



Milk Pricing

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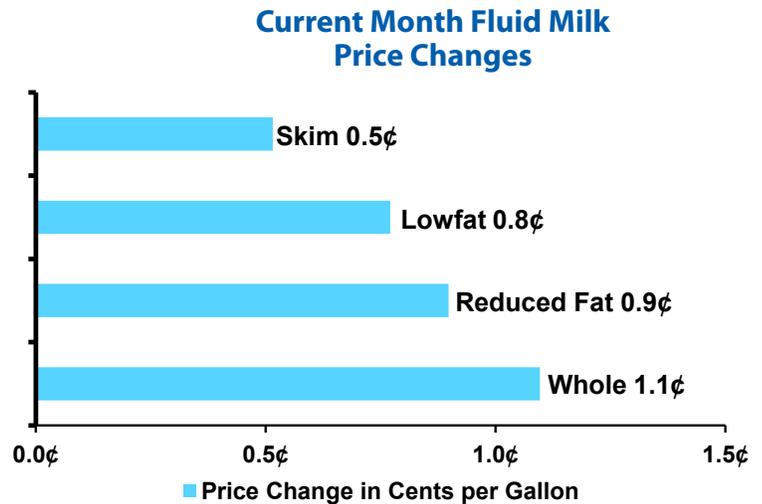
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Fluid Milk Price Changes for May 2015

The minimum price of milk, established by the Department, is the price that dairy processors must pay for milk used to produce dairy products. National commodity prices, primarily Grade AA Butter, Cheddar Cheese, Nonfat Dry Milk, and Dry Whey are significant factors in determining the minimum milk price.

Compared to last month, the national commodity prices for Butter and Cheddar Cheese increased, while Western Dry Whey and Nonfat Dry Milk decreased.

The table below shows individual prices for the four types of fluid milk by container size and the price changes from the previous month. The prices listed represent the minimum price paid by processors for the milk only, no other processing costs are included.



Minimum Prices for the Four Types of Fluid Milk, by Container Size for May 2015

Northern California	Gallon	1/2 Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	1/2 Pint
Whole	\$1.467	\$0.734	\$0.367	\$0.183	\$0.122	\$0.092
Reduced Fat 2%	\$1.328	\$0.664	\$0.332	\$0.166	\$0.111	\$0.083
Lowfat 1%	\$1.246	\$0.623	\$0.312	\$0.156	\$0.104	\$0.078
Nonfat (Skim)	\$0.934	\$0.467	\$0.234	\$0.117	\$0.078	\$0.058

Southern California	Gallon	1/2 Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	1/2 Pint
Whole	\$1.491	\$0.745	\$0.373	\$0.186	\$0.124	\$0.093
Reduced Fat 2%	\$1.352	\$0.676	\$0.338	\$0.169	\$0.113	\$0.085
Lowfat 1%	\$1.270	\$0.635	\$0.317	\$0.159	\$0.106	\$0.079
Nonfat (Skim)	\$0.959	\$0.479	\$0.240	\$0.120	\$0.080	\$0.060

Price Changes from the Previous Pricing Period

	Gallon	1/2 Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	1/2 Pint
Whole	\$0.011	\$0.005	\$0.003	\$0.001	\$0.001	\$0.001
Reduced Fat 2%	\$0.009	\$0.004	\$0.002	\$0.001	\$0.001	\$0.001
Lowfat 1%	\$0.008	\$0.004	\$0.002	\$0.001	\$0.001	\$0.000
Nonfat (Skim)	\$0.005	\$0.003	\$0.001	\$0.001	\$0.000	\$0.000

Price Changes from the Previous Pricing Period Displayed in Cents

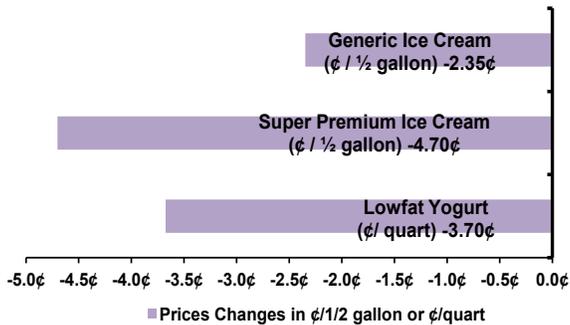
	Gallon	1/2 Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	1/2 Pint
Whole	1.1¢	0.5¢	0.3¢	0.1¢	0.1¢	0.1¢
Reduced Fat 2%	0.9¢	0.4¢	0.2¢	0.1¢	0.1¢	0.1¢
Lowfat 1%	0.8¢	0.4¢	0.2¢	0.1¢	0.1¢	0.0¢
Nonfat (Skim)	0.5¢	0.3¢	0.1¢	0.1¢	0.0¢	0.0¢

Whole milk increased one and one tenth of a cent per gallon; reduced fat milk increased nine tenths of a cent per gallon; lowfat milk increased eight tenths of a cent per gallon; and skim milk increased five tenths of a cent per gallon.

Minimum Prices for the Milk Component of Various Manufactured Dairy Products

The minimum prices for the raw milk component used by processors in manufacturing dairy products are listed in the table to the right. No other costs incurred by the processor are included, such as: milk quality premiums, milk composition premiums, transportation costs, plant processing costs, service charges, marketing costs.

Current Month Yogurt and Ice Cream Price Changes



	Lowfat Yogurt (\$/qt)	Super Premium Ice Cream (\$/1.5 qt)*	Generic Ice Cream (\$/1.5 qt)*	Grade AA Butter (\$/lb)	Cheese (\$/lb)
September '13	\$0.37	\$1.31	\$0.52	\$1.34	\$1.60
October	\$0.39	\$1.30	\$0.53	\$1.40	\$1.62
November	\$0.39	\$1.30	\$0.53	\$1.44	\$1.66
December	\$0.41	\$1.40	\$0.56	\$1.47	\$1.74
January '14	\$0.41	\$1.40	\$0.56	\$1.55	\$1.96
February	\$0.43	\$1.50	\$0.60	\$1.68	\$2.04
March	\$0.43	\$1.50	\$0.60	\$1.74	\$2.14
April	\$0.46	\$1.64	\$0.66	\$1.80	\$2.10
May	\$0.46	\$1.64	\$0.66	\$1.96	\$1.86
June	\$0.44	\$1.70	\$0.67	\$2.10	\$1.83
July	\$0.44	\$1.70	\$0.67	\$2.30	\$1.81
August	\$0.42	\$1.84	\$0.72	\$2.40	\$1.93
September	\$0.42	\$1.84	\$0.72	\$2.79	\$2.17
October	\$0.39	\$2.00	\$0.76	\$2.38	\$2.03
November	\$0.39	\$2.00	\$0.76	\$1.82	\$1.82
December	\$0.34	\$1.66	\$0.64	\$1.67	\$1.43
January '15	\$0.34	\$1.66	\$0.64	\$1.40	\$1.34
February	\$0.26	\$1.22	\$0.47	\$1.57	\$1.34
March	\$0.26	\$1.22	\$0.47	\$1.56	\$1.37
April	\$0.23	\$1.18	\$0.45	N/A	N/A

Average U.S. Retail Prices for Whole, Reduced Fat, Lowfat, and Skim Milk Selected Cities, January - March 2015

CITY	January 2015				February 2015				March 2015			
	Whole	Reduced Fat	Lowfat	Skim	Whole	Reduced Fat	Lowfat	Skim	Whole	Reduced Fat	Lowfat	Skim
<i>Weighted Average Prices in Dollars Per Gallon</i>												
Los Angeles	\$3.41	\$3.34	\$3.49	\$3.22	\$3.29	\$3.22	\$3.39	\$3.13	\$3.24	\$3.12	\$3.31	\$3.09
San Diego	\$3.76	\$3.66	\$3.78	\$3.55	\$3.63	\$3.51	\$3.64	\$3.41	\$3.59	\$3.47	\$3.63	\$3.42
Sacramento	\$4.53	\$4.39	\$4.45	\$4.37	\$4.38	\$4.23	\$4.33	\$4.20	\$4.27	\$4.14	\$4.27	\$4.13
San Francisco	\$4.80	\$4.66	\$4.84	\$4.75	\$4.80	\$4.65	\$4.85	\$4.75	\$4.79	\$4.67	\$4.88	\$4.80
Denver	\$3.59	\$3.06	\$3.07	\$2.92	\$3.26	\$2.78	\$2.77	\$2.61	\$3.08	\$2.55	\$2.56	\$2.40
Las Vegas	\$3.39	\$3.19	\$3.58	\$3.12	\$3.34	\$3.14	\$3.95	\$2.99	\$3.23	\$2.99	\$3.95	\$2.85
Phoenix	\$2.51	\$2.52	\$2.53	\$2.51	\$2.47	\$2.35	\$2.38	\$2.35	\$2.34	\$2.22	\$2.27	\$2.23
Portland	\$3.51	\$3.30	\$3.33	\$3.27	\$3.40	\$3.14	\$3.18	\$3.12	\$3.40	\$3.20	\$3.22	\$3.17
Salt Lake City-Boise	\$2.71	\$2.62	\$2.56	\$2.62	\$2.59	\$2.47	\$2.38	\$2.44	\$2.55	\$2.36	\$2.33	\$2.38
Seattle	\$3.53	\$3.32	\$3.34	\$3.30	\$3.43	\$3.19	\$3.21	\$3.17	\$3.43	\$3.18	\$3.19	\$3.16

Source: AC Nielsen Scantrack Reports on Refrigerated Milk. The average price per gallon represents the weighted averages for specific brands of milk within the specified market. Prices may include organic and raw milks. Data subject to revision. March data through the week ending 3/14/15.



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