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January Pool Price Calculation

The January 2025 Statistical Uniform Price (SUP) for the California Marketing Area increased \$0.96 per hundredweight (cwt) from last month to \$20.95 per cwt for milk delivered to plants located in Los Angeles County, California, the pricing point for the California Federal Marketing Order. The SUP is announced at 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. When reported at the average tests of pooled milk (4.35 percent butterfat, 3.45 percent protein, and 5.79 percent other solids), the January SUP was \$24.56 per cwt, \$1.13 higher than December. The December Producer Price Differential (PPD) in Los Angeles County was \$0.61 per cwt, a decrease of 76 cents from last month.

Product Prices Effect

Most average product prices in the National Dairy Product Sales Report experienced gains in January. The butter price rose roughly 3 cents to \$2.6042 per pound, while the dry whey price increased 9 cents to \$0.7218 per pound. Cheese increased by the largest margin of 12 cents to \$1.8851 per pound. Nonfat dry milk was the only price to decline, falling roughly 2 cents to \$1.3801.

Component prices experienced similar trends. The butterfat price increased 4 cents, rising to \$2.9460 per pound, and the other solids price gained 9 cents to \$0.5384 per pound. The protein price increased 36 cents per pound, rising to \$2.3267 per pound. The nonfat solids price fell by 1 cent to \$1.2002 per pound, respectively.

Class prices observed mixed trends in January. The Class I price fell by \$1.05, settling at \$22.48 per cwt. The Class II price rose by 30 cents to \$21.58 per cwt. Class III price increased by the largest margin of \$1.72 to \$20.34 per cwt. The Class IV price experienced a decline of 1 cent to \$20.73 per cwt, respectively.

Selected Statistics

For a third consecutive month, the pooled butterfat test has remained at its Federal Order 51 record high of 4.35 percent. Additionally, the other solids price of \$0.5384 per cwt was the highest price in the month of January since the Order began. ❖

Pool Summary

- A total of 915 producers were pooled with an average daily delivery per producer of 77,164 pounds, an increase of 17.94 percent from December.
- Pooled milk receipts totaled 2.18 billion pounds, an increase of 23.19 percent on an average daily basis.
- Class I usage (milk for bottling) accounted for 19.1 percent of total pooled milk receipts.
- The average butterfat test of producer receipts was 4.35 percent.
- The average true protein test of producer receipts was 3.45 percent.
- The average other solids test of producer receipts was 5.79 percent. ❖

Class Utilization

Pooled Milk	Percent	Pounds
Class I	19.1	417,247,696
Class II	5.0	109,083,970
Class III	56.2	1,230,701,041
Class IV	19.7	431,718,797
Total Pooled Milk		2,188,751,504

Producer Component Prices

	2024	2023
	\$/lb	
Protein Price	2.3267	1.1265
Butterfat Price	2.9460	2.9765
Other Solids Price	0.5384	0.2417

Class Price Factors

	2024	2023
	\$/cwt	
Class I	22.48	20.58
Class II	21.58	20.04
Class III	20.34	15.17
Class IV	20.73	19.39

FO 51 2024 Pooled Component Tests by County

Since the Order began, pooled component tests have increased year-over-year, as shown in Figure 1, with butterfat averaging 4.18 percent in 2024, an increase of 0.06 percentage points from the previous year. Protein and other solids average test experienced a smaller gain of 0.02 percentage points from 2023 to 3.36 and 5.77 percent, respectively. The top five counties in California: Tulare, Merced, Kern, Kings, and Stanislaus; each had a year-over-year increase in their average components. These counties contributed 16.4 billion pounds, roughly 70.6 percent of the total pooled milk in 2024, compared to 18.4 billion pounds in 2023. Tulare had the largest pool volume for the year at just over 5 billion pounds, while Merced had nearly 4 billion. The remaining counties followed with roughly 2.2 to 2.5 billion pounds.

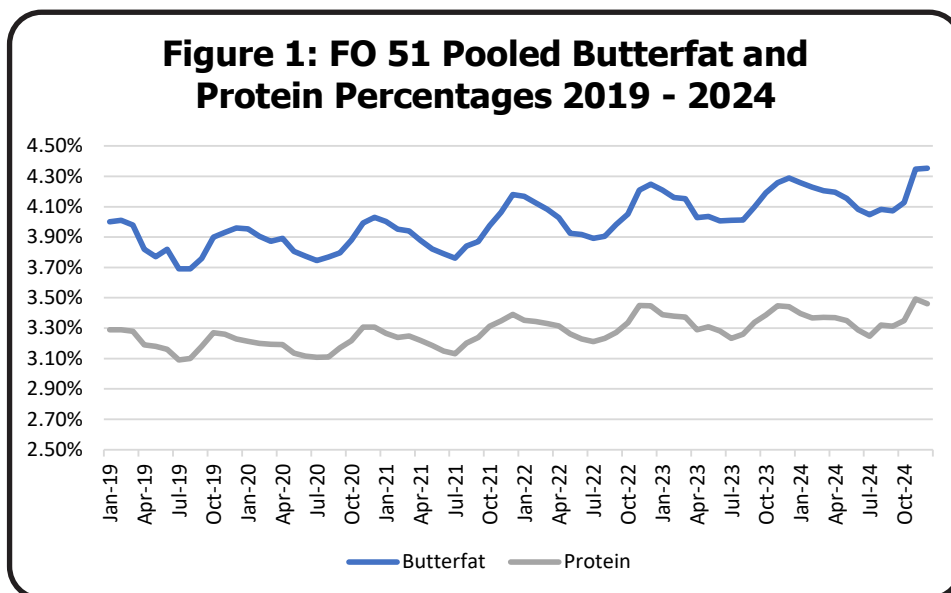


Table 1: Pooled Production and Butterfat Component Test in the Top 5 FO 51 Counties, 2024

County	Total Pooled Volume	Butterfat Percentage	Change from 2023
	Millions	%	
TULARE	5,084.28	4.29%	0.07
MERCED	3,997.45	4.23%	0.06
KERN	2,510.98	4.14%	0.07
KINGS	2,503.78	4.21%	0.05
STANISLAUS	2,294.97	4.12%	0.01
Top 5 Total/ Average	16,391.46	4.20%	0.05
FO 51 Total/ Average	23,223.94	4.18%	0.06

test at 4.21 percent. Kern County, with the third-largest pooled milk volume, had a butterfat test of 4.14 percent reflecting the same year-over-year increase as Tulare. Stanislaus County had the lowest butterfat test at 4.12 percent, reflecting only a small gain of 0.01 percentage points from 2023.

Protein Component Tests by County

Table 2 displays the pooled protein percentage data for the top five counties in California, showing a minimal gain of 0.02 percentage points on average from 2023. Merced County, which had

Butterfat Component Tests by County

Table 1 displays the pooled butterfat percentage data for the top five counties in California for 2024 and the percentage point change from the 2023 average. Tulare County had the highest average butterfat test at 4.29 percent, increasing 0.07 percentage points from 2023. Following behind Tulare, Merced County recorded a butterfat percentage of 4.23 percent, increasing 0.06 percentage points from the year prior. Kings County, the fourth largest in pool pounds, had the third highest butterfat

Table 2: Pooled Production and Protein Component Test in the Top 5 FO 51 Counties, 2024

County	Total Pooled Volume	Protein Percentage	Change from 2023
	Millions	%	
TULARE	5,084.28	3.39%	0.02
MERCED	3,997.45	3.40%	0.01
KERN	2,510.98	3.36%	0.03
KINGS	2,503.78	3.36%	0.02
STANISLAUS	2,294.97	3.34%	0.00
Top 5 Total/ Average	16,391.46	3.37%	0.02
FO 51 Total/ Average	23,223.94	3.36%	0.02

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FO 51 2024 Pooled Component Tests by County *(continued from page 2)*

the second highest butterfat test, had the largest pooled protein component test average for 2024 at 3.4 percent, a gain of 0.01 percentage points from the year prior. Tulare County which had the largest butterfat component test, had a protein percentage of 3.39 with a gain of 0.02 percentage points from 2023. Kern and Kings Counties' protein percentage was 3.36 percent, an increase of 0.03 and 0.02 percentage points, respectively. Stanislaus had the lowest protein percentage in 2024, at 3.34 percent, with no change from 2023.

Table 3: Pooled Production and Other Solids Component Test in the Top 5 FO 51 Counties, 2024

County	Total Pooled Volume	Other Solids Percentage	Change from 2023
	Millions	%	
TULARE	5,084.28	5.76%	0.02
MERCED	3,997.45	5.78%	0.02
KERN	2,510.98	5.77%	0.03
KINGS	2,503.78	5.76%	0.01
STANISLAUS	2,294.97	5.77%	0.02
Top 5 Total/ Average	16,391.46	5.77%	0.02
FO 51 Total/ Average	23,223.94	5.77%	0.02

Other Solids Component Tests by County

Table 3 displays the pooled other solids percentage data for the top five counties in California, showing a gain of 0.02 percentage points on average from 2023. Kern County had the largest increase from 2023 moving from 5.74 to 5.77 percent. Merced County had the highest other solids component test at 5.78 percent, showing an increase of 0.02 percentage points from the year prior. Additionally, Stanislaus County had the same other solids test of 5.77 as Kern County, with a smaller gain of 0.02 percentage points. Tulare and Kings Counties had the lowest other solids component test of 5.76 percent, with gains of 0.02 and 0.01 percentage points, respectively.

For more information on milk by state and county in FO 51, please visit <https://www.cafmmo.com/publications/statistical-reports/> to find the Pooled Milk by State and County report. For confidentiality purposes, the report does not display restricted data from counties with two or less producers. Additionally, more information on component tests can be found on the Annual Bulletin published to the Order website at <https://www.cafmmo.com/publications/monthly-newsletter/>. The 2024 annual bulletin will be published in the next several months. ❖

Pool Statistics for All Federal Orders, January 2025

Federal Order		Statistical Uniform Price*	Producer Price Differential*	Total Producer Milk	Utilization			
Number	Name				Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV
		\$/cwt		million lbs	%			
1	Northeast	21.81	1.47	2,315.6	30.0	26.6	28.8	14.6
5	Appalachian***	23.26	N/A	449.9	76.2	12.5	5.9	5.5
6	Florida***	25.04	N/A	227.0	83.2	14.1	2.3	0.4
7	Southeast***	23.79	N/A	303.3	79.7	13.9	2.7	3.7
30	Upper Midwest	20.47	0.13	2,226.4	7.8	1.2	89.8	1.2
32	Central	20.50	0.16	1,167.0	32.1	7.7	48.3	11.9
33	Midwest	20.85	0.51	1,620.4	39.4	12.1	40.1	8.4
51	California	20.95	0.61	2,188.8	19.1	5.0	56.2	19.7
124	Pacific Northwest	20.63	0.29	596.4	21.8	5.3	51.7	21.2
126	Southwest	21.36	1.02	1,176.7	30.5	6.6	57.3	5.6
131	Arizona***	21.42	N/A	389.5	31.0	16.9	25.3	26.8
All Federal Orders**		21.23	0.66	12,660.9	29.1	10.6	49.2	11.1

*Price at principal location differential in each Order at 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids.

**Weighted averages or total for all Federal Orders.

***These orders are not price on components but on Skim and Butterfat

N/A = Not applicable



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Computation of Producer Price Differential and Statistical Uniform Price*

	<u>Product Pounds</u>	<u>Price per cwt./lb.</u>	<u>Component Value</u>	<u>Total Value</u>
Class I— Skim	406,825,618	\$12.59	\$51,219,345.31	
Butterfat	10,422,078	2.9517	30,762,847.63	
Less: Location Adjustment to Handlers			(870,582.41)	\$81,111,610.53
Class II— Butterfat	15,510,391	2.9530	45,802,184.63	
Nonfat Solids	8,979,153	1.2944	11,622,615.62	57,424,800.25
Class III— Butterfat	46,404,379	2.9460	136,707,300.53	
Protein	43,239,171	2.3267	100,604,579.17	
Other Solids	71,745,178	0.5384	38,627,603.85	275,939,483.55
Class IV— Butterfat	22,765,177	2.9460	67,066,211.42	
Nonfat Solids	39,438,368	1.2002	47,333,929.27	114,400,140.69
Total Classified Value			<i>Total value of milk in the pool</i> →	\$528,876,035.02
Add: Overage—All Classes				115,962.69
Inventory Reclassification—All Classes				46,108.36
Other Source Receipts	107,187			2,009.64
Total Pool Value				\$529,040,115.71
Less: Value of Producer Butterfat	95,102,025	2.9460	(280,170,565.66)	
Value of Producer Protein	75,562,653	2.3267	(175,811,624.75)	
Value of Producer Other Solids	126,766,269	0.5384	(68,250,959.23)	(524,233,149.64)
Total PPD Value Before Adjustments			<i>Total Class III value of producer components</i> ↗	\$4,806,966.07
Add: Location Adjustment to Producers				8,608,668.51
One-half Unobligated Balance—Producer Settlement Fund				820,227.11
Less: Producer Settlement Fund—Reserve				(883,823.71)
Total Pool Milk & PPD Value	2,188,858,691			\$13,352,037.98
Producer Price Differential		\$ 0.61	← <i>Value from which PPD per hundredweight is calculated</i>	
Statistical Uniform Price		\$ 20.95		

* Price at 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids.