



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
FOOD & AGRICULTURE  
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**Minimum Prices for Classes 4a and 4b Market Milk - F.O.B. Processing Plant  
With Commodity Prices Used to Calculate These Minimum Prices  
Pursuant to the Stabilization and Marketing Plans for Market Milk (Plans)  
Released March 1, 2018**

<b>CLASS 4a:</b>			<b>EQUIVALENT PER CWT.</b>
<b>February 2018</b>	<b>LB. FAT</b>	<b>LB. SNF</b>	
Statewide	\$2.2812	\$0.5447	\$12.72
<b>CLASS 4b:</b>			<b>EQUIVALENT PER CWT.</b>
<b>February 2018</b>	<b>LB. FAT</b>	<b>LB. SNF</b>	
Statewide	\$2.2812	\$0.6197	\$13.38

<b>COMMODITY MARKET PRICES:</b>	<b>\$ PER LB.</b>
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Grade AA Butter - Daily Simple Average (January 26th - February 25th)	\$2.1130
Chicago Mercantile Exchange Block Cheddar Cheese - Daily Simple Average (January 26th - February 25th)	\$1.5039
California Extra Grade & Grade A Nonfat Dry Milk - Monthly Weighted Average (January 26th - February 25th)	\$0.7210
Dairy Market News Western Dry Whey (Mostly) - Monthly Simple Average (January 26th - February 25th)	\$0.2440

April 2018 Class 1 prices will be announced no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 9, 2018.  
April and May 2018 Class 2 and 3 prices will be announced no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 2, 2018.  
March 2018 Class 4a and 4b prices will be announced no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 2, 2018.

Equivalent hundredweight prices shown are based upon milk that is 3.5% fat and 8.7% solids-not-fat (SNF).  
If market milk components are purchased f.o.b. producer's dairy location, haul deductions may be made as provided in the Plans. The calculated monthly California weighted average price for Extra Grade & Grade A Nonfat Dry Milk reflects the audit verification process and this price can differ from the reported weekly prices.  
Class prices are available on the Department's website at: [www.cdfa.ca.gov/dairy/prices\\_main.html](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/dairy/prices_main.html)

Sincerely,

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