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Fluid Milk and Cream - Central U.S.

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The Memorial Day weekend heatwave is the topic of the week for Central region contacts. Although midweek temperatures have cooled a bit in the Midwest, the general perspective is that spring flush was short lived and milk production is expected to dwindle near term. That said, this week milk for all uses was widely available. Wheat harvest has begun in some areas of the southern Central region, but hail and windstorms have interrupted progress and damaged what was already a questionable yield. In the upper Midwest, corn farmers are breathing a sigh of relief as they found some dry and warmer days to plant. Fluid milk bottlers are facing added pressures of late, including, but not limited to, school breaks and trucking shortages. Cheesemakers are taking advantage of the surplus as Class III milk prices were reported at \$5 under. More cheese producers relayed taking on spot milk loads this week. Cream availability varied from the upper Midwest down to the southern Central region, but post-holiday cream prices shifted up on the bottom and down on the top, as the range has tightened week over week. Ice cream manufacturers are reportedly in the cream buying mix, but remain a little more cautious in cream purchasing than expected.

The DMN National Retail Report-Dairy May 25-31 noted the national weighted average advertised price for one gallon of milk was \$2.81, up 25 cents from last week, but 65 cents lower than a year ago. The weighted average regional prices in the Midwest and South Central were \$2.50 and \$2.99, respectively.

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

Multiples Range - All Classes:	1.2100 - 1.2500
Price Range - Class II; \$/LB Butterfat:	2.9494 - 3.0219
Multiples Range - Class II:	1.2200 - 1.2500

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