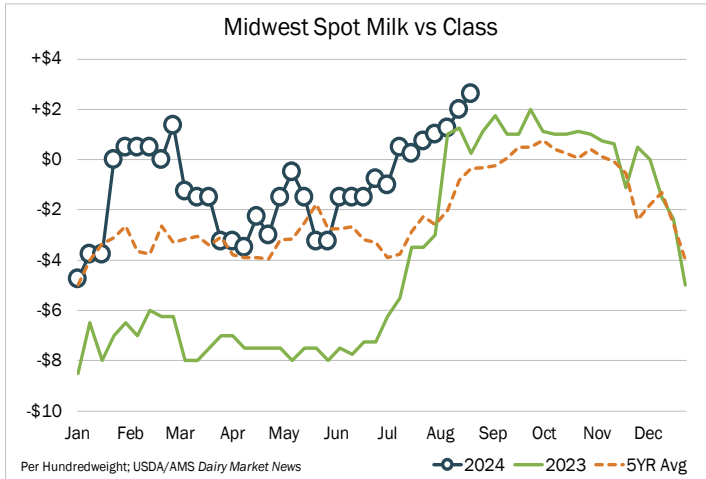
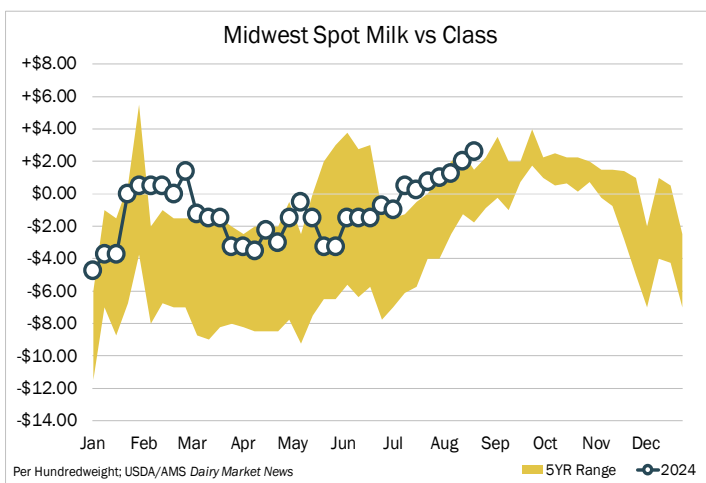
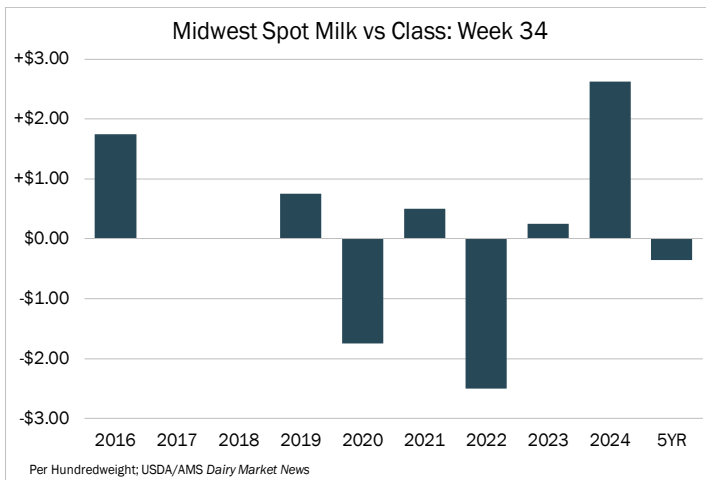


MILK PREMIUMS

August 22, 2024



Midwest Spot			
	Low	High	Midpoint
This Week	+\$2.25	+\$3.00	+\$2.63
Last Week	+\$0.50	+\$3.50	+\$2.00
Last Year	\$0.00	+\$0.50	+\$0.25
5-Year Avg	-\$5.00	+\$1.50	-\$0.35



Here is what USDA/AMS had to say:

MIDWEST: Upper Midwest farm milk output is steadying, after some general climactic improvements regarding cow comfort. There are some warmer days in the forecast here and there, but highs in the 70s and cooler nights have given farmers some optimism for near-term milk output growth. Additionally, despite some rain in recent weeks, fieldwork has been moving at a clip. The third cutting of hay is nearly complete, while the fourth cutting is underway. All this said, milk availability remains seasonally tight. Spot milk prices reported ranged from \$2.25- to \$3-over Class III, despite some cheese plant downtime being reported in the region. Last year, during week 34, spot milk prices ranged from Class III to \$.50-over. Processors do not expect growth in spot milk availability until Labor Day weekend, if then. Class I activity is increasing. Bottlers are pulling milk at a seasonally busy pace, as schools are either already underway or will be within the next two weeks throughout the region.



EAST: Farm level milk production is trending steady to lower throughout the East region. In the Northeast, contacts continue to share seasonally lighter milk production at the farm level. Class I bottling orders have increased as schools are slated to reopen in the coming weeks. Schools throughout New England are opening this week or next, while schools in New York state are not opening until after Labor Day weekend. Milk handlers continue to relay tight condensed skim availability. Cream availability, too, remains tight. Demand for Class II and III are steady. In the Mid-Atlantic, farm level milk outputs remain tight. Class I processing is steady to stronger. Class II manufacturing is steady to lighter. Contacts in the Southeast and Florida share steady to lighter milk outputs at the farm level. Milk handlers continue to relay they are moving spot loads of milk in from other areas to meet Class I bottling demands.

WEST: In California, milk production is seasonally weaker. However, some handlers indicate preliminary records suggest August 2024 milk output is up year-over-year compared to August 2023, above anticipated volumes, and strengthening compared to last month. Processors in the Central Valley convey milk volumes continue to be comfortable. Spot milk availability is in line with recent weeks. Class I demand is stronger as many educational institutions have started sessions back up. Class II, III and IV demands are steady. Farm level milk output is lighter in Arizona. Industry participants indicate tight spot milk availability has not eased. Class I demand is stronger with more educational facilities gearing up to start sessions. Demands for all other Classes are steady. In New Mexico, milk production and spot volumes are generally in accord with much of the southwest. All Class demands are unchanged. Handlers report milk production is steady and at anticipated volumes in the Pacific Northwest. Stakeholders suggest spot volumes for the area are looser than elsewhere in the region. All Class manufacturing demands are steady. Farm level milk output in the mountain states of Idaho, Utah, and Colorado varies from steady to slightly weaker. In Idaho, handlers convey lower daytime/nighttime temperatures later this week should improve milk output. Class I demand is stronger as many schools throughout the mountain states have begun sessions this week. Class II demand is stronger, particularly in Idaho, as some unexpected busier production runs have taken place recently. Class III demand is strengthening further. Spot sellers note sales of above Class III prices. Class IV demand is steady. Industry participants describe cream volumes for the West region mostly as comfortable and looser than other regions in the country. However, spot availability is not excessive either for most of the region.

