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December Pool Price Calculation

The December 2025 statistical uniform price (SUP) for the Northeast Marketing Area was announced at \$17.67 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, Massachusetts (Boston), the pricing point for the Northeast Order. The statistical uniform price is calculated at 3.5 percent butterfat, 3.18 percent protein, and 5.79 percent other solids. If reported at the average tests of producer pooled milk, the SUP would be \$19.86 per hundredweight. The December statistical uniform price was \$1.49 per hundredweight below the November price. The December producer price differential (PPD) at Suffolk County was \$1.81 per hundredweight, an increase of \$1.64 from the previous month.

Product Prices Effect

Commodity prices for December: the butter price fell 11 cents, the nonfat dry milk price decreased 1 cent, dry whey was up 5 cents, and the cheese price decreased 21 cents, all on a per pound basis. The commodity price changes translated to a 13-cent decrease in the butterfat price, a 1-cent decrease in the nonfat solids price, a 5-cent increase in the other solids price, and a 56-cent drop in the protein price, all on a per pound basis.

Class Prices for December: Class I, based on prices in November, rose \$1.46; Class II decreased 13 cents; Class III fell \$1.32; and Class IV decreased 25 cents, all on a per hundredweight basis. The decrease in the Class III price and the increase in the Class I price, both changing by over a dollar, resulted in a higher PPD than in November. With the notable increase in the PPD being greater than the decrease in the Class III price, the SUP experienced a modest 32 cents per hundredweight increase from the previous month.

Selected Statistics

The total producer receipts, Class II utilization, and average daily delivery per producer were the highest volumes in the Northeast Order for the month of December since the creation of the Order; Class I utilization was the highest volume for December in three years. The average producer butterfat and protein tests set new record highs for the Northeast Order. The average producer butterfat was 0.13 percentage points higher than the previous year, and the average producer protein test was 0.07 percentage points higher. ❖

Pool Summary

- A total of 7,142 producers were pooled under the Order with an average daily delivery per producer of 10,433 pounds.
- Pooled milk receipts totaled 2.293 billion pounds, an increase of 0.2 percent from last month on an average daily basis.
- Class I usage (milk for bottling) accounted for 30.1 percent of total milk receipts, up 0.8 percentage points from November.
- The average butterfat test of producer receipts was 4.56 percent.
- The average true protein test of producer receipts was 3.40 percent.
- The average other solids test of producer receipts was 5.76 percent.

Class Utilization

Pooled Milk	Percent	Pounds
Class I	30.1	691,004,875
Class II	25.2	578,237,874
Class III	29.3	670,746,513
Class IV	15.4	352,803,330
Total Pooled Milk		2,292,792,592

Producer Component Prices

	2025	2024
	\$/lb	
Protein Price	2.4563	1.9637
Butterfat Price	1.5761	2.9104
Other Solids Price	0.4352	0.4493

Class Prices

	2025	2024
	\$/cwt	
Class I	23.31	24.68
Class II	14.41	21.28
Class III	15.86	18.62
Class IV	13.64	20.74

Annual Summary 2025

Total milk received from producers equaled 27.6 billion pounds in 2025, up 2.8 percent from 2024, adjusted for leap year. The annual average volume per producer continued to set record-highs, at the second highest rate than since Order formation and rose 633 pounds from the previous year, topping 10,000 pounds for every month during 2025. The year ended with 7,089 producers, a drop of 270 from December 2024; the decrease was 281 the previous year.

Based on the most recent USDA's *World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates* for U.S. milk production, total U.S. milk production for 2025 was 2.8 percent more than in 2024, adjusted for leap year. Milk per cow is estimated to finish about 1.2 percent higher in 2024 and cow numbers are projected to finish 1.6 percent above the previous year.

The Statistical uniform price started the year only 34 cents per hundredweight above the end of 2024 and finished the year \$4.14 per hundredweight below the start.

The accompanying table compares selected pool statistics for 2024 and 2025; percent changes in pounds have been adjusted for leap year. The chart shows annual average utilization by class for the past 10 years.

Class Utilization Changes

The volume of milk used for Class I purposes declined 42 million pounds (0.3 percent) from the previous year, compared to a drop of 0.7 percent in 2024. All class volume comparisons have been adjusted for leap year. Class I utilization averaged 28.2 percent in 2025, down 0.9 percentage points from 2024. The total volume of producer receipts used in Class II increased 730 million pounds (11.0 percent); it dropped 1.8 percent in 2024, but in 2025 it set a record high in usage. Class II utilization averaged 27.4 percent, up 2.0 percentage points.

Class III volume increased 0.9 percent and surpassed the record set in 2024 by 49 million pounds; utilization averaged 30.1 percent, down 0.6 percentage points from 2024. The category that includes cheddar cheese had the most growth, followed by American. The amount of milk used in Class IV decreased 1.3 percent and accounted for an annual average of 14.3 percent utilization, a decrease of 0.6 percentage points. A notable decrease occurred in milk utilized in dried milk products, which is largely used to make nonfat dry milk.

Prices Lower Than in 2024

Commodity Prices - National Dairy Product Sales Report (NDPSR) butter prices dropped 23.1 percent from 2024 and averaged \$2.2202 per pound. NDPSR cheese prices averaged \$1.7878 per pound, a decrease of 4.1 percent.

The NDPSR nonfat dry milk price decreased 0.6 percent from 2024, averaging \$1.2348 per pound. Dry whey prices

Northeast Order Pool Statistics, 2024–2025

Pool Statistics	2024	2025	2024-25
	million pounds		Change
			percent
Class I	7,829.1	7,786.7	(0.3)
Class II	6,835.1	7,565.1	11.0
Class III	8,267.0	8,316.7	0.9
Class IV	4,017.5	3,955.9	(1.3)
Total	26,948.7	27,624.4	2.8
	pounds		
DDP	9,877	10,510	6.4
	utilization percentage		change
Class I	29.0	28.2	(0.8)
Class II	25.4	27.4	2.0
Class III	30.7	30.1	(0.6)
Class IV	14.9	14.3	(0.6)
	dollars/cwt		percent
Class I	23.60	23.27	(1.4)
Class II	21.34	18.33	(14.1)
Class III	18.89	18.01	(4.7)
Class IV	20.75	17.38	(16.2)
SUP	21.44	19.74	(7.9)
Producer Component:			
Tests:	percent		change
Butterfat	4.22	4.34	0.12
Protein	3.21	3.27	0.06
Other Solids	5.78	5.78	0.00
Prices:	dollars/lb		percent
Butterfat	3.2885	2.4416	(25.8)
Protein	1.8961	2.4495	29.2
Other Solids	0.3010	0.3677	22.2
Nonfat Solids	1.0635	1.0150	(4.6)

jumped 21.2 percent from the previous year and averaged \$0.5956 per pound.

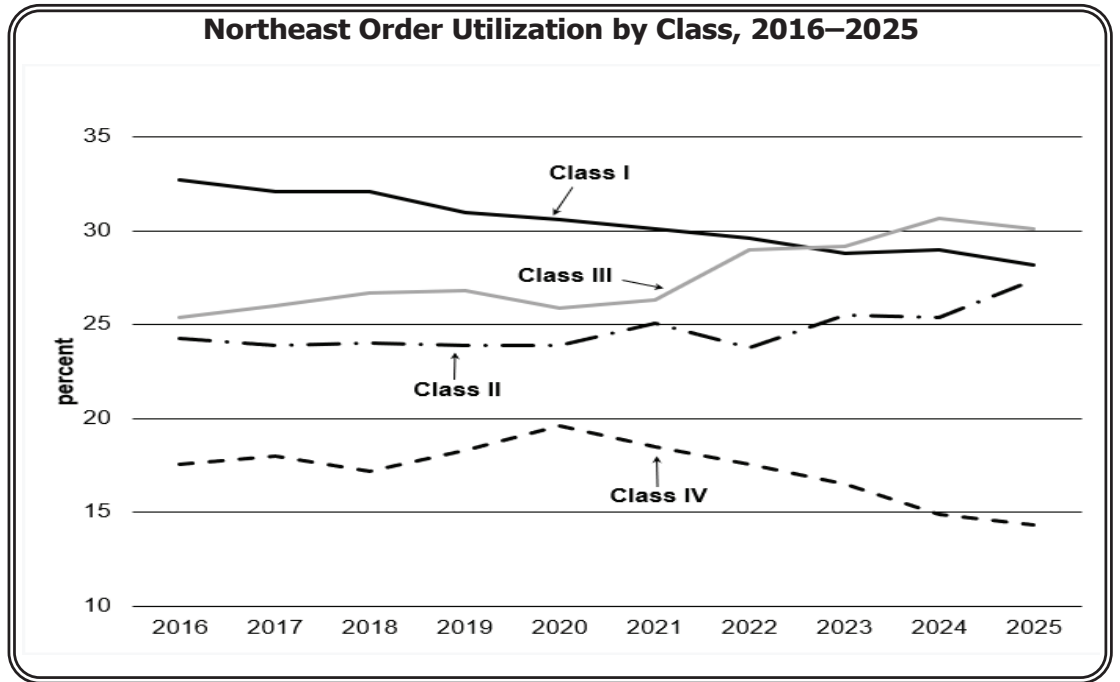
Component Prices - The price paid to producers for butterfat averaged \$2.4416 per pound, down 25.8 percent from 2024 and the lowest average price of the past few years. The annual average protein price was \$2.4495 per pound, up 29.2 percent from the previous year's average. The other solids price averaged \$0.3677 per pound, a jump of 22.2 percent from 2024. The nonfat solids price averaged \$1.0150 per pound, a decrease of 4.6 percent from the previous year.

Class Prices - Annual average class prices were notably lower than in 2024 for all classes. The Class I price declined 1.4 percent and averaged \$23.27 per hundredweight. The Class II price averaged \$18.33 per hundredweight, a decrease of 14.1 percent from the previous year. The Class III price averaged \$18.01, a decrease of 4.7 percent

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Annual Summary (continued from page 2)

from 2024. The Class IV price averaged \$17.38, dropping 16.2 percent. Overall, the statistical uniform price (blend) reported at Suffolk County, Massachusetts (Boston) averaged \$19.74 per hundredweight, 7.9 percent below the 2024 average. The producer price differential (PPD) averaged \$1.73 per hundredweight (at Boston) for the year, 82 cents below the 2024 average.



Producer Tests

The annual average producer butterfat test equaled 4.34 percent in 2025, a jump of 0.12 percentage points from 2024. Monthly record-highs were set each month and ranged from 0.08 to 0.15 percentage points above the previous monthly record. A new Order high was set in December at 4.56 percent. The annual average producer protein

test was 3.27 percent, up 0.06 percentage points from the previous year. Monthly record-highs were set in every months of 2025 and a new Order high was set in December at 3.40 percent. The producer other solids test averaged 5.78 percent, matching the average of 2024. Despite no increase in yearly average, a new Order high was set in March at 5.81 percent. ❖

Pool Summary for All Federal Orders, January-December, 2024-2025

Federal Order Number	Federal Order Name	Total Producer Milk*			Producer Price Differential#		Statistical Uniform Price#	
		2024	2025	Change [^]	2024	2025	2024	2025
		pounds			percent		dollars per hundredweight	
1	Northeast	26,948,712,351	27,624,405,809	2.8	2.55	1.73	21.44	19.74
5	Appalachian	5,300,667,946	5,088,339,140	(3.7)	N/A	N/A	22.92	22.19
6	Florida	2,524,345,055	2,510,990,711	(0.3)	N/A	N/A	24.86	23.64
7	Southeast	3,497,490,523	3,434,853,878	(1.5)	N/A	N/A	23.47	22.61
30	Upper Midwest	28,285,111,239	24,807,603,242	(12.1)	0.20	0.21	19.09	18.22
32	Central	14,607,816,361	13,959,995,647	(4.2)	0.87	0.51	19.76	18.52
33	Mideast	18,182,080,614	20,705,236,081	14.2	1.35	0.91	20.25	18.92
51	California	23,223,944,567	26,675,467,132	15.2	0.85	0.10	19.74	18.07
124	Pacific Northwest	7,230,698,879	6,759,499,417	(6.3)	1.06	0.18	19.95	18.19
126	Southwest	12,641,415,510	12,959,604,891	2.8	1.48	0.87	20.37	18.88
131	Arizona	4,186,100,891	4,223,996,551	1.2	N/A	N/A	20.87	18.89
All Market Total/Average		146,628,383,936	148,749,992,499	1.7	1.19	0.65	21.16	19.81

Price at designated order location. Simple average.

[^] Adjusted for leap year.

N/A = Not applicable.

* Data may not be comparable to previous years due to significant volumes of milk not pooled on federal orders.



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Computation of Producer Price Differential and Statistical Uniform Price*

COMPUTATION OF PRODUCER PRICE DIFFERENTIAL

		Product Pounds	Price per cwt. / lb.	Component Value	Total Value
Class I	Skim Milk	673,649,429	\$17.84	\$120,179,058.13	
	Butterfat	17,355,446	1.7424	30,240,129.11	
Less:	Location Adjustment to Handlers			(5,032,830.23)	\$145,386,357.01
Class II	Butterfat	36,217,506	1.5831	57,335,933.78	
	Nonfat Solids	52,069,667	0.9882	51,455,244.93	108,791,178.71
Class III	Butterfat	31,933,617	1.5761	50,330,573.79	
	Protein	22,856,639	2.4563	56,142,762.38	
	Other Solids	38,593,786	0.4352	16,796,015.67	123,269,351.84
Class IV	Butterfat	19,152,552	1.5761	30,186,337.21	
	Nonfat Solids	32,045,886	0.9057	29,023,958.92	59,210,296.13
Total Classified Value					\$436,657,183.69
Add:	Value for 60(e) through 60(i)				(1,320,813.55)
	Other Source Receipts	438,244			
Total Pool Value					\$435,336,370.14
Less:	Value of Producer Butterfat	104,659,121	1.5761	(164,953,240.67)	
	Value of Producer Protein	77,964,419	2.4563	(191,504,002.37)	
	Value of Producer Other Solids	132,033,304	0.4352	(57,460,893.96)	(413,918,137.00)
Total PPD Value before Adjustments					\$21,418,233.14
Add:	Location Adjustment to Producers				20,252,020.81
	One-half Unobligated Balance - Producer Settlement Fund				868,318.80
Less:	Producer Settlement Fund - Reserve				(1,032,752.86)
Total Pool Milk & PPD Value					\$41,505,819.89
	Producer Price Differential		\$1.81		
	Statistical Uniform Price		\$17.67		