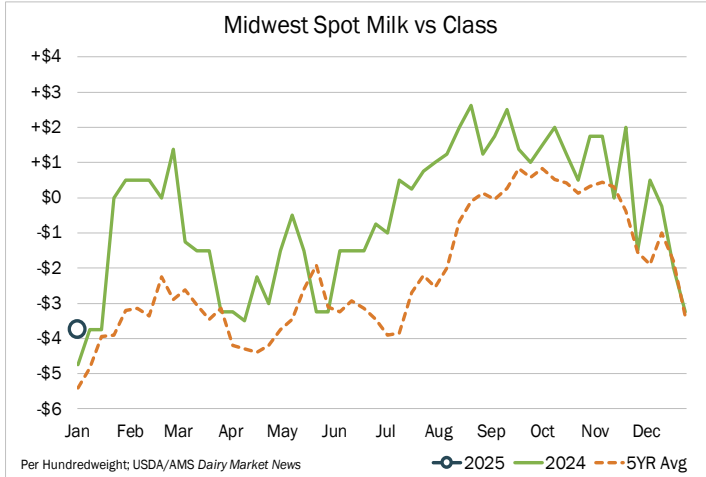
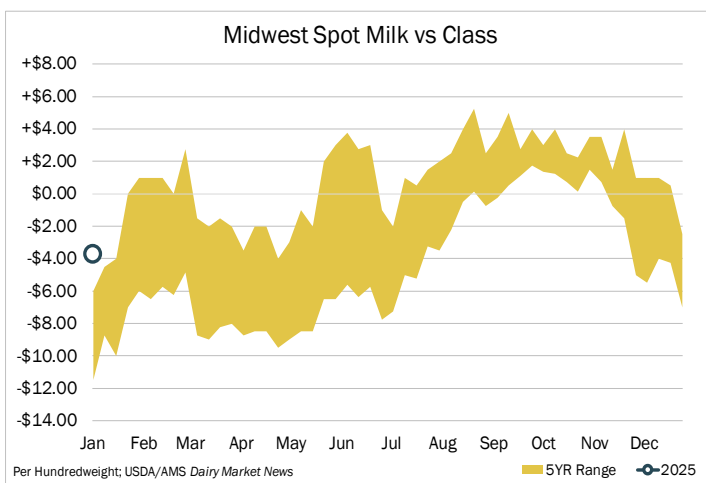
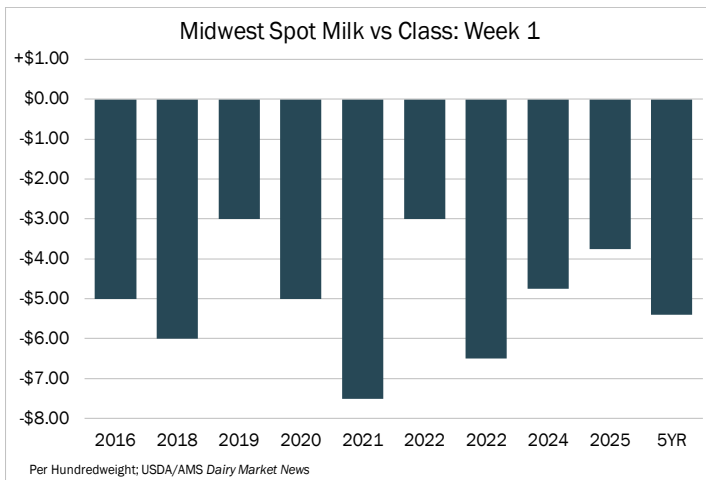


MILK PREMIUMS

January 2, 2025



Midwest Spot			
	Low	High	Midpoint
This Week	-\$7.00	-\$0.50	-\$3.75
Last Week	-\$7.00	+\$0.50	-\$3.25
Last Year	-\$8.00	-\$1.50	-\$4.75
5-Year Avg	-\$10.00	-\$1.50	-\$5.75



Here is what USDA/AMS had to say:

MIDWEST: Despite typical ups and downs with milk production in any given year, there was one notable consistency during 2024: component levels. Both protein and milkfat levels were regularly reported at respective records until the last day of the year. This trend is expected to continue into 2025. Class I demand has yet to regain steam as retail demand pipelines were filled prior to the holiday rush and schools have yet to return from winter breaks. Cheesemakers suggest somewhat similar notes to the previous holiday week. Some are reporting wide open spot milk availability, while others say availability has shifted up but not as heartily in their respective locations. Cream availability is not as variant, regardless of location. Spot cream is available in every corner of the region.



EAST: Farm level milk outputs are steady throughout the eastern states. Farm level milk production in the northeast is reported as steady. Class III demand continues to be strong. Class I demand is expected to pick up in coming weeks as schools reopen for their spring semester. Demand for all other Classes is seasonally steady. Milk production in the southeast continues to be steady as cooler temperatures push into the region. Local processing needs are being met. Demand for milk is similar to the northern part of the region. Cream availability continues to swell as sellers look for end users. Some cream end users helped clear spot cream loads as multiples moved lower for the holiday week. Demand from Class IV is steady to light. Condensed skim availability is open, but demand feels closed as end users are harder to find during a holiday week.

WEST: Clearly, milk production in California has wrought concerns for marketers in the region and throughout the country. Recently, though, as processors have been running lighter holiday schedules, milk and cream have been more available in the Golden State. In the Southwest, cooler weather has improved recent milk output numbers. Pacific Northwestern farmers are continuing to see steady to strong farm milk production. In the mountain states of Idaho, Utah and Colorado, milk production is noted as hearty. Class I demand has regained some steam in the region, but contacts say previous weeks were slower due to the holiday downtime. Some contacts say Class I supply and demand were somewhat more stable this holiday season than in years' past. Cream in the region is widely available. Some contacts say they have never seen cream volumes at this level and at multiples this low (reported as low as .70 this week into butter production.) Contacts expect steady milk demand moving into 2025, while cream markets are less than stable moving forward. In the mountain states, cream availability is ample. Whereas in the coastal areas, it is somewhat steady when compared to previous weeks.

