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Summer heat continues to negatively impact milk output in the Central region. Some contacts report that downtime at plants is leaving some spot milk available in local markets but offers are lighter overall this week. Demand for Class I milk is steady to lighter, as some plants in the region have unplanned downtime this week. Demand is strong for Classes II and IV. Some cheesemakers in the region say they are looking for additional spot milk, to maintain full production schedules while milk output continues to decline in the region. Class III spot milk offers are limited, though some plant managers say they continue to secure spot volumes at discounted prices from nearby plants with downtime. Class III spot milk prices range from \$2-under to \$5-over this week. Milk component levels are declining, negatively impacting cream production. Class II processors are securing most spot cream in the market, but contacts say spot offers are lighter this week. Some butter makers are searching for spot volumes of cream to keep churns active. Butter production is steady to lighter.

Central U.S. Milk Spot Basis						
Freight	Commodity			Low Price	High Price	Trade Activity
F.O.B.	Milk	Class III	\$ Per CWT	-2.00	5.00	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	1.4000	
F.O.B.	Cream	All Classes	\$/LB Butterfat	1.8150	2.3100	
F.O.B.	Cream	Class II	Multiples Range	1.3000	1.4000	
F.O.B.	Cream	Class II	\$/LB Butterfat	2.1450	2.3100	

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