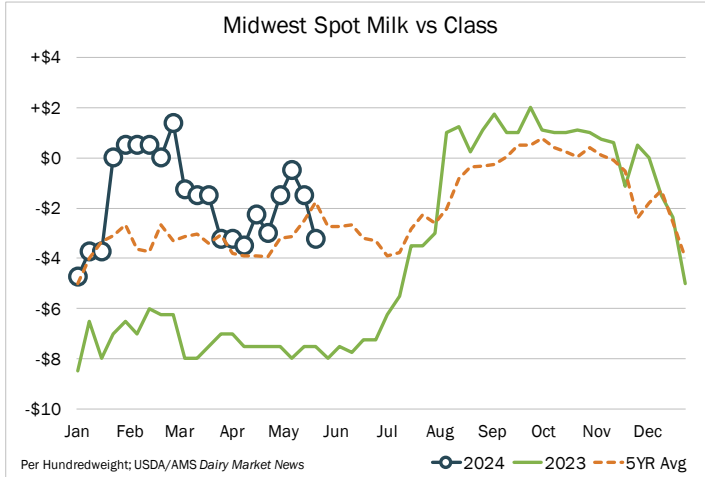


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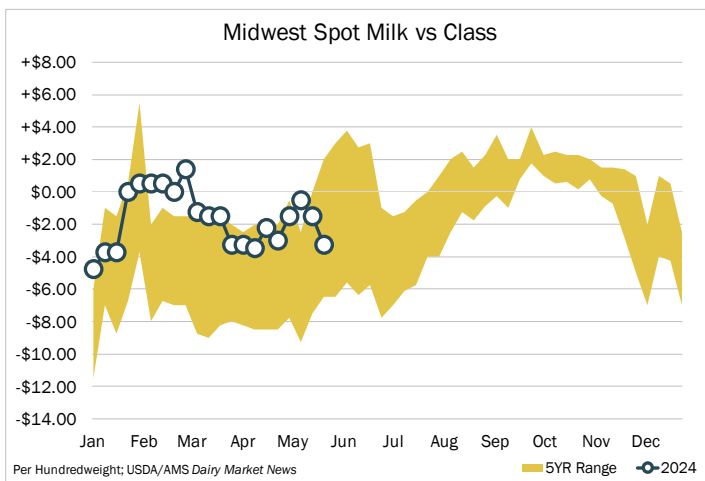
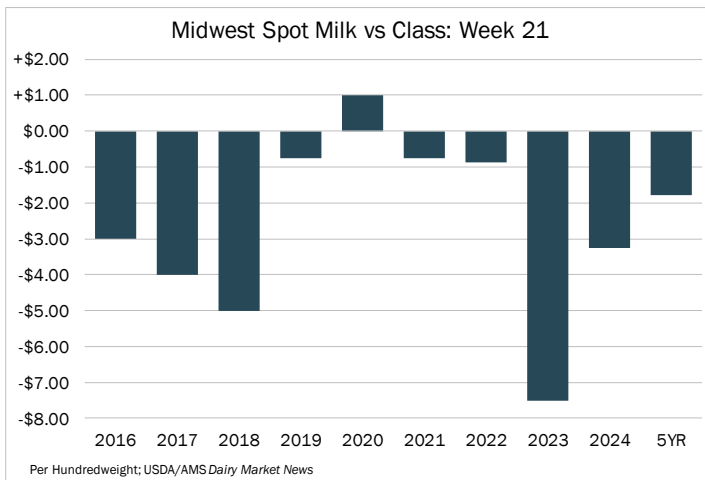
May 23, 2024



Midwest Spot			
	Low	High	Midpoint
This Week	-\$6.00	-\$0.50	-\$3.25
Last Week	-\$4.00	+\$1.00	-\$1.50
Last Year	-\$11.00	-\$4.00	-\$7.50
5-Year Avg	-\$11.00	+\$2.00	-\$1.78

Here is what USDA/AMS had to say:

MIDWEST: Storms throughout the Central U.S. are affecting farmers and plant activities from north to south. Tornadoic activity and strong winds/heavy rain have cut power at processing plants in multiple states. This has kept milk handlers very busy from last weekend through midweek. They say trying to find new homes for milk trucks has been increasingly difficult. Milk output continues to stabilize after what some contacts are labeling a muted flush season in the Upper Midwest. Class I intakes are trending lower as school districts are either wrapping up or are already on summer break. Cheesemakers reported spot milk loads from \$6- to \$.50-under Class. The combination of storms/inclement weather and the impending holiday weekend are adding to spot milk availability regionally. Contacts do not expect milk to remain this available for long, though. A number of cheesemakers said they were not looking for extra milk this week, but prices were too enticing to overlook.





EAST: Farm level milk production is trending flat throughout much of the East. This week's NASS Milk Production report revealed that milk production in the U.S. totaled 19.1 billion pounds in April 2024, down 0.4 percent from April 2023. In the Northeast, contacts have relayed that farm level milk production is not only down year over year but has flattened seasonally. Components, however, remain strong. Spot loads of condensed skim are readily available, and Class I demand is steady as schools are in session for a few weeks yet. Class II demand is strengthening week over week. Cream demand is steady, and butter plant downtime has loosened spot availability in some areas. In the Mid-Atlantic, farm level milk outputs are trending flat. Spot loads of condensed skim are readily available. Class I demand is steady, while Class II demand is trending higher. In the Southeast, farm level milk production is trending flat. Class I demand is weakening week over week as school summer breaks begin. Demand for other Classes is unchanged. In Florida, farm level milk production is trending steady. Contacts anticipate temperature increases to stall milk production in the near term. Class I demand is weaker over recent weeks.

WEST: Milk production in California is trending weaker. Handlers say May 2024 milk production is down from April 2024 milk production as seasonally anticipated. Handlers say week-to-week decreases in milk production are steadily paced. Some handlers note preliminary records indicate May 2024 milk production as slightly lower than May 2023 milk production. Industry participants convey some unplanned downtime at area plants slowed down milk processing recently, making Central Valley processing capacities tight. Industry participants note spot milk load sales at up to \$0.50 under flat blend prices. All Class demands are unchanged. In Arizona, milk production is trending weaker. No milk volume shortages are reported by processors. All Class demands are steady. Farm level milk output in New Mexico is somewhat weaker. Industry participants convey some open processing capacity is available. Class I, II, III, and IV demands are steady. In the Pacific Northwest, reported milk production varies from steady to strengthening. Although processors are heavily utilizing milk volumes, some open processing capacity is noted. All Class manufacturing demands are steady. In the mountain states of Idaho, Utah, and Colorado farm level milk output ranges from steady to stronger. Stakeholders indicate mixed spot milk load availability. Class III milk demand from cheese manufacturers is stronger. All other Class manufacturing demands are steady.

