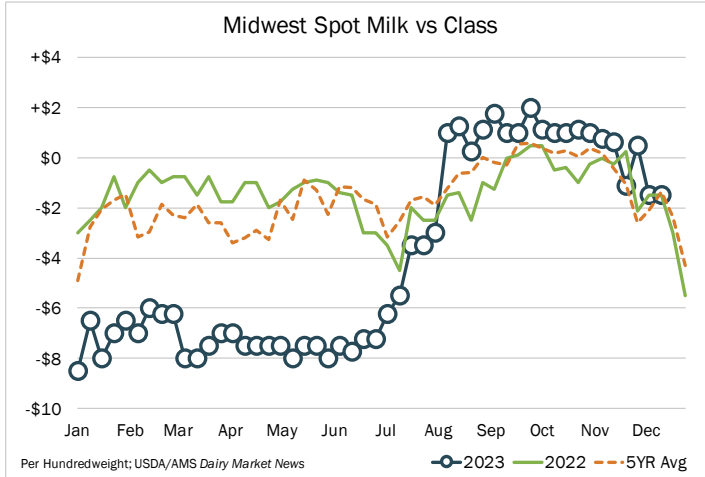
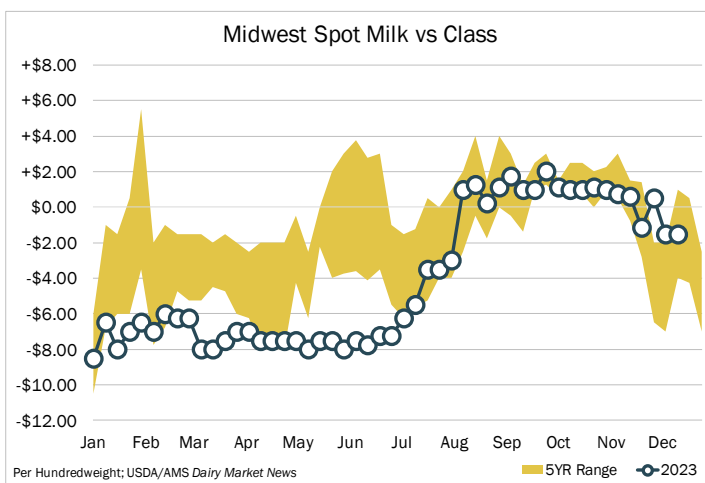
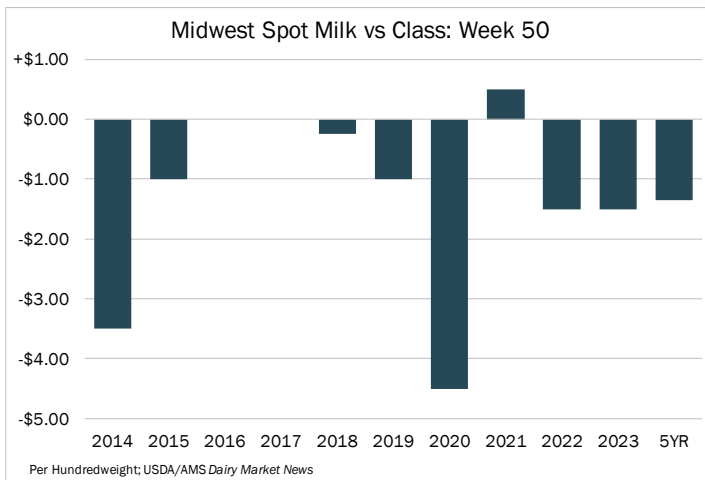


MILK PREMIUMS

December 14, 2023



Midwest Spot			
	Low	High	Midpoint
This Week	-\$4.00	+\$1.00	-\$1.50
Last Week	-\$4.00	+\$1.00	-\$1.50
Last Year	-\$3.00	\$0.00	-\$1.50
5-Year Avg	-\$6.00	+\$2.50	-\$1.35



Here is what USDA/AMS had to say:

MIDWEST: Milk outputs are increasing week over week in the Central region. Ideal weather patterns for cow comfort have boded well for milk production at the farm level. Contacts continue to note feed quality remains high, which has contributed to strong components. The National Agricultural Statistics Service shared that winter wheat conditions are mostly good in the Dakotas, and while corn harvests are slightly behind last year, they are ahead of the 5-year average. Cream supplies are noted to be looser from butter processors, but inventories continue to be tempered by steady micro-fixing schedules. Class III processors share the same spot milk load prices as last week, ranging from \$4 under to \$1 over Class. Contacts share loads of milk are expected to get lower than the \$4 under Class mark before end of year holidays. Condensed skim availability is steady to stronger, and contacts note bottling orders are stronger over recent weeks despite upcoming holiday school closures.



EAST: Farm level milk production is trending higher in the East. Pockets of the Northeast got heavy snow at the beginning of the week, but no dairy operations are said to have been affected. Farm level milk outputs remain strong in the Northeast. Contacts share high quality feed has strengthened milk components. Bottling orders are strong ahead of holiday school closures. Class II and III manufacturing is steady to stronger. Contacts note strong sour cream and cream cheese demand on the retail front. Mid-Atlantic milk production is steady to stronger at the farm level. Contacts note strong Class I demand. Demand for all other Classes is unchanged. Cream supplies are available, and some contacts note selling spot loads of cream rather than manufacturing with it. Southeast milk production is strengthening week over week at the farm level. Class I demand is steady ahead of school closures, while Class II demand is said to be strengthening. Demand for other Classes is unchanged. In Florida, farm level milk production is trending higher. Some areas of the state saw notable amounts of rain. Class I demand is noted to be strong. Demand for all other Classes remains strong.

WEST: In California, temperatures for the Central Valley were near the 60-degree mark. Milk production is steady. Some handlers note preliminary records indicate December 2023 milk production is up compared to November 2023 milk production, but down compared to December 2022 milk production. Manufacturers indicate processing capacities are well balanced with milk volumes in the state, but some manufacturers anticipate facilities filling up more as year-end holidays draw closer. A few manufacturers report unplanned downtime and spot load sales of milk at flat Class this week. Processors say milk supplies are meeting manufacturing needs. Demand for all Classes is strong to steady. Temperatures in Arizona settled near the 70-degree mark this week. Milk production continues to seasonally strengthen. Manufacturers relay milk volumes are meeting production needs. Demand for all Classes is unchanged. In New Mexico, farm level milk output is steady. Processors indicate enough spot loads of milk are available to accommodate production schedule needs. All Classes have strong to steady demand. In the Pacific Northwest, milk production is steady. Handlers indicate week-to-week differences are seasonally increasing. Stakeholders report some transportation issues were caused by an overnight shut down of I-90 due to flooding hazards, but impacts to plant operations were marginal, overall. All Class demands are strong to steady. Farm level milk output in the mountain states of Idaho, Utah, and Colorado are reported as steady to slightly higher. Manufacturers in Idaho indicate milk is readily available for processing needs. Class II demand is steady. Class I, III, and IV demands are strong to steady. Throughout the region cream is more readily available. Cream demand is steady. Cream multiples decreased on the top end of the multiples range. Condensed skim milk demand is steady. Some manufacturers note customers taking on spot loads in addition to their contracted volumes this week

