



# Wisconsin Ag News – Milk Prices

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Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$15.80 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in March 2016 according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service *Agricultural Prices* report. This was 30 cents lower than last month and \$1.80 lower than last March's price. This is the lowest monthly milk price since July 2010 when the prices was \$15.20 per cwt.

The U.S. milk price for March was \$15.30 per cwt, 50 cents lower than Wisconsin's price and 40 cents lower than the February U.S. price. Twenty-one of the 23 major milk producing states had a decrease in price from February to March, while two states, New Mexico and Texas, had no change in price. Pennsylvania had the greatest decrease in price, down 80 cents to \$16.30 per cwt.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange\* (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.3700 per pound on April 29, while barrels were \$1.4125 per pound. The CME butter price was \$2.1200 per pound.

For the week ending April 23, 2016, the Agricultural Marketing Service\* U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.4714 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.4716 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$2.0884 per pound.

## Prices Received for All Milk – Selected States and United States: March 2016 with Comparisons

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

State	March 2015		February 2016		March 2016	
	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test
	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)
California .....	14.92	3.70	14.32	3.78	14.13	3.75
Idaho .....	16.30	3.80	15.70	3.92	15.00	3.86
Michigan .....	16.20	3.75	14.80	3.74	14.10	3.70
Minnesota .....	17.40	3.91	16.10	3.98	15.80	3.95
New Mexico .....	15.70	3.62	14.60	3.66	14.60	3.59
New York .....	17.60	3.87	16.70	3.90	16.20	3.86
Pennsylvania .....	17.90	3.81	17.10	3.89	16.30	3.83
Texas .....	17.20	3.93	16.00	3.98	16.00	3.94
<b>Wisconsin .....</b>	<b>17.60</b>	<b>3.81</b>	<b>16.10</b>	<b>3.85</b>	<b>15.80</b>	<b>3.81</b>
United States .....	16.60	3.78	15.70	3.84	15.30	3.80

\* Links to data are available at [www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/dairy](http://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/dairy).