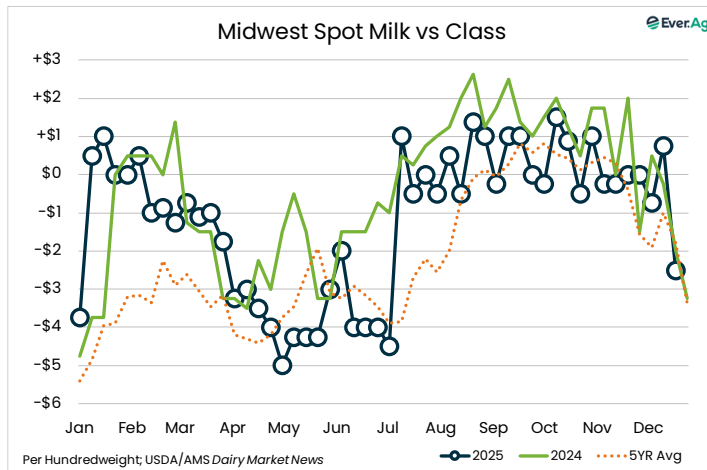
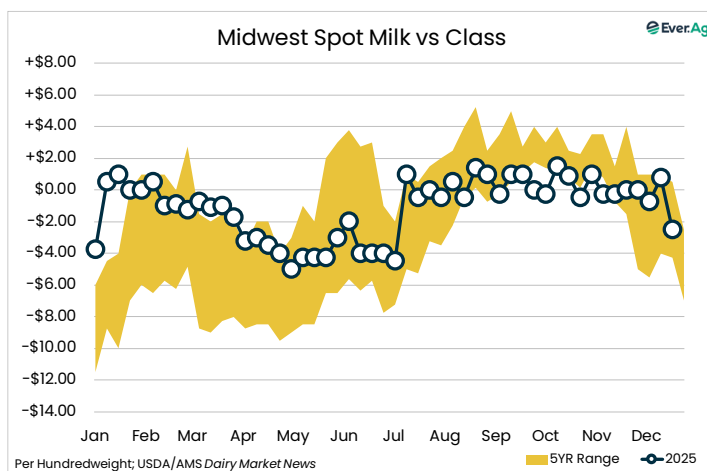
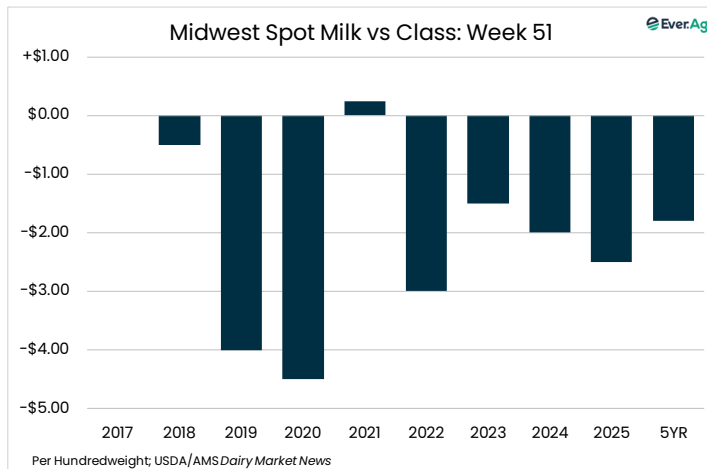


MILK PREMIUMS

December 18, 2025



Midwest Spot			
	Low	High	Midpoint
This Week	-\$6.00	+\$1.00	-\$2.50
Last Week	-\$2.00	+\$3.50	+\$0.75
Last Year	-\$5.00	+\$1.00	-\$2.00
5-Year Avg	-\$6.00	+\$1.00	-\$1.80



Here is what USDA/AMS had to say:

MIDWEST: Midwest say winter weather is negatively impacting output. Demand is softening for all Classes of milk. Contacts report educational institutions are closed for winter break, contributing to the decline in demand from Class I processors, but anticipate interest to pick up in early January. Cheesemakers say this is adding more milk to the spot market and some are offering additional volumes at lower prices ahead of planned downtime for the holidays. Class III milk prices are lower this week, ranging from \$6-under to \$1-over, and some contacts suggest prices may decline further in the coming weeks.

EAST: Milk availability is lighter this week in the Northeast. Recent adverse weather negatively impacting cow comfort is reducing milk volumes. Southeast milk production remains steady. Milk component levels are seasonally strong with contacts stating milk fat levels are higher compared to this time last year. Class I demand is stronger than normal for this time of year. Bottling is expected to slow as many educational institutions take their winter break, leaving more milk available for the spot market. Class II demand is steady. Retail demand for seasonal dairy products is slowing, and many manufacturers are reducing intake to prepare for the upcoming holidays. Class III production is slowly increasing as more milk is available on the spot market. Spot milk sales are increasing for Class III as more milk is diverted from Class I and other production facilities. Class IV demand is strengthening in the Northeast.

WEST: California handlers indicate unfavorable weather is somewhat negatively impacting week over week milk production. Year over year milk production remains strong. Stakeholders indicate balancing plants are taking in milk volumes and running busy production schedules. Some spot milk loads are available. Milk production in Arizona and New Mexico is steady. Farm level milk output in the Pacific Northwest is mixed. Handlers convey warmer than anticipated temperatures negatively impacting milk production, decreasing snowpack, and causing significant flooding. No transportation difficulties reported. Milk production in the mountain states of Idaho, Utah, and Colorado is generally steady; however, some Idaho stakeholders convey record high temperatures are negatively impacting weekly milk output. Spot milk loads continue to be available. Manufacturers note more balanced milk production with processing capacities this week. Stakeholders in the region indicate slaughter numbers are up. Class I and III demands are steady. Class II and IV demands vary from lighter to steady.

