

Northeast Order Uniform Price For March 2000 Announced

BOSTON, Mass. — Erik F. Rasmussen, market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Area, has announced that the statistical uniform price for March 2000 is \$12.39 per hundredweight or \$1.07 per gallon for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, Massachusetts (Boston). The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk contain 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks.

Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for March is \$2.85 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. The

PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis. The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant is from Suffolk County, Massachusetts. The March PPD is \$2.75 in New York, New York, and \$2.65 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Class prices for milk pooled in March are as follows: Class I, \$14.09 (Suffolk County, Massachusetts); Class II, \$11.71; Class III, \$9.54; and Class IV, \$11.00. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for March 1999 would have been: Class I, \$15.99; Class II, \$13.47; Class III, \$11.51; and Class IV, \$12.56. The component values

for March are protein, \$1.9166 per pound; butterfat, \$1.0191 per pound; other solids, \$0.0424 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8553 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 2.182 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 42.0 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 42.2 percent in March 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 17.6 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 27.9 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat, and whole milk powder) equaled 12.5 percent of the total.

Highest Protein Pennsylvania DHIA Herds For March

NAME	NO COWS IN MILK	MILK LBS	FAT LBS	FAT PCT	PRO LBS
ADAMS					
SPUNGOLD HOLSTEINS	74.5	27837	1056	3.8	918
C & T DURBORAW	68.8	26055	923	3.5	826
KE-HOLTZ DAIRY	294.6	26403	939	3.6	818
KE-HOLTZ DAIRY 2	10.4	26762	936	3.5	815
LAGGING STREAM FARM	153.3	23772	894	3.8	781
STONER DAIRY	63.9	24335	803	3.3	776
BROWN VALLEY FARM	73.0	22916	885	3.9	752
BEAVER RUN FARMS	139.1	23462	823	3.5	734
R+K CUNNINGHAM	52.7	23365	872	3.7	726
KENNETH H WENGER	154.9	22050	846	3.8	726
KEN/KEHR	129.1	22695	810	3.6	720
BER CRK	84.0	21480	805	3.7	687
BUTTONWOOD FARMS	148.6	21411	787	3.7	685
HILCREST DAIRY	251.8	22080	753	3.4	685
LEROY DEPUTY	144.2	21546	817	3.8	682
ARMSTRONG					
ROY E BOWSER	90.4	24237	765	3.2	778
CLAYHOLM FARM	166.7	23163	855	3.7	771
TE & MARYJEAN GROOMS	66.7	21754	732	3.4	706
MAYPORT HILLS HOLST	53.6	21822	786	3.6	692
SCOTT BOWSER	60.4	21933	765	3.5	688
RON + BETH RUFFANER	52.2	22167	729	3.3	682
DAN PATTON	40.2	21126	737	3.5	678
BEAVER					
BONZO ONE-O-ONE	39.9	28202	1011	3.6	905
DIANE BURRY	21.0	22696	830	3.7	737
EDWARD GINGER PFLUGH	93.0	22118	780	3.5	705
BEDFORD					
ROCKLANE FARM	65.6	30246	975	3.2	960
MARLIN D HEISEY #	77.6	30459	985	3.2	958
ANDY T MOHR	75.5	25460	933	3.7	842
PAUL & DAVID HELSEL#	128.1	24765	969	3.9	806
OBIE SNIDER	192.7	23077	860	3.7	775
HAROLD S ZIMMERMAN	57.8	24807	875	3.5	775
J AND S FARM	66.6	23010	869	3.8	771
MEADOW CREEK FARM	183.1	24304	872	3.6	769
STEVE + JERI RITCHEY	72.5	23645	893	3.8	760
DAVID & STACI MORRAL	64.1	23239	884	3.8	741
MICHAEL STOLTZFUS	66.4	23381	835	3.6	733
GREG & KIM WHITFIELD	75.8	22383	839	3.7	721
SILVERDALE FARM	30.7	22755	821	3.6	716
MARK & LOIS YODER	59.4	21886	822	3.8	705
HERITAGE HILL FARM	96.2	20808	759	3.6	700
BERKS					
JUNGE FARMS INC & RAY	84.7	31734	1219	3.8	1052
ROLLING ACRES FARM	42.3	30584	1034	3.4	977
RING-KUL FARM	47.5	28928	1043	3.6	952
MELVIN M OBERHOLTZER	70.7	29297	923	3.2	943
HIDDENVIEW HOLSTEINS	69.9	27704	967	3.5	888
CARL Z GOOD	60.7	28379	1022	3.6	879
EARL R HAFER & SONS	211.9	26827	899	3.4	878
DON & AMY RICE	94.7	25903	982	3.8	863
FANTASYLANDHOLSTEINS	152.0	26103	895	3.4	838
KIRBYVILLE HOLSTEINS	68.4	25350	898	3.5	831

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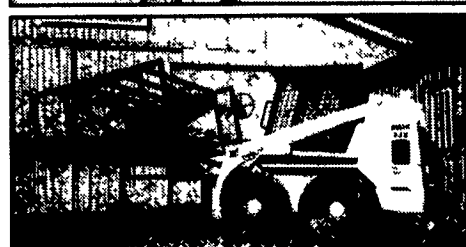
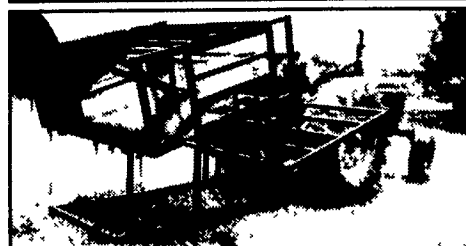
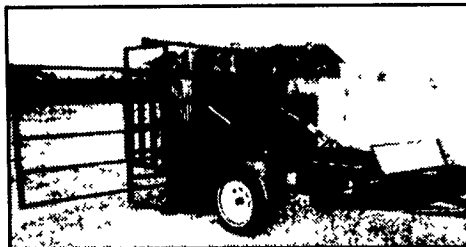
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