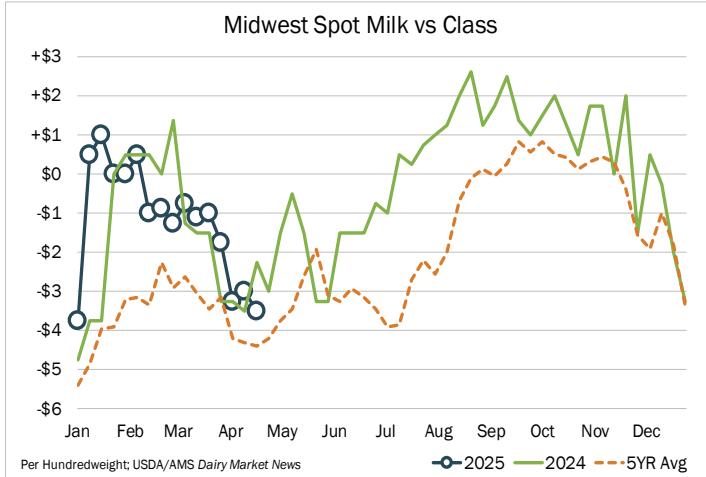
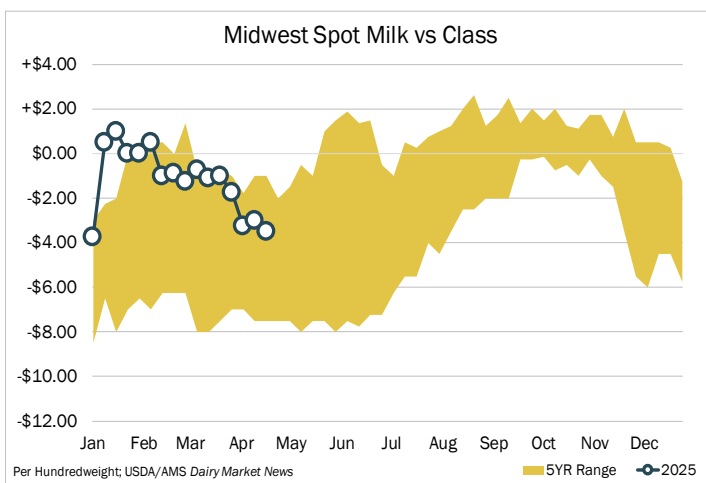
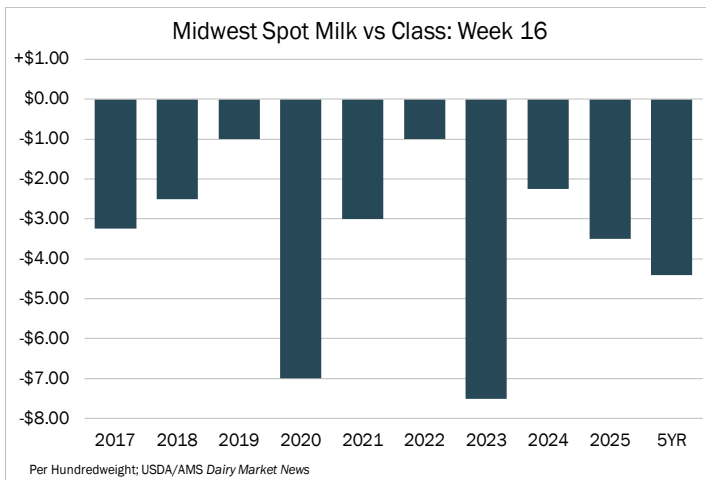


# MILK PREMIUMS

April 17, 2025



Midwest Spot			
	Low	High	Midpoint
This Week	-\$5.00	-\$1.00	-\$3.50
Last Week	-\$5.00	-\$1.00	-\$3.00
Last Year	-\$3.50	-\$1.00	-\$2.25
5-Year Avg	-\$11.00	+\$0.50	-\$4.40



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

**MIDWEST:** If the Upper Midwest is not in peak spring flush season, it is around the proverbial corner. Texas-based dairy contacts posit that the Lonestar State is plainly in the midst of peak flush season. Milk output is seasonally high, while component levels remain in a generally steady week-over-week pattern. Class I demand is steady. Bottlers are already preparing for the downtick in school milk intakes in the coming weeks. Milk availability for other processors has grown in most areas of the region. Processors in the Dakotas and parts of Minnesota have reported less milk available than their counterparts in Wisconsin, Illinois, and down the southbound Interstate-35 corridor. Cheesemakers in the Upper Midwest have reported spot milk prices as low as \$6-under Class III. They say suppliers are offering even more enticing prices as the spring holiday weekend approaches.



**EAST:** East dairy contacts report an abundance of milk is available for processing. In addition, a few milk handlers are expecting milk loads to back up a little over the upcoming holiday weekend and then supplies may tighten slightly afterwards as loads get processed through dairy facilities. East milk production is on either side of the seasonal milk peak depending on location. In the Northeast, dairy contacts say they have plenty of milk available for processing, and spring flush is still a few weeks off. Class I demand is steady, and other Classes are pulling more milk than usual. In the southeast and Florida, milk production is in the midst of spring flush. Milk handlers suggest that milk supplies are in good balance with Class I bottling needs. Most milk needs are currently getting filled by local sources, and only a few loads are getting shipped in from outside the region. They expect school bottling to remain steady for another few weeks until schools begin closing for the year.

**WEST:** Milk production in California is strong. Some handlers report a sentiment of being firmly in the peak of spring milk output. Central Valley manufacturers convey milk volumes are more balanced with production capacities heading into the holiday weekend, but spot milk loads are available. Class I, III, and IV demands are steady. Class II demand is stronger as ice cream production is noted as picking up. According to the California Department of Water Resources, as of April 15, 2025, total precipitation is up 0.30 inch from the historical mean for the current water year. According to the California Department of Water Resources, as of April 16, 2025, the estimated total statewide reservoir storage was 31.80 million acre feet, which is 118 percent of the historical average. In Arizona, farm level milk output is strong. Manufacturers indicate milk intakes are meeting the needs of production plans. Demand for Class I is lighter with many educational institutions having either spring recess or a break for the holiday weekend. Class II, III, and IV demands are steady. Milk production in New Mexico is seasonally stronger. Demands for all Classes are steady. For the Pacific Northwest, handlers convey milder than typical weather is contributing to stronger milk production. Manufacturers note milk intakes are above anticipated volumes as well. Demand for Class I remains lighter. All other Class demands are steady. Farm level milk output in the mountain states of Idaho, Utah, and Colorado, varies from steady to stronger. Manufacturers generally indicate plenty of milk is around and spot milk loads can be had for buyers looking to secure them. That said, Idaho/Utah stakeholders also don't describe spot milk demand as robust.

