

## September Milk Prices

Wisconsin's September milk price is expected to average \$17.30 per hundredweight (cwt.). This price is \$1.10 lower than August's price of \$18.40, and \$4.10 less than September 2007.

The expected U.S. milk price for September, at \$18.00, is down 40 cents from August, but is 70 cents above Wisconsin's price. With the exception of California and Minnesota, all of the major milk producing states showed a decline in prices from August to September. California's price rose 15 cents to \$17.10 per cwt., but still had the second-lowest price in the nation. Minnesota's price, at \$18.50 per cwt., was unchanged from last month.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block price closed at \$1.9325 per pound on September 29, while barrels were \$1.9100 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.7650 per pound.

For the week ending September 20, the National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.7686 per pound and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.7702 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.6391 per pound.

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Class III price for August will be released on October 3.

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Selected states	August 2007		August 2008		September 2008	
	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test	Price per cwt.	Fat Test
Milk for all uses	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
WI	20.80	3.56	18.40	3.59	17.30	3.67
CA	20.61	3.57	16.95	3.57	17.10	3.64
ID	19.50	3.49	16.50	3.50	15.80	3.60
MI	22.80	3.50	19.50	3.49	18.90	3.56
MN	20.80	3.58	18.50	3.63	18.50	3.71
NM	21.40	3.52	17.70	3.51	17.60	3.53
NY	22.70	3.58	19.10	3.62	18.50	3.65
PA	23.70	3.60	20.50	3.60	19.90	3.60
TX	22.50	3.63	19.20	3.63	18.50	3.69
US	21.60	3.56	18.40	3.57	18.00	3.63
WI utilization						
Grade A milk	20.90	3.56	18.50	3.59	XXX	XXX
Grade B milk	19.20	3.59	16.70	3.64	XXX	XXX

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.