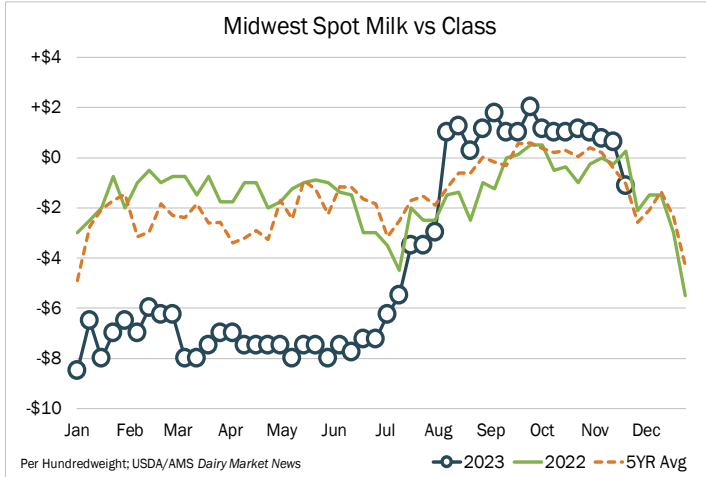
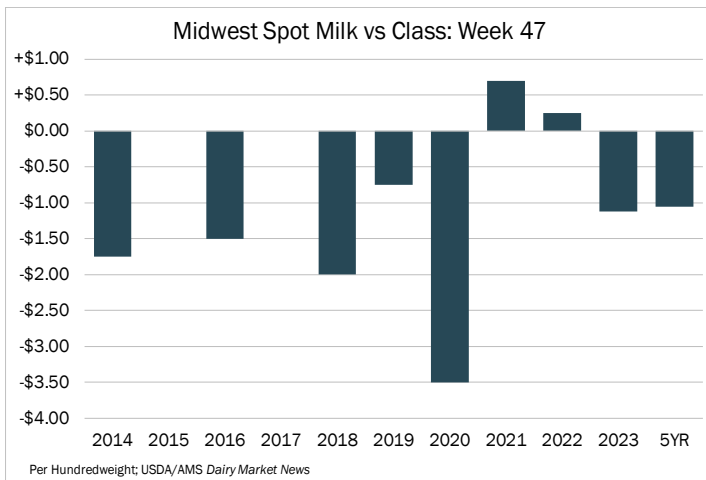


# MILK PREMIUMS

November 22, 2023

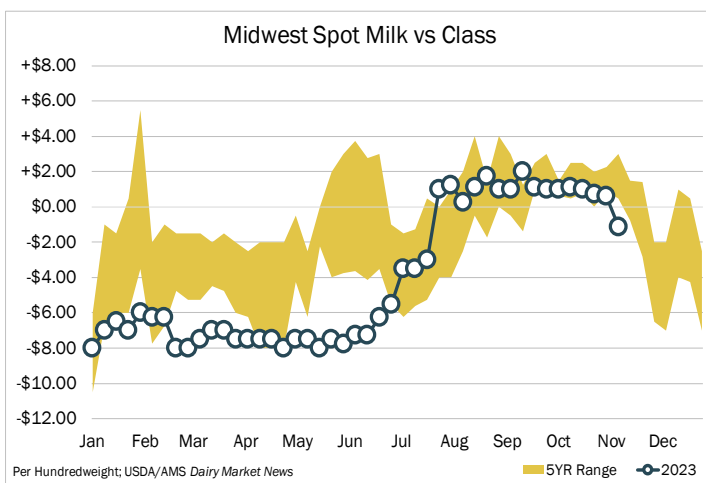


Midwest Spot			
	Low	High	Midpoint
This Week	-\$2.50	+\$0.25	-\$1.13
Last Week	+\$0.25	+\$1.00	+\$0.63
Last Year	-\$0.50	+\$1.00	+\$0.25
5-Year Avg	-\$5.00	+\$1.00	-\$1.06



## Here is what USDA/AMS had to say:

**MIDWEST:** After a few weeks of divergent conditions, when cream was clearly loosening from week to week and fluid milk was slower to change directions, the holiday has aligned both cream and fluid milk markets. Fluid bottling facilities have slowed down, as expected. Cheesemakers are also planning some downtime. Therefore, spot milk prices have decreased to \$2.50 under Class during the holiday week. Contacts are raising the question as to what will happen following Thanksgiving, but some think there could be below-Class pricing through the rest of the year. Milkfat content increasing at the farm level due to mild fall weather and increasing feed quality is only adding to their stress. Condensed skim availability is mirroring milk output in the region, and growing.





**EAST:** Farm level milk production continues to trend higher in the Eastern region. In The Northeast, farm level milk outputs continue to increase week over week. Components are steady and cream volumes are readily available. Bottling orders have waned as a result of school closures for Thanksgiving, and contacts note Class I milk volumes have been redistributed for Class II and Class III processing. Demand from processors is steady to stronger as they look toward end of year holidays. In the Mid-Atlantic states, farm level milk production is steady to stronger. Class I demand is lighter than in recent weeks due to school breaks. In the Southeast, farm level milk production continues to trend higher. There was rainfall that alleviated drought conditions in several areas. Class I demand is lighter due to Thanksgiving breaks from school. Class II demand is steady to stronger. In Florida, heavy rain was reported in certain areas of the state which resulted in some flooding. No disruptions were reported related to milk transportation. Milk production is flat. Class I demand is lighter. Demand for all other Classes is steady to stronger as local processors look to the end of the year fulfillment needs.

**WEST:** In California, stakeholders report farm level milk output as flat to slightly lower for this week compared to last week. That said, processors indicate milk supplies are ample for meeting manufacturing needs. Some handlers note preliminary records indicate November milk production is up slightly compared to October, but marginally under anticipated levels for November thus far. Class I demand is lighter as educational institutions have their breaks for the current holiday week. Class II and III demands are steady. Class IV demand is strong to steady. In Arizona, milk production is steady. However, manufacturers say milk volumes are somewhat tight. Stakeholders suggest availability of spot milk loads will improve for upcoming weeks with some downtime during the current holiday week and decreasing temperatures. Demand for all Classes is steady. Farm level milk output in New Mexico is steady. Handlers indicate enough milk volumes are available to meet manufacturing needs, but also that milk volumes are somewhat tight for spot load buyers. Demands for all Classes are strong to steady. In the Pacific Northwest, temperatures in some eastern parts of the area reached low enough for early morning icy conditions on the coldest day of this week. That said, handlers report current milk production is steady to higher and in line with anticipated levels. Class I use is lighter with current week holiday breaks at educational institutions. Demands for Classes II and III are steady. Demand for Class IV is strong to steady. Farm level milk output in the mountain states of Idaho, Utah, and Colorado is reported as steady to higher. Some manufacturers in Idaho indicate milk volumes available for spot purchasing are looser, which is keeping full processing schedules going. A few handlers in the state note milk volumes slightly below anticipated levels and suggest some farmers are being more conservative with farm operation expenditures. Class I demand is lighter with the holiday week at hand. Class II demand is steady. Class III and IV demand is strong.

