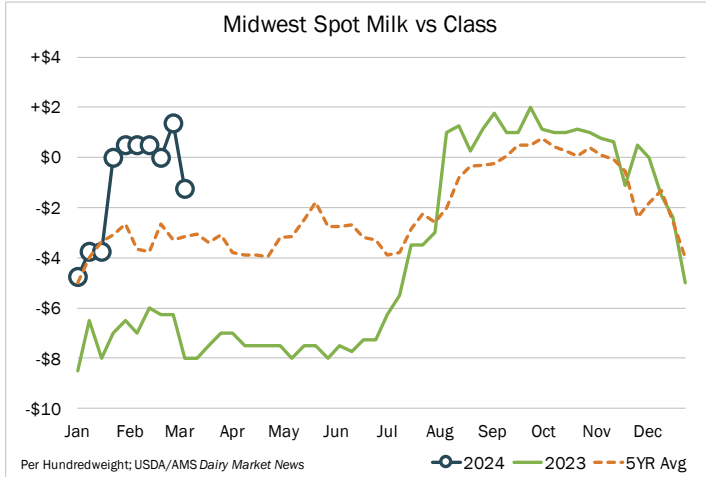
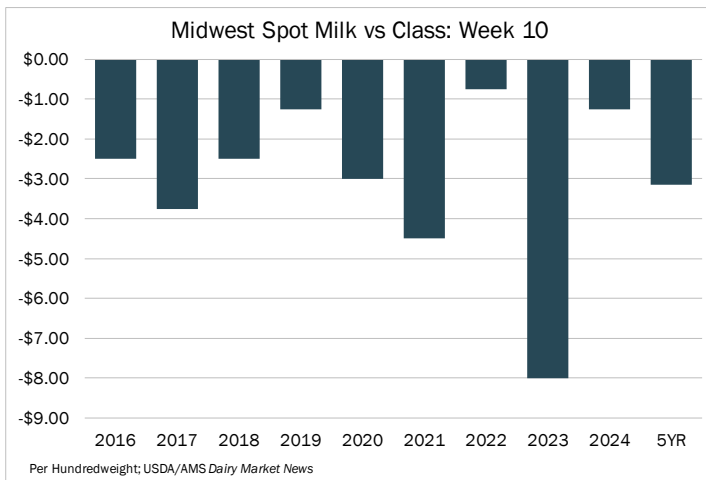


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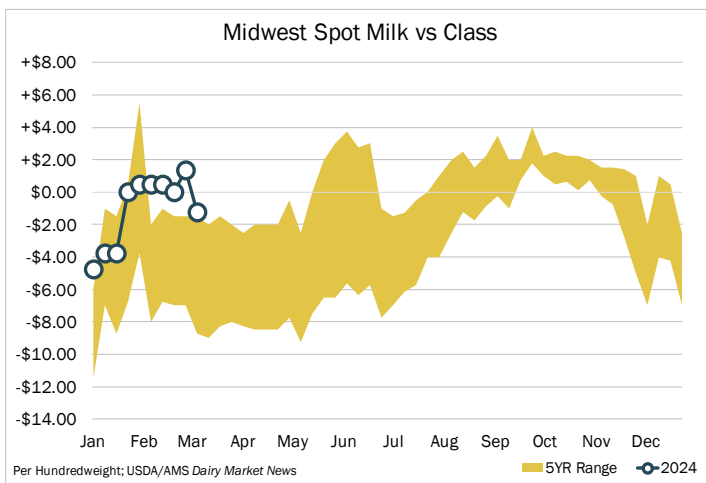


Midwest Spot			
	Low	High	Midpoint
This Week	-\$3.50	+\$1.00	-\$1.25
Last Week	+\$0.25	+\$2.50	+\$1.38
Last Year	-\$12.00	-\$4.00	-\$8.00
5-Year Avg	-\$12.00	\$0.00	-\$3.50



Here is what USDA/AMS had to say:

MIDWEST: Milk production in the Upper Midwest continues to increase week over week. Early spring-like weather is optimal for cow comfort. Component levels continue to tick higher, particularly milkfat per cwt, according to contacts. Spring-like weather has not been the case in the Northern Plains, but forecasts are improving there into next week. Class I demand slowdowns ahead of school district breaks have pushed more milk tankers into processing channels. Class III spot milk prices were reported from \$3.50-under to \$1-over Class. Last week, the reported spot milk prices ranged from \$.25- to \$2.50-over Class, and prices last year during week 10 were \$12- to \$4-under Class. As firefighting crews continue to work to contain the Smokehouse Creek fire in the Texas Panhandle, the devastation to that area is expected to be manifold. Contacts are hopeful for a timely containment, as investigations unfold into the cause of the blazes.





EAST: Milk production is trending higher in the East region. Northeastern contacts note week to week increases in milk production are being seen at the farm level. Condensed skim availability has freed up substantially from recent weeks, and some contacts are sharing below flat market prices. Spot milk is available as spring break has redirected some milk away from Class I bottling. Class II demand is picking up as warmer weather approaches. In the Mid-Atlantic, farm level milk outputs are trending higher. Contacts note decreases in Class I demand as orders wane due to spring break closures. Demand for other Classes is steady. Milk production in the Southeast is increasing week over week. Contacts share spring break schedules are staggered over the coming weeks and Class I demand is down. Class II demand remains strong ahead of spring holidays. Some below Class prices are being reported in the area. In Florida, farm level milk production is steady to stronger. Like in other areas, Class I demand is reportedly lighter than in recent weeks. Demand for other Classes is unchanged.

WEST: Milk production in California remains trending seasonally higher. However, some handlers say consistent week-to-week increases are slower. Spot milk load sales are noted at \$2-\$3 below Class III. Stakeholders indicate balancing plants are running busier schedules with strengthening milk production. A current product recall event and plant system changeovers have increased available milk volumes in the state. Class I and III demands are strong. Class II and IV demands are strong to steady. A heavy winter storm caused some transportation difficulties and closed some interstate/state highway roadways for multiple days. Farm level milk output in Arizona is seasonally higher. Handlers relay week-to-week milk production changes are flat and fat components are stronger. Stakeholders note spot load availability is tighter. Demand is strong for Class I and III milk. Demand for all other Classes is strong to steady. In New Mexico, milk production is steady. Milk volumes are meeting the needs of manufacturers in the state. All Classes have strong to steady demands. Handlers indicate milk production is stronger in the Pacific Northwest. Stakeholders note neither tight nor loose milk spot load availability. Demand is unchanged for all Class manufacturers. In the mountain states of Idaho, Utah, and Colorado, farm level milk output is trending seasonally higher. Week-to-week changes are relayed as stronger to steady. Stakeholders convey some spot milk load sales at above flat Class III prices are taking place. Demands from all Class manufacturers are strong to steady. Stakeholders note looser condensed skim milk availability and stronger condensed skim milk demand.

