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NASS Nonfat Dry Milk Prices

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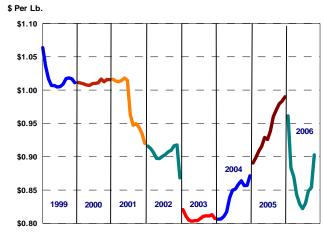
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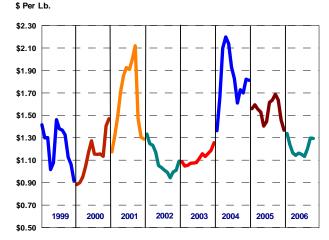
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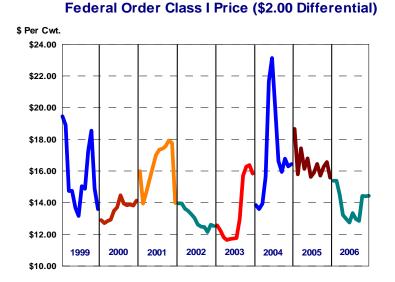


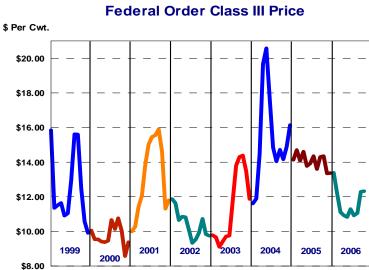
A variety of economic factors affecting the U.S. dairy industry are illustrated by the graphs in this bulletin. These graphs depict monthly data for 15 selected factors from January 1999 through October of this year. A cursory examination of this data indicates a dairy industry environment characterized by a great deal of uncertainty and price volatility over the past seven years.

The graphs on this page illustrate three National Agricultural Statistic Service (NASS) commodity price series that have a direct impact on Federal Milk Order (FMO) minimum prices. The six graphs on page two along with the first graph on page three depict FMO prices applicable to dairy farmers and/or regulated milk processors. A variety of factors that directly and indirectly influence the economic environment for milk production and processing are portrayed by the remaining five graphs on page three.

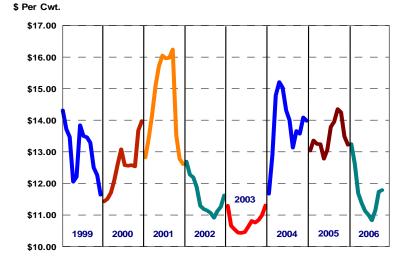
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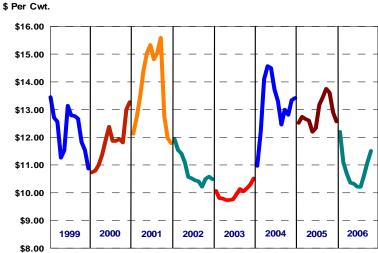




Federal Order Class II Price

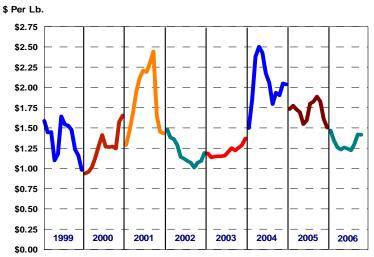


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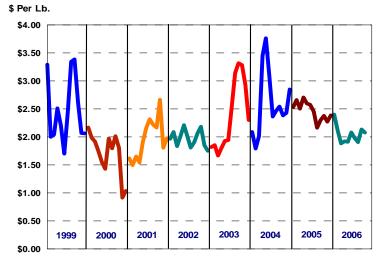


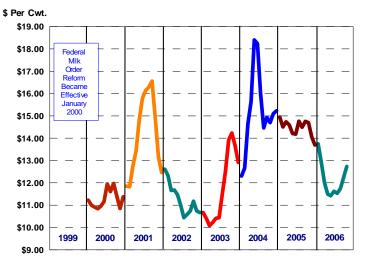


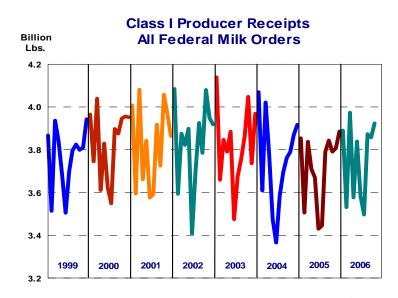
Producer Butterfat Price



Producer & Handler Protein Price

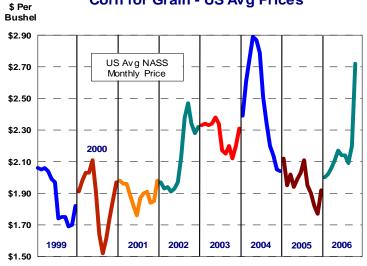






Bushel \$10.00 US Avg NASS \$9.00 Monthly Price \$8.00 \$7.00 \$6.00 1999 2000 2001 2002 \$5.00 2003 2004 2005 2006 \$4.00

Corn for Grain - US Avg Prices

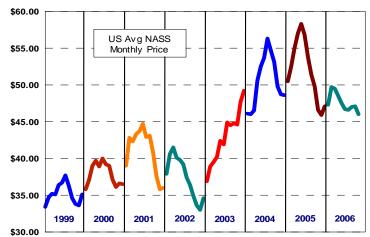




\$ Per Cwt.

Estimated U.S. Milk Production Billion Lbs. 16.5 16.0 15.5 15.0 14.5 14.0 13.5 13.0 2001 2004 1999 2000 2002 2003 2005 2006 12.5

Beef & Dairy Cow Slaughter Prices U.S. Monthly Averages



Central Federal Order Statistical Blend Price Soybeans - US Avg Prices \$ Per

	Statistical Uniform Price		Producer Price Differential			Class I Utilization	
	<u>Oct '06</u>	<u>Sep '06</u>	<u>Oct '06</u>	<u>Sep '06</u>	<u>Oct '06</u>	<u>Sep '06</u>	
Northeast	14.04	13.43	1.72	1.14	51.58	52.09	
Appalachian	14.58	13.63			70.37	73.53	
Florida	15.73	14.70			84.60	88.52	
Southeast	14.60	13.68			65.88	66.34	
Upper Midwest	12.56	12.37	0.24	0.08	16.59	20.16	
Central	12.73	12.23	0.41	-0.06	33.36	45.97	
Mideast	12.91	12.40	0.59	0.11	42.40	45.93	
Pacific Northwest	12.52	11.89	0.20	-0.40	31.85	39.05	
Southwest	13.65	13.20	1.33	0.91	40.01	40.76	
Arizona	13.24	12.76			42.42	46.17	

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