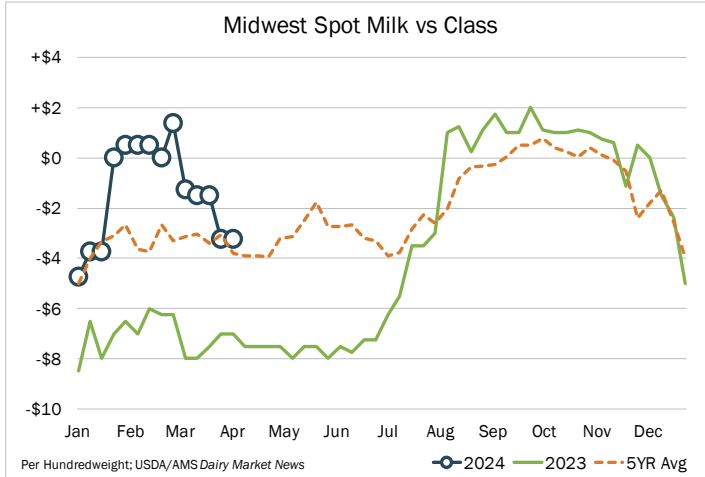


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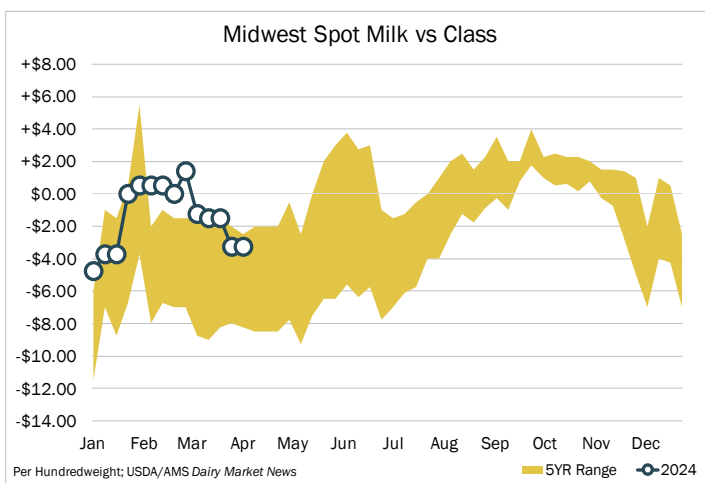
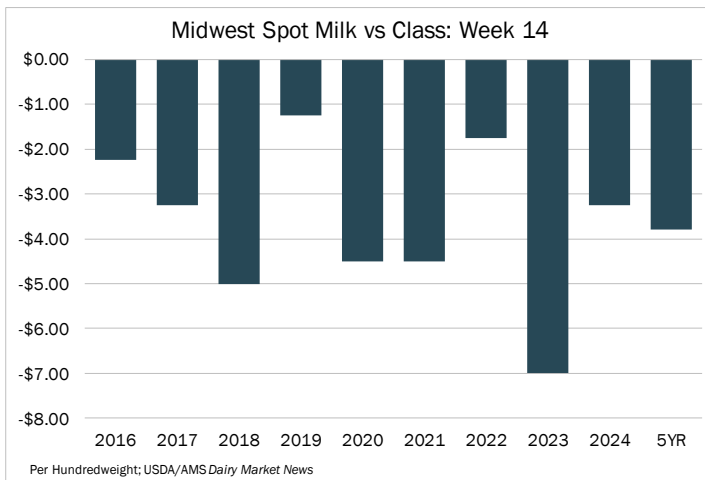
April 4, 2024



Midwest Spot			
	Low	High	Midpoint
This Week	-\$5.00	-\$1.50	-\$3.25
Last Week	-\$6.00	-\$0.50	-\$3.25
Last Year	-\$11.00	-\$3.00	-\$7.00
5-Year Avg	-\$11.00	+\$0.50	-\$3.80

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

**MIDWEST:** In the Upper Midwest and Northern Plains, snow is falling despite already contending with snow cover. In the southern states, early-week storms brought farmers hail, tornadic activity, and rainfall. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported a dairy worker in Texas tested positive for the Highly Pathogenic Avian Flu (HPAI), but the CDC considers the threat to the public to be low. Farms in three Central states (Michigan, Texas and Kansas) have had positive HPAI tests in dairy cows. Producers are working closely with veterinary experts and governing agencies to increase biosecurity measures and limit the transmission of HPAI. Contacts have mixed views regarding the eventual effects of HPAI on dairy markets, but a number say it should not impact, greatly, overall milk output or availability. Class I demand is heartier this week, as school terms resume after spring break. Cheesemakers say more plants have resumed their regular schedules, which has kept spot milk availability a little more balanced for Class III production.





**EAST:** Farm level milk production continues to trend steady to higher in the East. Contacts anticipated a lull in cream demand following the holiday weekend, but there is still a strong appetite for cream in the region. Northeastern farm level milk production continues to grow. Condensed skim availability remains loose, and contacts report under Class III prices. Class I demand is in line with recent weeks as spring break schedules continue to affect demand. Class III demand is noted to be steady to weaker as some cheese producers note lighter production schedules. In the Mid-Atlantic, farm level milk outputs are steady to stronger. Class I demand remains mixed. Contacts share Class II demand is steady for the moment, but they anticipate increased demand in the near term. Some contacts share they are both churning butter and selling cream on the spot market. Southeastern contacts share continually strong milk production at the farm level. Contacts share Class I orders are steady to stronger than recent weeks. Class II demand is anticipated to pick up in the coming weeks. In Florida, farm level milk outputs are seasonally steady. Class I demand remains lackluster. Class II demand is slated to increase.

**WEST:** In California, milk production is trending seasonally higher. Handlers note week-to-week increases have continued recently. Some handlers say preliminary milk production records indicate 2024 March milk production is higher than 2023 March milk production. Processors in the Central Valley convey plants are at, or near, full capacities. Industry participants indicate spot milk offers at below Class III prices. Class I, II, III, and IV demands are strong to steady. According to the California Department of Water Resources, the current statewide precipitation total is above the historical mean; the statewide snowpack total is above average; and, the total statewide reservoir storage is above the historical average. Farm level milk output in Arizona is stronger. All Class manufacturing demands are strong to steady with many spring session breaks at educational facilities finishing up last week. Milk production is noted as steady to stronger in New Mexico. Although cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in dairy cattle have been confirmed in the state, processors convey milk volumes are meeting manufacturing needs. Demands for all Classes are strong to steady. Handlers in the Pacific Northwest say farm level milk output is strengthening. Industry contacts note favorable weather for the seasonal spring flush is contributing to the recent increased milk volumes. Class I demand is lighter with some spring breaks taking place throughout the first half of this month. All remaining Class demands are strong to steady. In the mountain states of Idaho, Utah, and Colorado, milk production is noted as steady to stronger. However, some manufacturers in Idaho indicate overall milk availability is tighter in 2024 compared to 2023. Handlers in Colorado convey current spring flush milk production volumes are in line with expectations. All Class demands are unchanged. Industry participants say cream volumes are comfortable and not excessive.

