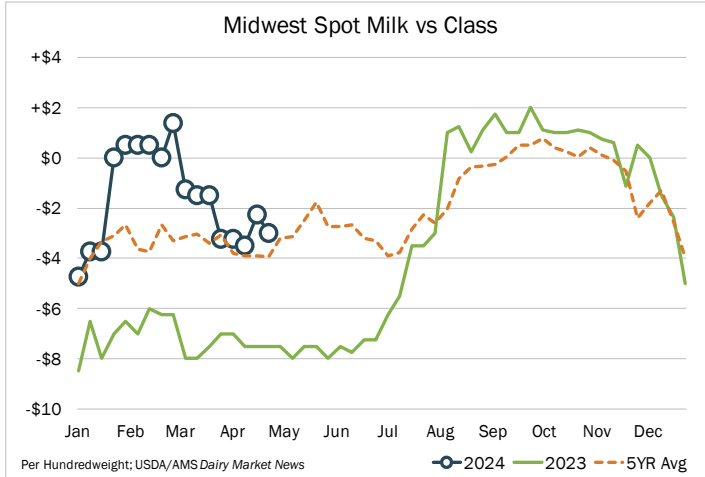


# MILK PREMIUMS

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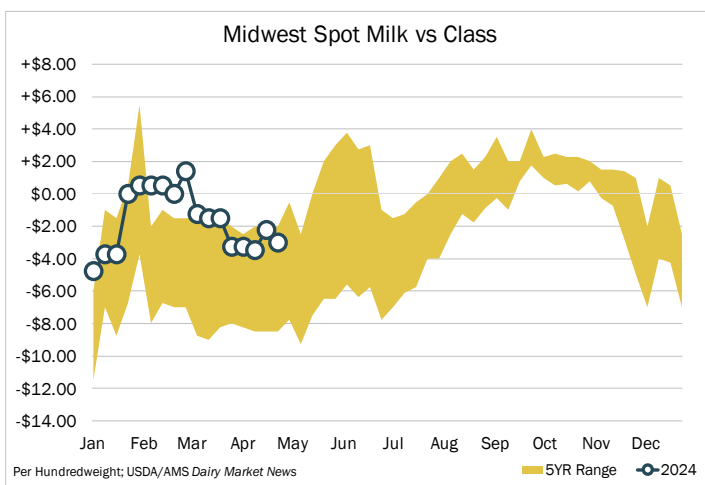
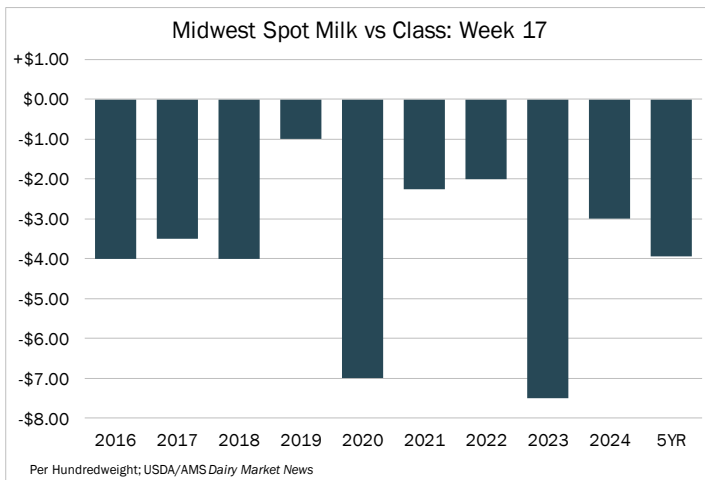


Midwest Spot			
	Low	High	Midpoint
This Week	-\$5.00	-\$1.00	-\$3.00
Last Week	-\$3.50	-\$1.00	-\$2.25
Last Year	-\$11.00	-\$4.00	-\$7.50
5-Year Avg	-\$11.00	+\$1.00	-\$3.95

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

**MIDWEST:** Upper Midwestern contacts, particularly end users, are less concerned with spring flush milk volume heaviness than they are with the potential inverse moving into the spring and summer months: shortness of milk and cream. They say that component levels are somewhat enriched right now. That said, last summer's pull on Upper Midwestern/Central milk from gulf/southern states is fresh on the minds of contacts.

Regardless, near-term changes are afoot in the fluid milk and cream sectors. Contacts point out that Class I milk intakes are in their final throes of the 2023/2024 schoolyear. Despite Class I demand holding generally steady during the current semester, milk availability is hearty for other processing channels. Cheesemakers reported spot milk loads from \$5- to \$1-under Class III. Prices were lower than last week's \$3.50- to \$1-under Class, but higher than last year's week 17 prices of \$11- to \$4-under Class III. Condensed skim is available, but handlers suggest demand is starting to pick up.





**EAST:** Farm level milk production is trending flat to higher in the East. Contacts continue to share that farm level milk production is down from last year. Decreases in year over year milk volumes were echoed by the National Agricultural Statistics Service's monthly Milk Production report. Monday's report evidenced that milk production in the 24 major states during March 2024 was down 0.9 percent from March 2023. Additionally, the number of milk cows on farms in March 2023 was 8.88 million head, down 71,000 head from March 2023, and down 7,000 head from February 2024. In the Northeast, farm level milk outputs continue to trend higher. Contacts share Class I demand is seasonally steady. Class II demand is expected to strengthen in the near term. Class III demand is steady, namely as cheese manufacturing schedules remain strong. In the Mid-Atlantic, farm level milk production is seasonally strong. Condensed skim availability is tighter than in recent weeks. Cream demand is steady. Class I and Class II demands are strong. In the Southeast, farm level milk production is trending flat. Class I demand remains elevated over recent weeks. Demand for other Classes is unchanged. In Florida, too, farm level milk outputs are trending flat. Demand for all Classes is noted to be seasonally steady.

**WEST:** In California, milk production is steady. Industry participants say seasonal spring flush conditions peaked in early-to-mid April. Handlers note recent week-to-week milk production differences as steady to slightly decreasing. Some handlers convey preliminary records indicate April milk production is trending slightly below anticipated volumes. Spot milk availability is reported as neither tight nor loose. Spot milk load pricing is reported to be near \$3-\$4 below flat FMMO blend price. Some processors anticipate tighter milk availability starting soon. Class IV demand is stronger. Demands for all other Classes are unchanged. Farm level milk output in Arizona is steady. Manufacturers indicate milk volumes are ample for manufacturing needs and Class demands are unchanged. In New Mexico, milk production is steady to higher. However, some processors note milk production is down for 2024 year-over-year comparisons. Demands for all Classes are steady. Industry participants convey steady milk production in the Pacific Northwest. Handlers anticipate Class II demand from ice cream makers will pick up soon. Class I, III, and IV demands are steady. Reported farm level milk output in the mountain states of Idaho, Utah, and Colorado varies from slightly weaker to strengthening. Industry participants say spring flush conditions in Colorado have started. Processors note milk volumes are readily available throughout most of the mountain states. All Class demands are steady to strong.

