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### January Pool Price Calculation

The January 2026 Statistical Uniform Price (SUP) for the California Marketing Area decreased by \$0.48 per hundredweight (cwt) from last month to \$14.85 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, 3.18 percent protein, and 5.79 percent other solids. When reported at the average tests of pooled milk (4.33 percent butterfat, 3.41 percent protein, and 5.76 percent other solids), the January SUP was \$16.53 per cwt, \$0.77 lower than December. The January Producer Price Differential (PPD) in Los Angeles County was \$0.26 per cwt, \$0.79 higher than the month prior.

### Product Prices Effect

Prices in the National Dairy Product Sales Report experienced mixed trends in January. The butter price decreased roughly 10 cents to \$1.4266 per pound. The cheese price declined nearly 13 cents to \$1.4003 per pound. The dry whey price increased roughly 1 cent to \$0.6986 per pound. The nonfat dry milk price had the largest increase of the month, rising just under 4 cents to \$1.1921 per pound.

Component prices experienced similar trends to the product prices in January. The butterfat price decreased roughly 13 cents to \$1.4525 per pound and the protein price decreased 28 cents to \$2.1768 per pound. The other solids price increased by nearly 1 cent to \$0.4448 per pound. Meanwhile, the nonfat solids price increased nearly 4 cents, reaching \$0.9433 per pound.

All Class prices declined into January. The Class I price had the largest decline of \$1.86, settling at \$19.15 per cwt. The Class II price declined \$0.49 to \$13.92 per cwt. The Class III price declined by \$1.27 to \$14.59 per cwt. Lastly, the Class IV price decreased by the lowest margin, of 9 cents to \$13.55 per cwt.

### Selected Statistics

January's average daily delivery per producer amount was 97,783 pounds, the highest for the month since Federal Order 51 began. Class II utilization totaled 154.7 million pounds, the largest volume for the month not seen since January 2020. ❖

### Pool Summary

- A total of 712 producers were pooled with an average daily delivery per producer of 96,647 pounds, an increase of 10.22 percent from December.
- Pooled milk receipts totaled 2.155 billion pounds, an increase of 12.92 percent on an average daily basis.
- Class I usage (milk for bottling) accounted for 18.6 percent of total pooled milk receipts.
- The average butterfat test of producer receipts was 4.33 percent.
- The average true protein test of producer receipts was 3.41 percent.
- The average other solids test of producer receipts was 5.76 percent. ❖

#### Class Utilization

Pooled Milk	Percent	Pounds
Class I	18.6	399,967,135
Class II	7.2	154,723,903
Class III	10.3	221,654,714
Class IV	64.0	1,378,908,471
Total Pooled Milk		2,155,254,223

#### Producer Component Prices

	2026	2025
	\$/lb	
Protein Price	2.1768	2.3267
Butterfat Price	1.4525	2.9460
Other Solids Price	0.4448	0.5384

#### Class Price Factors

	2026	2025
	\$/cwt	
Class I	19.15	22.48
Class I ESL Adj	-0.17	N/A
Class II	13.92	21.58
Class III	14.59	20.34
Class IV	13.55	20.73

# Milk Production

## 2025 Milk Production

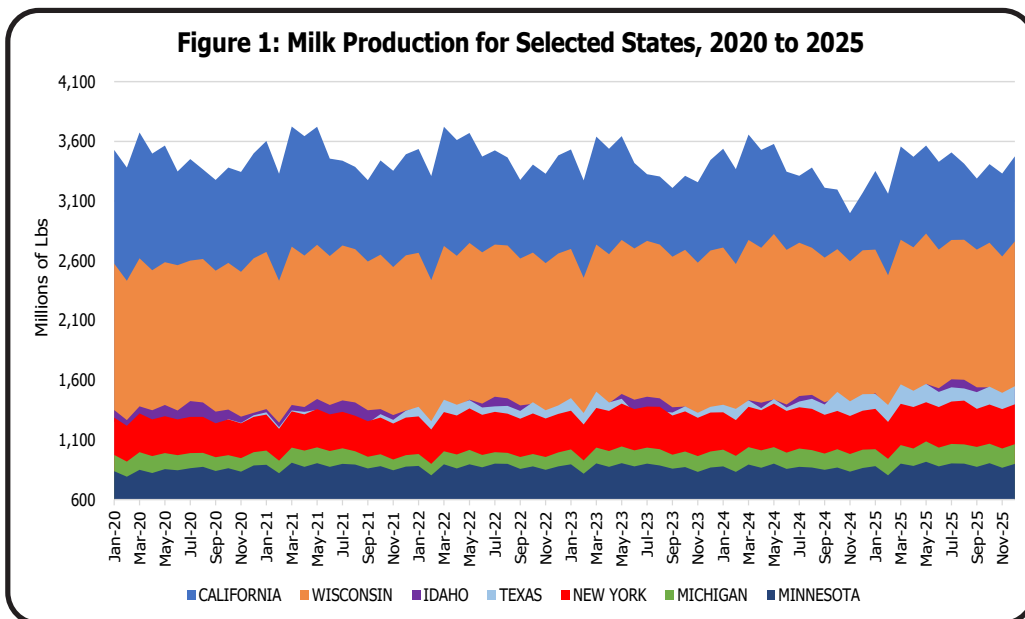
Tables 1 and 2 show total milk production in millions for selected states from 2020 to 2025 and percent changes in production, respectively. Milk production in the United States, as reported by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), increased year over year in 2025. January experienced the smallest increase of 0.5 percent before declining in February to (2.5) percent. Thereafter, there were a few months of small increases until reaching 3.3 percent in June and peaking at a high of 4.5 percent in November 2025. December settled at 4.4 percent to round out the year. For more information on NASS milk production please visit <https://esmis.nal.usda.gov/publication/milk-production>.

State	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Millions						
<b>California</b>	41,311	41,861	41,800	40,900	40,283	40,959
<b>Idaho</b>	16,240	16,412	16,628	16,827	17,023	18,205
<b>Michigan</b>	11,667	11,911	11,737	12,055	12,124	12,504
<b>Minnesota</b>	10,166	10,537	10,472	10,498	10,392	10,614
<b>New York</b>	15,296	15,540	15,646	16,060	16,102	16,545
<b>Texas</b>	14,855	15,599	16,531	16,565	17,037	18,190
<b>Wisconsin</b>	30,749	31,708	31,882	32,123	32,351	32,582
<b>Selected Total</b>	<b>140,284</b>	<b>143,568</b>	<b>144,696</b>	<b>145,028</b>	<b>145,312</b>	<b>149,599</b>
<b>Total U.S.</b>	<b>223,282</b>	<b>226,238</b>	<b>226,416</b>	<b>226,311</b>	<b>225,868</b>	<b>231,482</b>

Month	California	Idaho	Minnesota	Michigan	New York	Texas	Wisconsin	Total U.S.
<b>July</b>	5.9%	9.6%	3.2%	3.7%	3.6%	8.4%	0.8%	4.1%
<b>August</b>	1.0%	8.5%	3.8%	4.7%	5.0%	6.0%	2.5%	3.4%
<b>September</b>	2.4%	8.9%	3.1%	5.7%	3.9%	7.4%	2.6%	3.8%
<b>October</b>	6.7%	6.3%	4.1%	4.5%	4.0%	2.9%	2.0%	3.6%
<b>November</b>	11.0%	5.5%	3.8%	4.6%	4.5%	4.9%	1.6%	4.5%
<b>December</b>	9.6%	5.6%	3.9%	4.5%	3.9%	4.7%	2.8%	4.4%
<b>Average Change</b>	6.1%	7.4%	3.7%	4.6%	4.1%	5.7%	2.1%	4.0%

## Milk Production, 2020 - 2025

Figures 1, 2 and 2a display milk production from 2020 to 2025 for selected states. 2025 milk production in Texas and Idaho reached highs of roughly 18.19 and 18.20 billion pounds respectively, up 22 percent and 12 percent from the 2020 totals of 14.86 and 16.24 billion pounds. These increases in production can be partially attributed to new and recently opened processing facilities in the two states. New York saw similar



growth, with their 2025 production increasing 0.8 percent to 16.55 billion pounds from 2020's total of 15.30 billion pounds. Other large states that observed increases in milk production were Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Michigan increased 12.5 billion pounds from 11.6 billion pounds, an increase of approximately 7.2 percent. Wisconsin produced 32.58 billion pounds, an increase of 5.9 percent from 30.75 billion pounds. Minnesota's milk production reached 10.61 billion pounds,

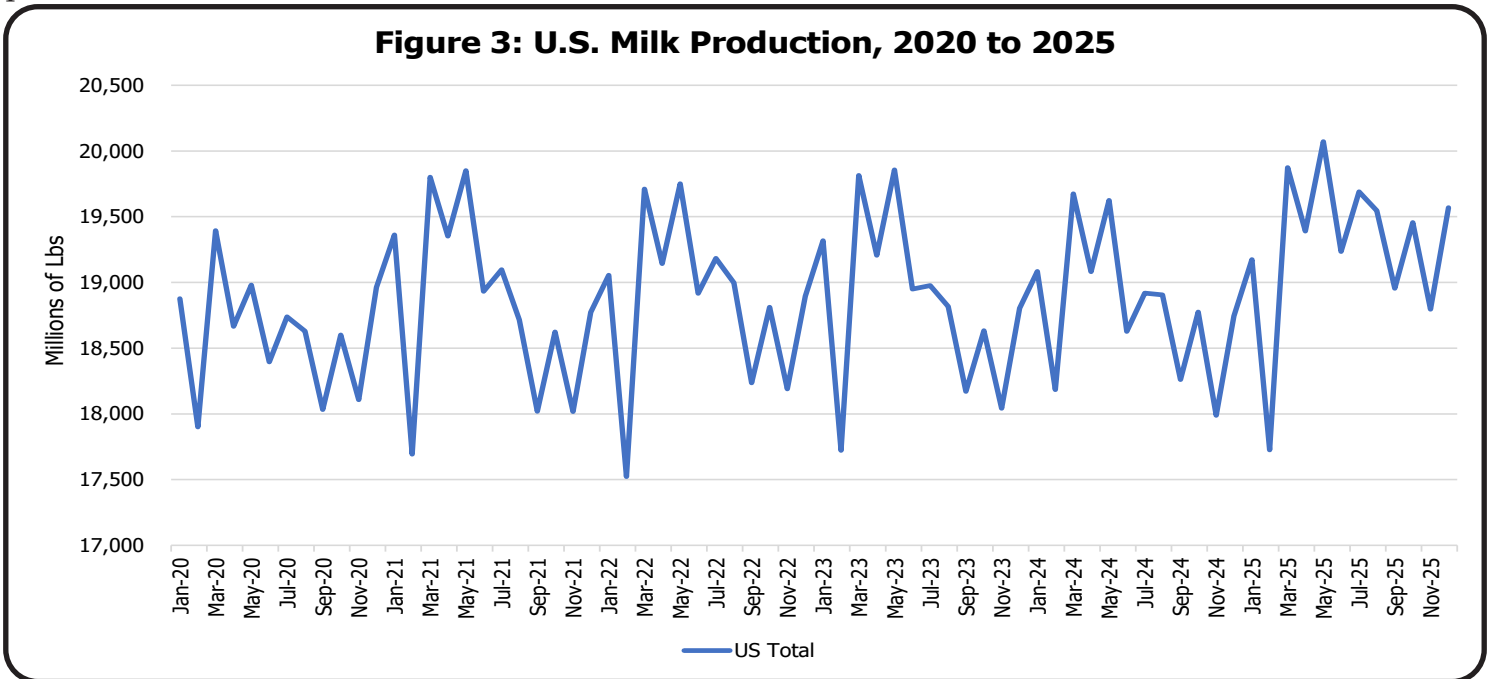
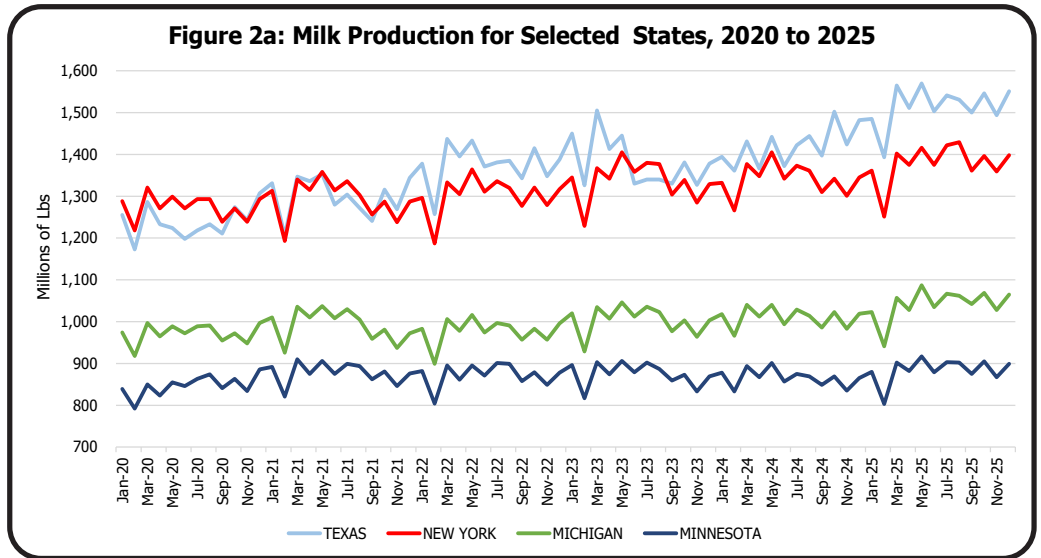
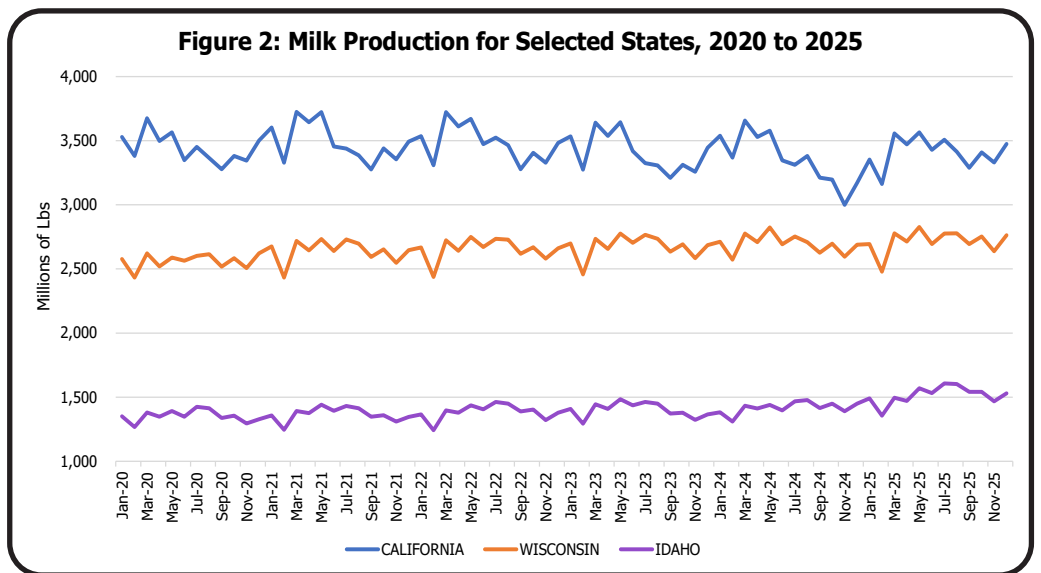
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gaining 4.4 percent from 10.17 billion pounds.

While California has the most production in the United States, it experienced a small decline of approximately 1 percent from 2020 to 2025. The highest of the six years was 41.86 billion pounds in 2021 before declining to 41.80 billion pounds in 2022. Production continued to decline, reaching a low of 40.28 billion pounds in 2024 before rebounding to 40.96 billion pounds in 2025. Some decreased production in late 2024 and early 2025 could be attributed to Avian Influenza cases.

In combination with these selected states, overall milk production in the United States increased by 3.6 percent. Milk production in 2020 was 223.28 billion pounds and remained fairly steady from 2021 to 2023 at roughly 226 billion pounds. 2024 production experienced a small decrease to 225.87 billion pounds before reaching 231.48 billion pounds in 2025. Figure 3 below illustrates U.S. milk production from 2020 to 2025. ❖





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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	389,790,689	\$13.97	\$54,453,759.25	
Butterfat	10,176,446	1.6201	16,486,860.16	
Less: Location Adjustment to Handlers			(1,142,281.84)	\$69,798,337.58
Class II— Butterfat	14,471,476	1.4595	21,121,119.23	
Nonfat Solids	13,452,022	0.9817	13,205,850.02	34,326,969.25
Class III— Butterfat	7,186,778	1.4525	10,438,795.08	
Protein	7,740,557	2.1768	16,849,644.51	
Other Solids	12,909,301	0.4448	5,742,057.09	33,030,496.68
Class IV— Butterfat	61,388,561	1.4525	89,166,884.87	
Nonfat Solids	126,361,765	0.9433	119,197,052.93	208,363,937.80
<b>Total Classified Value</b>			<i>Total value of milk in the pool</i> →	<b>\$345,519,741.31</b>
Add: Value for 60 (f) through 60(j)				(115,350.64)
Other Source Receipts	35,057			
<b>Total Pool Value</b>				<b>\$345,404,390.67</b>
Less: Value of Producer Butterfat	93,223,261	1.4525	(135,406,786.63)	
Value of Producer Protein	73,494,884	2.1768	(159,983,663.47)	
Value of Producer Other Solids	124,223,039	0.4448	(55,254,407.77)	<b>(350,644,857.87)</b>
<b>Total PPD Value Before Adjustments</b>			<i>Total Class III value of producer components</i> →	<b>(\$5,240,467.20)</b>
Add: Location Adjustment to Producers				11,105,773.70
One-half Unobligated Balance—Producer Settlement Fund				729,177.33
Less: Producer Settlement Fund—Reserve				(990,731.74)
<b>Total Pool Milk &amp; PPD Value</b>	2,155,289,280			<b>\$5,603,752.09</b>
Producer Price Differential		\$ 0.26		
Statistical Uniform Price		\$ 14.85		

Value from which PPD per hundredweight is calculated

\* Price at 3.5 percent butterfat, 3.18 percent protein, and 5.79 percent other solids.