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WISCONSIN - MILK PRICES

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April Milk Prices

Wisconsin farmers received an average price of $19.40 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in March 2013, up $1.70 from March 2012 according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service *Agricultural Prices Report*. The April 2013 price is expected to increase 30 cents to $19.70 per cwt.

The expected U.S. milk price for March is $19.10 per cwt., 30 cents lower than Wisconsin's expected March price. Eleven of the major milk producing states are anticipating an increase in price from March to April, while 9 are expecting a decrease and 3 are expecting no change. California is predicting the largest increase in price, rising 89 cents to $18.40 per cwt. Idaho and Minnesota are both anticipated to be up 40 cents per cwt. On the other hand, Michigan's price is expected to fall 30 cents to $19.40 per cwt.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at $1.6600 per pound on April 30, while barrels were $1.8850 per pound. The CME butter price was $1.6900 per pound.

For the week ending April 20, 2013, the Agricultural Marketing Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged $1.7616 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged $1.7208 per pound. The U.S. butter price was $1.6948 pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for March will be released on May 1.

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Selected states	March 2012		March 2013		April 2013	
	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	**17.70**	**3.73**	**19.40**	**3.84**	**19.70**	**3.81**
CA	15.51	3.69	17.51	3.74	18.40	3.67
ID	16.70	3.65	18.30	3.80	18.70	3.75
MI	17.90	3.67	19.70	3.78	19.40	3.74
MN	18.00	3.82	19.50	3.93	19.90	3.89
NM	15.90	3.74	17.80	3.62	17.80	3.55
NY	18.40	3.72	20.40	3.78	20.20	3.74
PA	19.00	3.75	20.70	3.79	20.50	3.75
TX	17.20	3.73	19.40	3.87	19.20	3.80
US	17.20	3.70	19.10	3.79	19.30	3.74

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.