

Minimum Prices for the Four Types of Milk, by Container Size ¹ December 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. 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 prices paid by processors for the milk only, no other processing costs are included.

Area, Type of Milk	Container Size, In Dollars Per Gallon					
	Gallon	1/2 Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	1/2 Pint
Northern California						
Whole	\$1.576	\$0.788	\$0.394	\$0.197	\$0.131	\$0.099
Reduced Fat 2%	\$1.251	\$0.625	\$0.313	\$0.156	\$0.104	\$0.078
Lowfat 1%	\$1.040	\$0.520	\$0.260	\$0.130	\$0.087	\$0.065
Nonfat (Skim)	\$0.678	\$0.339	\$0.170	\$0.085	\$0.057	\$0.042

Southern California

Whole	\$1.600	\$0.800	\$0.400	\$0.200	\$0.133	\$0.100
Reduced Fat 2%	\$1.274	\$0.637	\$0.319	\$0.159	\$0.106	\$0.080
Lowfat 1%	\$1.064	\$0.532	\$0.266	\$0.133	\$0.089	\$0.066
Nonfat (Skim)	\$0.702	\$0.351	\$0.176	\$0.088	\$0.059	\$0.044

Type of Milk	Price Changes from the Previous Month					
	Gallon	1/2 Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	1/2 Pint
Whole	\$0.056	\$0.028	\$0.014	\$0.007	\$0.005	\$0.004
Reduced Fat 2%	\$0.019	\$0.010	\$0.005	\$0.002	\$0.002	\$0.001
Lowfat 1%	-\$0.006	-\$0.003	-\$0.002	-\$0.001	-\$0.001	\$0.000
Nonfat (Skim)	-\$0.023	-\$0.011	-\$0.006	-\$0.003	-\$0.002	-\$0.001

Type of Milk	Price Changes from the Previous Month, Displayed in Cents					
	Gallon	1/2 Gallon	Quart	Pint	1/3 Quart	1/2 Pint
Whole	5.6¢	2.8¢	1.4¢	0.7¢	0.5¢	0.4¢
Reduced Fat 2%	1.9¢	1.0¢	0.5¢	0.2¢	0.2¢	0.1¢
Lowfat 1%	-0.6¢	-0.3¢	-0.2¢	-0.1¢	-0.1¢	0.0¢
Nonfat (Skim)	-2.3¢	-1.1¢	-0.6¢	-0.3¢	-0.2¢	-0.1¢

¹Assumes Whole Milk is 3.5% fat, 8.7% SNF, 8.6lb/gallon; Reduced Fat is 2% Fat, 10% SNF, 8.65 lb/gallon; Lowfat is 1% Fat, 11% SNF, 8.69 lb/gallon; Skim Milk is 0.1% Fat, 9% SNF, 8.63 lb/gallon.