

## Fluid Milk and Cream - Central U.S.

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Farm milk output is on a seasonal decline in recent weeks. Heat and humidity from the lower to northerly portion of the region have dairy farmers reporting lower milk-per-cow yields, in some cases noticeably. Also, higher heat and more water usage on farms have component levels lower. Class I sales remain sluggish. Schools have yet to get started on orders for the fall semester, but in the southern portion some bottlers are prepping for that soon. Even with the decline in overall milk availability, cheesemakers are active on the spot milk market and, in some cases, still finding discounts. These discounts vary widely by location. In eastern portions of the Central region, discounts are nonexistent. Cream availability is mirroring milk's, and declining, particularly in the upper Midwest. In the Southern area of the region, cream is still making its way into butter plants. Ice cream production has picked up alongside the temperatures, therefore Upper Midwestern spot cream prices are generally out of reach for butter makers there. Field reports vary widely. Some Wisconsin and Iowa contacts suggest corn is beginning to look fairly healthy there, and if there is not an early frost, yields could be much better than anticipated with the later planting this year.

## National Retail Report Dairy ± Fluid Milk Summary

Advertised Prices at Major Retail Supermarket Outlets ending during the period of 7/12/19 to 7/18/2019

Half Gallon, All Fat Tests	Weighted Average Price		
	This Period	Last Week	Last Year
National			
Conventional	\$2.17	\$1.71	\$2.60
Organic	\$3.82	\$4.33	\$3.70
Regional (Conventional)	Wtd. Ave.	Low	High
Midwest	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50
Northeast	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.50
South Central	\$1.89	\$1.89	\$1.89
Southeast	\$2.99	\$2.99	\$2.99
Regional (Organic)	Wtd. Ave.	Low	High
Midwest	\$2.99	\$2.99	\$2.99
Northeast	\$4.47	\$3.49	\$5.99
Northwest	\$3.19	\$2.50	\$3.49
South Central	\$3.99	\$3.99	\$3.99
Southeast	\$3.79	\$3.79	\$3.79
Southwest	\$3.78	\$2.99	\$4.99
Gallon, All Fat Tests	Weighted Average Price		
National	This Period	Last Week	Last Year
Conventional	\$2.69	\$1.95	\$3.06
Organic	\$6.35	\$5.58	n.a.
Regional (Conventional)	Wtd. Ave.	Low	High
Midwest	\$2.19	\$2.19	\$2.19
Northwest	\$2.44	\$1.99	\$2.99
South Central	\$3.29	\$3.29	\$3.29
Southeast	\$3.99	\$3.99	\$3.99
Regional (Organic)	Wtd. Ave.	Low	High
Northeast	\$6.99	\$6.99	\$6.99
Southeast	\$5.43	\$4.99	\$6.99

Price Range - Class III Milk; \$/CWT; Spot Basis: - 1.25 - + 0.75

Trade Activity: Moderate

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

Multiples Range - All Classes:	1.2000 - 1.3800
Price Range - Class II; \$/LB Butterfat:	3.1246 - 3.3168
Multiples Range - Class II:	1.3000 - 1.3800

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