



Wisconsin - Milk Prices

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April Milk Prices

Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$17.70 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in March 2012, down \$3.40 from March 2011. The April 2012 price is expected to decrease 10 cents, to \$17.60 per cwt.

The expected U.S. milk price for April is \$16.90 per cwt., 30 cents lower than last month and 70 cents lower than Wisconsin's expected April price. All states except Idaho are anticipating a price decrease from March to April. Idaho's price, at \$16.70 per cwt., is expected to remain steady from March to April.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.5350 per pound on May 1, while barrels were \$1.4650 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.3550 per pound.

For the week ending April 21, 2012, the Agricultural Marketing Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.5041 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.4891 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.4408 pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for April will be released on May 2.

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Selected states	March 2011		March 2012		April 2012	
	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test	Price per cwt.	Fat test
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
Milk for all uses						
WI	21.10	3.75	17.70	3.73	17.60	3.71
CA	18.42	3.75	15.51	3.69	15.00	3.65
ID	18.70	3.73	16.70	3.65	16.70	3.62
MI	21.10	3.70	17.90	3.67	17.50	3.63
MN	20.90	3.77	18.00	3.82	17.80	3.78
NM	20.20	3.63	15.90	3.53	15.70	3.45
NY	21.30	3.79	18.40	3.74	17.80	3.72
PA	22.00	3.80	19.00	3.72	18.60	3.70
TX	21.60	3.82	17.20	3.75	17.00	3.70
US	20.40	3.75	17.20	3.70	16.90	3.67

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. All milk price published by NASS reflects the gross milk price received by farmers. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.