and II price information. The Base Class I

price for March 2000 will be \$10.84 per cwt. It is to this price one adds the Class I differential to come up with the Class I price. The advanced Class IV skim milk pricing factor is \$7.71 per cwt and the advanced butterfat pricing factor is \$0.9713 per pound. The Class II skim milk price for March 2000 will be \$8.41 per cwt. The two-week NASS survey prices from February that were used in these calculations were: butter \$0.9105, nonfat dry milk \$1.0104, cheese \$1.1084, and dry whey \$0.1800.

For more information on market and federal order data, see my Penn State Dairy Outlook website at: <http://www.aers.psu.edu/dairyoutlook/>.

## Wenger: Tobacco Money Going To Growers

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.)—Tobacco farmers waiting for payments from the National Tobacco Growers Trust should expect the checks to arrive in under three weeks, according to state Sen. Noah Wenger (R-36), who said the distribution process is under way after several delays.

"The paperwork is done and the checks should go out in two weeks or less," Wenger said, explaining that \$1.6 million is available to the 319 eligible tobacco producers throughout

Pennsylvania. He added that most tobacco growers are located in Lancaster County.

The trust was created as part of the larger federal tobacco settlement, reached between the nation's four cigarette-tobacco companies and 46 states, including Pennsylvania.

"The trust is designed to provide financial assistance to growers who may be negatively impacted by the federal settlement," Wenger said. "It's a much-needed boost for local farmers who relied upon their

tobacco crops as a means of supporting their families."

Farmers who grew cigarette tobacco (Maryland Type 32) in 1998 were eligible, provided they submitted applications for the 1999 payment before the deadline. According to the state Department of Agriculture, 451 growers applied for the funding in 1999.

Table 3. January 2000 Price and Pool Statistics for Federal Milk Marketing Orders

Federal Milk Order Marketing	Order Number	Receipts of Producer Milk		Utilization of Producer Milk in Class I			Uniform Price \$/cwt
		Total Mil. Lbs.	Change 1/ Percent	Total Mil. Lbs.	Change 1/ Percent	Perce	
Northeast (Boston)	1	2,145.7	3.0	905.5	1.1	42	12.35
Appalachian (Charlotte)	5	506.0	2.5	385.9	0.2	76	13.32
Southeast (Atlanta)	7	680.2	21.3	426.0	14.0	63	12.82
Florida (Tampa)	6	255.5	-1.9	224.8	0.2	88	14.37
Midwest (Cleveland)	33	1,123.7	2.2	584.0	0.0	52	11.62
Upper Midwest (Chicago)	30	2,432.6	2.8	351.5	-5.4	14	10.48
Central (Kansas City)	32	1,103.4	13.8	411.7	9.3	37	11.23
Southwest (Dallas)	126	805.1	6.9	339.4	0.7	42	12.01
Arizona-Las Vegas (Phoenix)	131	269.1	11.5	79.0	-8.4	29	11.25
Western (Salt Lake City)	135	322.6	-4.3	83.9	-8.9	26	11.11
Pacific Northwest (Seattle)	124	581.2	2.1	173.7	-1.1	30	11.11
All-Market Average		10,225.0	5.0	3,965.6	1.6	39	11.67

1/ Percent change from the year before.

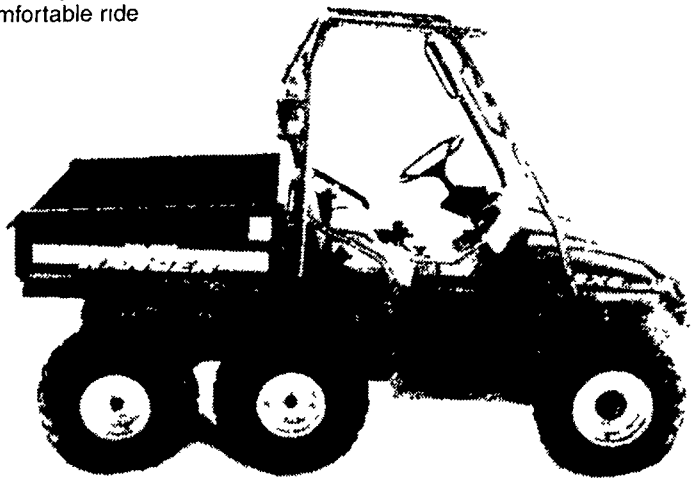
Table 4. Federal Milk Order Class I Price Information for March, 2000

Order Number	Class I Price (3.5% bf) \$/cwt	Class I Skim Milk Price \$/cwt	Class I Butterfat Price \$/lb	
Northeast (Boston)	1	14.09	10.96	1.0038
Appalachian (Charlotte)	5	13.94	10.81	1.0023
Southeast (Atlanta)	7	13.94	10.81	1.0023
Florida (Tampa)	6	14.84	11.71	1.0113
Midwest (Cleveland)	33	12.84	9.71	0.9913
Upper Midwest (Chicago)	30	12.64	9.51	0.9893
Central (Kansas City)	32	12.84	9.71	0.9913
Southwest (Dallas)	126	13.84	10.71	1.0013
Arizona-Las Vegas (Phoenix)	131	13.19	10.06	0.9948
Western (Salt Lake City)	135	12.74	9.61	0.9903
Pacific Northwest (Seattle)	124	12.74	9.61	0.9903
All-Market Average		13.42	10.29	0.9971

Source: Dairy Market News, Vol. 67, Report 08, Feb. 21-25, 2000.

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