



Wisconsin Ag News – Milk Prices

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Wisconsin farmers received an average price of \$17.90 per hundredweight (cwt.) for their milk in September 2016 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Agricultural Prices* report. This was 10 cents lower than last month and the same as last September’s price.

The U.S. milk price for September was \$17.30 per cwt, 60 cents lower than Wisconsin’s price but 20 cents higher than the August U.S. price. Seventeen of the 23 major milk producing states had an increase in price from August, five states had a decrease, and one state, Oregon, had no change in price. The largest price decrease occurred in South Dakota, down 50 cents from last month, but California had the lowest price in the nation at \$15.74 per cwt.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange* (CME) 40-pound block cheese price closed at \$1.7700 per pound on October 31, while barrels were \$1.7300 per pound. The CME butter price was \$1.8975 per pound.

For the week ending October 22, 2016, the Agricultural Marketing Service* U.S. weekly 40-pound block cheese price averaged \$1.5644 per pound, and 500 pound barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.5250 per pound. The U.S. butter price was \$1.8405 per pound.

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

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

State	September 2015		August 2016		September 2016	
	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test	Price	Fat test
	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)	(dollars per cwt)	(percent)
California	15.72	3.68	15.96	3.67	15.74	3.72
Idaho	16.90	3.79	17.30	3.72	17.20	3.86
Michigan	17.20	3.59	15.60	3.53	16.20	3.58
Minnesota	17.80	3.81	18.20	3.79	17.90	3.89
New Mexico	16.60	3.45	16.50	3.48	16.80	3.60
New York	18.60	3.70	17.30	3.65	17.80	3.71
Pennsylvania	18.90	3.67	17.50	3.62	17.90	3.70
Texas	18.20	3.79	17.90	3.84	18.60	3.96
Wisconsin	17.90	3.69	18.00	3.62	17.90	3.73
United States	17.50	3.69	17.10	3.66	17.30	3.74

* Links to data are available at www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/dairy.