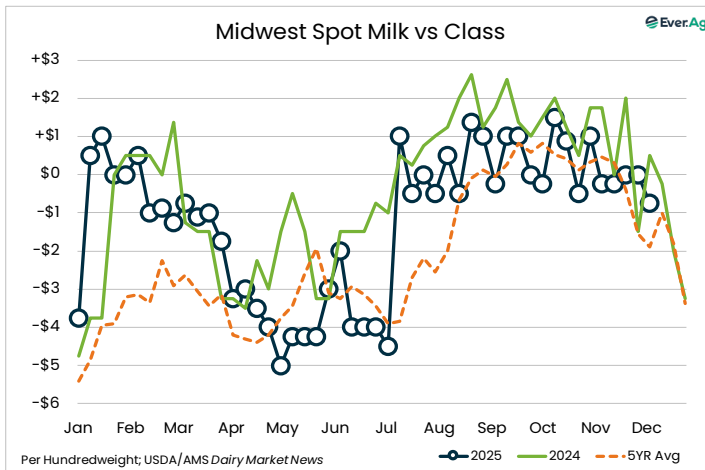
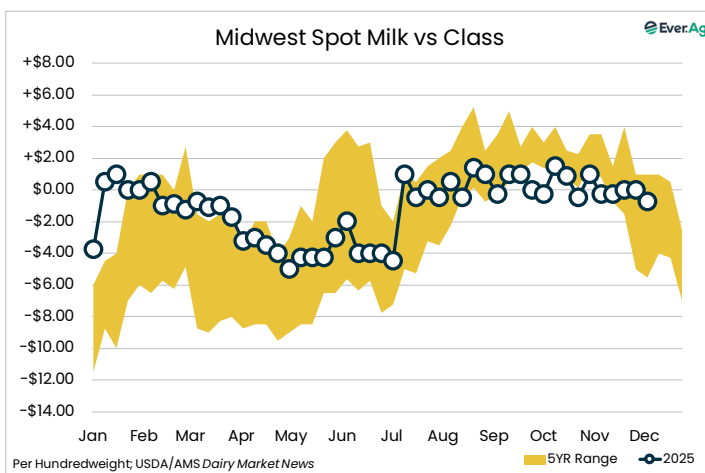
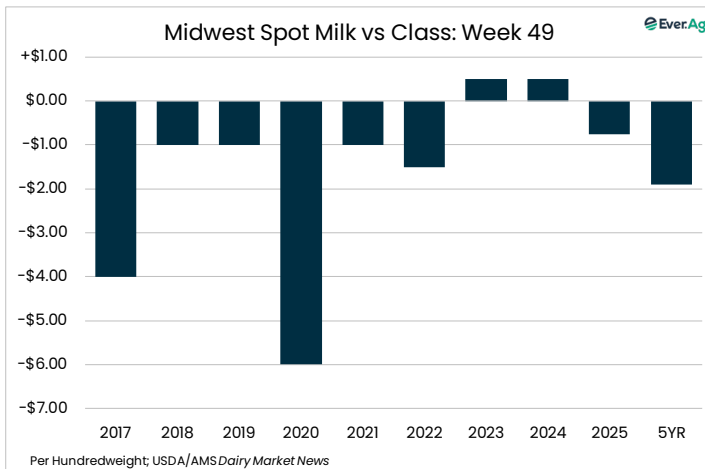


# MILK PREMIUMS

December 4, 2025



Midwest Spot			
	Low	High	Midpoint
This Week	-\$2.00	+\$0.50	-\$0.75
Last Week	-\$1.50	+\$1.50	\$0.00
Last Year	\$0.00	+\$1.00	+\$0.50
5-Year Avg	-\$8.00	+\$1.00	-\$1.90



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

**MIDWEST:** Milk output in the Central region is up seasonally, but no major changes in output are noted by contacts. A recent decrease in temperature has some farmers concerned about a small drop in production while the cows acclimate to the weather. Milk components remain strong compared to last year. Class I demand is strong, and some producers are selling spot loads of milk to other regions to meet their demand. Class II demand is growing in the region. Spot loads of cream and milk are being sent to producers to cover increased demand for seasonal dairy products and retail demand. Class III spot milk sales are moderate this week. Some contacts note an increase in spot sales during and after Thanksgiving. Class III spot prices are less than last week, ranging from \$2 under to \$0.50 over Class.



**EAST:** Milk availability is tightening in the East. Despite strong output from the farm, demand for milk is strengthening, leaving less available for the spot market. Bottling demand is strong and anticipated to be strong for the foreseeable future. In the Southeast, bottlers are bringing in milk from other regions to supplement supplies. Class II demand is higher after the holiday. Many manufacturers are focusing operations on seasonal dairy products and dairy based baking ingredients. Class III demand is steady. Some spot milk is available for Class III use but not as much as previous weeks. Class IV demand is steady to strong.

**WEST:** California handlers note steady or stronger week over week milk production. Like most of the US, 2025 year over year milk production continues to be up. California manufacturers convey some dairy farm reports indicate upticks in cow freshening over December/January, which could result in strong milk production on an earlier schedule in 2026. Stakeholders note balancing plants are running full schedules and spot loads are finding homes. Stakeholders note spot milk load prices have increased from \$5-\$6 below Class for the post-holiday week. Stakeholders note steady or strengthening milk production for Arizona and New Mexico this week. Week over week farm level milk output in the Pacific Northwest is mixed. Manufacturers convey milk volumes are meeting processing needs and production facilities coming online this year are generally not yet operating at full capacity. The latest milk production report from National Agricultural Statistical Service (NASS) shows Washington milk cows decreased 21,000 head and Idaho milk cows increased 49,000 head for October 2025 compared to October 2024. In the mountain states of Idaho, Utah, and Colorado, week over week milk production is mixed. Year over year milk production is up. Spot milk load availability is somewhat tight. Stakeholders convey plant expansions set to be finished in 2026 are ahead of or on schedule.

