

Fluid Milk and Cream - Central U.S.

Report 17 - Released on April 26, 2018

Fluid milk output in the Central region is expected to increase further, as the snowstorms and cold of last week have been replaced by generally mild and preferred cow comfort conditions. Contacts take different views on the effect spring flush will bring. Some suggest a few weeks of markedly heavier supplies, while others point out that spring flush is noticeably less evident in recent years, with year round milkfat and protein uptrends and amplified milk-per-cow output. Bottlers are taking on some of the current milk flow, although milk suppliers are concerned about the imminent summer vacation. Particularly, because some Midwestern cheesemakers are taking a step back from the spot milk market, even with discounts as low as \$4 under Class. Cream is available for all uses. Wintery weather blanketed a lot of the region last week, so ice cream manufacturers are facing delays on their production schedules. That said, cream buyers and sellers are fully aware that cream multiples into the 1.30s are right around the corner.

The DMN National Retail Report-Dairy for April 20-26 noted the national weighted average advertised price for one gallon of milk was \$2.42, up 7 cents from last week, but 2 cents lower than a year ago. The weighted average regional prices in the Midwest and South Central were \$2.38 and \$2.07, respectively.

Midwestern U.S., F.O.B. Cream

Multiples Range - All Classes:	1.1700 - 1.2500
Price Range - Class II; \$/LB Butterfat:	2.7618 - 2.8769
Multiples Range - Class II:	1.2000 - 1.2500

Information for the period April 23 - 27, 2018, issued weekly

Secondary Sourced Information:

The NASS Milk Production report noted March 2018 milk production in the 23 selected states was 17.8 billion pounds, 1.5 percent above a year ago. Milk cows in the 23 selected states totaled 8.7 million head, 29,000 head more than a year ago. The following table shows Central states included in the report and the monthly milk production changes compared to a year ago:

March 2018 Milk Production, (USDA-NASS)

	(Million Lb.)	% Change From 1 Year Ago
Illinois	174	+ 0.6
Indiana	379	+ 2.2
Iowa	450	+ 1.8
Kansas	314	+ 1.0
Michigan	971	+ 0.8
Minnesota	842	- 1.1
Ohio	486	- 0.6
South Dakota	226	+ 0.9
Texas	1,116	+ 4.8
Wisconsin	2,599	---

Published by:

Dairy Market News - Madison, WI
ISRAEL WEBER, 608-422-8601
Email: israel.weber@ams.usda.gov

Additional Dairy Market News Information:

Dairy Market News (DMN) by Phone: (608)422-8602

DMN Website: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/dairy>

DMN Database Portal: <http://www.marketnews.usda.gov/mnp/da-home>