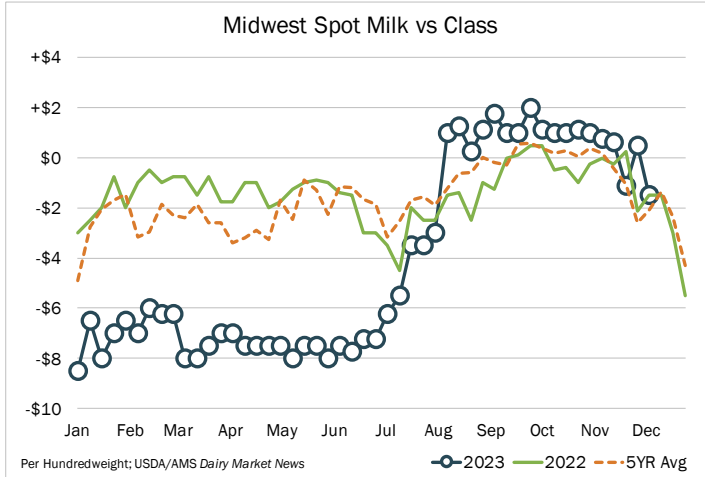
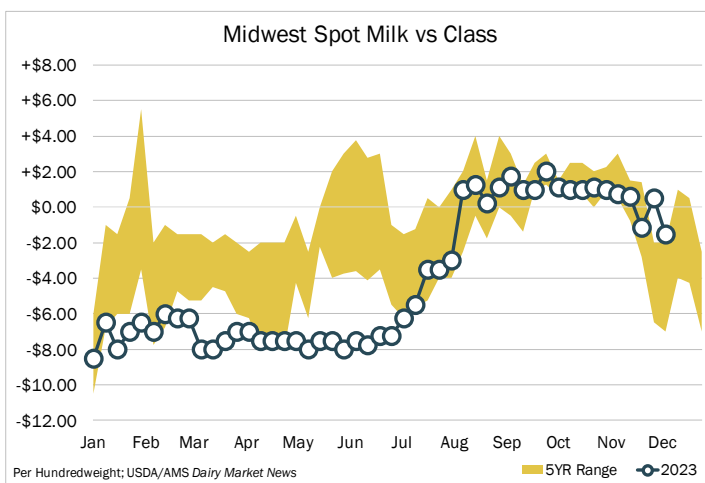
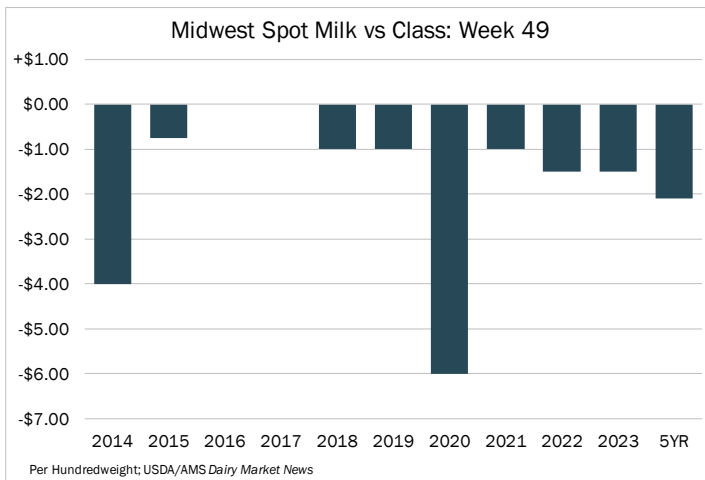


MILK PREMIUMS

December 7, 2023



Midwest Spot			
	Low	High	Midpoint
This Week	-\$4.00	+\$1.00	-\$1.50
Last Week	\$0.00	+\$1.00	+\$0.50
Last Year	+\$3.00	\$0.00	-\$1.50
5-Year Avg	-\$8.00	+\$1.00	-\$2.10



Here is what USDA/AMS had to say:

MIDWEST: In a typical week, cream and fluid markets generally parallel one another. Cream availability increases, as does fluid milk availability, or the opposite. Recent trends, though, have eschewed the norm. Cream availability slightly ticked lower, as multiples increased. During the same week, fluid milk volumes for spot market usage increased, evidenced by decreasing prices at the cheese plant intake level. Class I milk intakes were steady. Despite school breaks upcoming, which are expected and planned for ahead of time, bottlers' foci have been set on retail bottling, which has kept a good amount of milk from processing end uses. That said, cheesemakers reported more under-Class pricing this week than during the Thanksgiving holiday week. Spot milk prices were reported as low as \$4-under Class III. Still, there were some early week spot prices reported at the \$1-over Class price. Milk output, and particularly component levels have benefited during the generally mild fall.



EAST: Contacts share milk production is strong at the farm level in the Northeast. Cool temperatures have boded well for cow comfort. Contacts share that feed quality is good. Milk components are noted to be strong. Bottling orders are steady ahead of winter holidays. Class II and III manufacturing remains strong. Mid-Atlantic farm level milk outputs are stronger. Class II demand and processing are strong. Cream is somewhat tight as demand has picked up. In the Southeast, farm level milk production is steady to stronger. Class I activity is steady. Class II demand remains strong ahead of end of year holidays. In Florida, farm level milk production is strengthening week over week. Class I demand is steady. Demand for all other Classes is steady. Contacts share retail order fulfillment is well underway for upcoming holiday demands. Processors note that aerated cream demand is strengthening week over week.

WEST: In California, temperatures reached down to the higher 50s for the Central Valley, contributing to improved cow comfort. Stakeholders report steady milk production, and week-to-week differences are seasonally increasing. However, some processors note milk volumes are below anticipated totals. Handlers indicate butterfat and protein levels in farm milk are increasing and higher compared to the prior year. Balancing facilities are busier, with seasonally increasing milk production and some manufacturers in planning downtimes around November/December holidays. Processors relay milk supplies are meeting manufacturing needs. Although Class I demand is strong, a few processors report a milk carton shortage has negatively impacted the demand from some bottlers. Class II, III, and IV demands are unchanged. In Arizona, temperatures ranged from the 80s to the 60s, and milk production is steady. Manufacturers relay no shortages for meeting production needs. Demands for all Classes are strong to steady. Farm level milk output in New Mexico is steady. Handlers note week-to-week differences are seasonally increasing. Manufactures indicate milk volumes are meeting production needs. Stakeholders note spot loads are more readily available. Demands for all Classes are strong to steady. In the Pacific Northwest, milder weather has contributed to improved cow comfort. Handlers note milk production as steady, and current week-to-week differences as flat to slightly higher. Demands for all Classes are unchanged. In the mountain states of Idaho, Utah, and Colorado, farm level milk output is steady. Handlers indicate milk production as slightly higher compared to last week and note plenty of milk is available to meet manufacturing needs. Demand for Class II is steady. Demands for Classes I, III, and IV are strong to steady. Cream is more readily available throughout the region. Demand for cream is steady. Cream multiples moved lower on the top end of the multiples range this week. Demand for condensed skim milk is steady, and loads are more available for spot buyers.

