



Fluid Milk and Cream - Central U.S.

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Farm level milk output is steady in the Central region this week. Some contacts are concerned about warmer temperatures affecting cow comfort, particularly in the Midwest. Class I demand is softening in the area, with many educational institutions in summer break and other institutions dwindling orders prior to the break. Class II demand is strengthening, particularly for cream. Ice cream makers are purchasing spot loads of cream to bolster production. Class III demand for milk is steady to strong. Contacts in the Midwest mention contract loads are mostly sufficient for current production schedules, while cheese makers in the Southwest are looking for spot milk. Class III spot milk prices are down slightly and range from \$7-under to Flat Class price. Many cheesemakers are struggling with finding condensed skim and ultra filtered milk to fortify solid levels in cheese. Class IV demand is steady. Spot cream is not readily available for butter makers in the region, as Class II manufacturers are purchasing the majority of spot loads at a premium. Some manufacturers are purchasing spot cream from other regions to keep churns full.

Central U.S. Milk Spot Basis

Freight	Commodity		Low Price	High Price	Trade Activity	
F.O.B.	Milk	Class III	\$ Per CWT	-7.00	0.00	Moderate

Midwest U.S. Cream Spot Basis

Freight	Commodity		Low Price	High Price	Trade Activity	
F.O.B.	Cream	All Classes	Multiples Range	1.0500	1.3500	
F.O.B.	Cream	All Classes	\$/LB Butterfat	1.7771	2.2849	
F.O.B.	Cream	Class II	Multiples Range	1.1500	1.3500	
F.O.B.	Cream	Class II	\$/LB Butterfat	1.9464	2.2849	

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