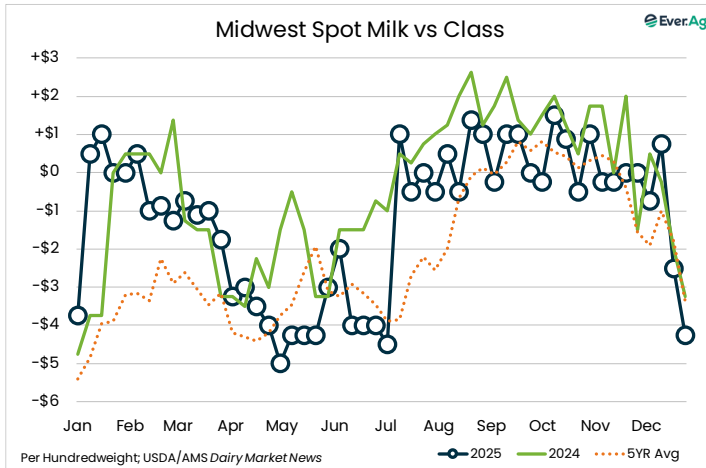
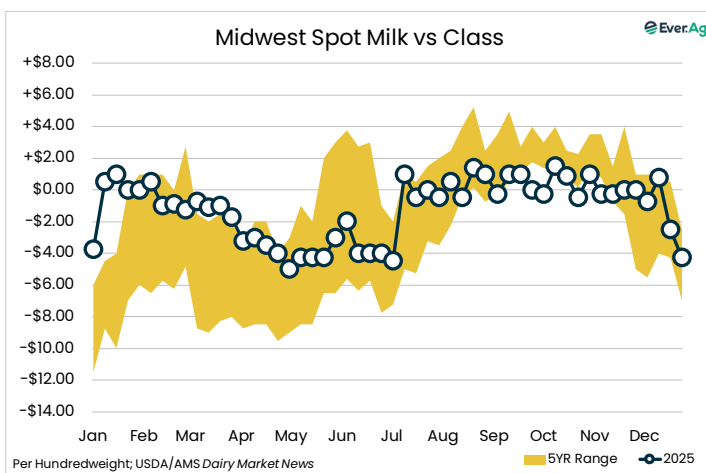
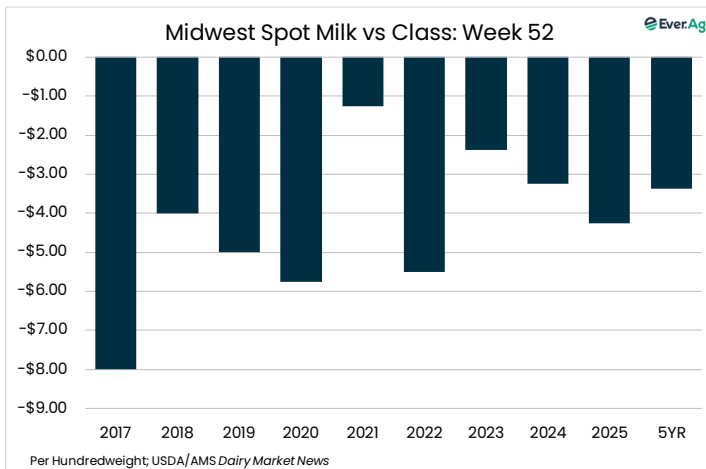


MILK PREMIUMS

December 26, 2025



Midwest Spot			
	Low	High	Midpoint
This Week	-\$9.00	+\$0.50	-\$4.25
Last Week	-\$6.00	+\$1.00	-\$2.50
Last Year	-\$7.00	+\$0.50	-\$3.25
5-Year Avg	-\$10.00	+\$1.50	-\$3.38



Here is what USDA/AMS had to say:

MIDWEST: In the Central region, milk output is steady week-to-week and remains up from this time last year. Contacts say the end of year holidays continue to have a negative impact on demand for all Classes of milk. Educational institutions are out for winter break throughout the region, contributing to lighter demand from bottling operations and contacts say demand will likely remain light next week, but will pick up around the start of the new year. Lighter Class I demand and downtime at manufacturing facilities for the end of year holidays are contributing to increased spot milk availability. Cheesemakers report more offers to purchase spot loads of Class III milk, but some are not purchasing as they prepare for holiday downtime.



EAST: Milk output from the farm increased this week. Favorable weather conditions increased cow comfort, adding to milk volumes. Coupled with planned holiday downtime, milk and cream were widely available on the spot market this week. Bottling demand was light this week. Fluid milk demand is light, predominantly due to educational institutions taking their winter break. Bottling is expected to increase after the New Year. Class II production is also light. Many facilities did not take their contractual loads of milk and cream. Class III production was steady to strong in the region. Some cheese makers were taking on the extra spot milk while others were planning on some downtime for the holidays. Class IV production is heavy this week.

WEST: California week-over-week milk production is stronger. Although handlers convey December 2025 milk production is up from the prior month, some manufacturers note milk intakes this month are below anticipated volumes. Open processing capacity is tight this week, especially in the Central Valley, with some processors scheduling holiday downtime. Spot milk loads are available. Farm level milk output in Arizona and New Mexico varies from steady to stronger. Handlers convey heavy rains and flooding have negatively impacted cow comfort and lightened milk production for parts of the Pacific Northwest. Some stakeholders note the recent weather challenges have caused some transportation delays for haulers. Manufacturing facilities in the area that started receiving milk intakes this year continue to ramp up production paces. Processors indicate week-over-week downticks in milk production have not caused short milk volumes. Farm level milk output in the mountain states of Idaho, Utah, and Colorado vary from steady to stronger. Spot loads are more available this week with some manufacturers planning downtime during the holiday. Class I demand is lighter, while all other Class demands are mixed, throughout the region.

