



Wisconsin Ag News – Milk Prices

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Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$17.20 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in December 2015 according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service *Agricultural Prices* report. This was \$1.00 lower than last month and \$3.50 lower than last December’s price.

The U.S. milk price for December was \$17.20 per cwt, the same as Wisconsin’s price and \$1.00 lower than the November U.S. price. All of the 23 major milk producing states had a decrease in price from November to December. New Mexico was down \$1.50 per cwt. to \$16.00, while Michigan and Texas were both down \$1.30 per cwt, to \$16.50 and \$17.80, respectively.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.4600 per pound on January 29, while barrels were \$1.4300 per pound. The CME butter price was \$2.2200 per pound.

For the week ending January 23, 2016, the Agricultural Marketing Service U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.4997 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.5626 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$2.1117 per pound.

Prices Received for All Milk – Selected States and United States: December 2015 with Comparisons

[Before deduction for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.]

State	December 2014		November 2015		December 2015	
	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test
	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)
California	17.90	3.81	16.12	3.82	15.82	3.88
Idaho	19.40	3.92	17.60	3.97	16.70	4.02
Michigan	20.50	3.78	17.80	3.75	16.50	3.74
Minnesota	20.50	3.96	17.70	4.00	17.00	4.01
New Mexico	19.40	3.70	17.50	3.72	16.00	3.78
New York	22.30	3.90	20.00	3.88	18.80	3.86
Pennsylvania	22.60	3.86	20.30	3.85	19.20	3.85
Texas	20.70	4.00	19.10	4.04	17.80	4.08
Wisconsin	20.70	3.85	18.20	3.85	17.20	3.85
United States	20.40	3.86	18.20	3.87	17.20	3.89