



Fluid Milk and Cream - Central U.S.

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Milk production is strong in the Central region, though contacts anticipate higher temperatures to negatively impact output in the coming weeks. Demand for Class I milk is soft, and contacts say milk previously heading to bottling plants is being purchased by Class II and Class IV processors. Demand for Class II milk is strong. Ice cream makers are running busy production schedules as they prepare for strong summer demand. Class III demand is steady, but there are few spot loads of milk heading to cheese plants this week. Cheesemakers report fewer plants had downtime and were offering spot milk this week. Spot prices for Class III milk traded at a slightly higher range this week, ranging from \$2-under to \$0.50-over Class. Demand for Class IV milk is unchanged. Cream production is declining, as warmer temperatures contribute to reduced milk component levels. Class II processors are purchasing most of the cream available in the region. Some butter makers searching for spot cream are securing loads from the West to maintain full production schedules.

Central U.S. Milk Spot Basis

Freight	Commodity		Low Price	High Price	Trade Activity	
F.O.B.	Milk	Class III	\$ Per CWT	-2.00	0.50	Slow

Midwest U.S. Cream Spot Basis

Freight	Commodity		Low Price	High Price	Trade Activity	
F.O.B.	Cream	All Classes	Multiples Range	1.1000	1.4200	
F.O.B.	Cream	All Classes	\$/LB Butterfat	1.8332	2.3664	
F.O.B.	Cream	Class II	Multiples Range	1.2000	1.4200	
F.O.B.	Cream	Class II	\$/LB Butterfat	1.9998	2.3664	

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