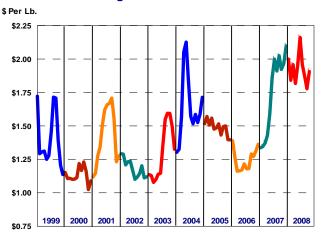


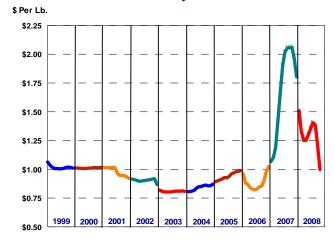
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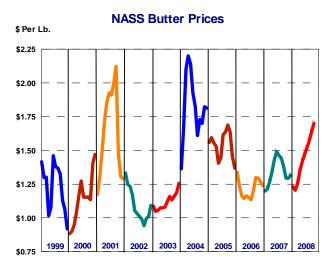
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NASS Wtd. Avg. Block/Barrel Cheese Prices



NASS Nonfat Dry Milk Prices





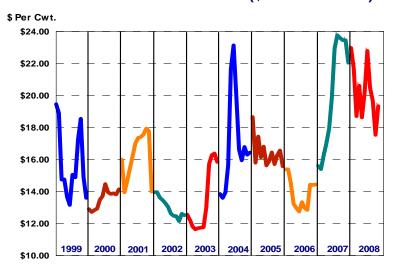


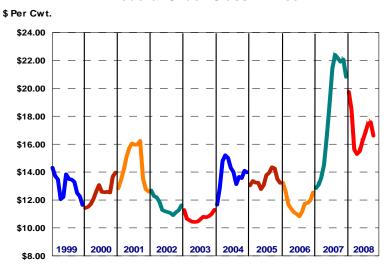
A variety of economic factors affecting the U.S. dairy industry are illustrated by the graphs in this bulletin. These graphs depict monthly data for 15 selected factors from January 1999 through October of this year. A cursory examination of this data indicates a dairy industry environment characterized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

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.

Federal Order Class I Price (\$2.00 Differential)

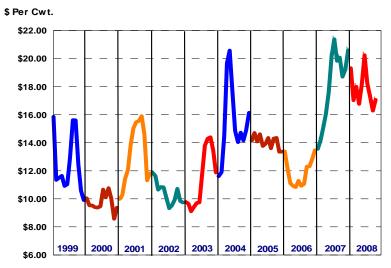
Federal Order Class II Price





Federal Order Class III Price

Federal Order Class IV Price

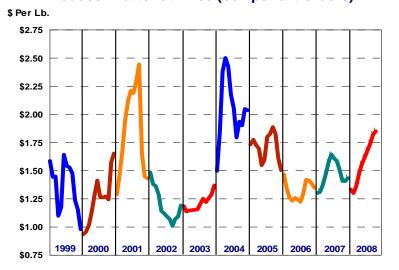


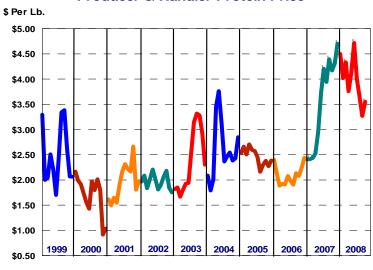




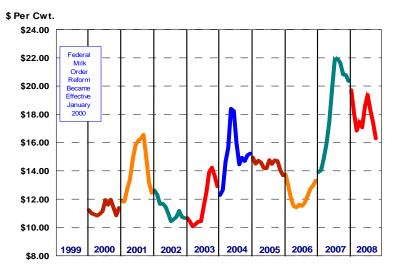
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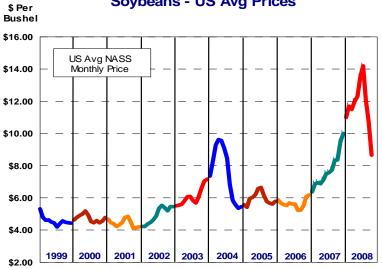




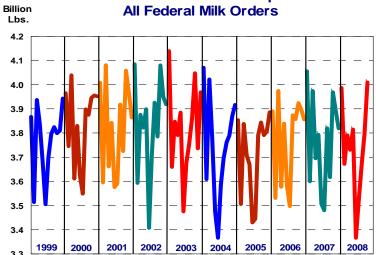
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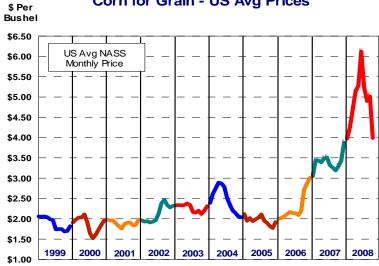
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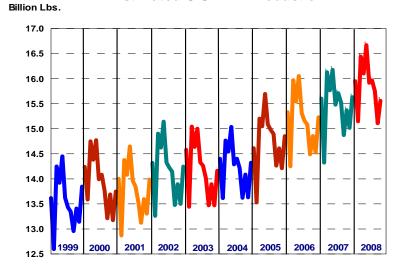
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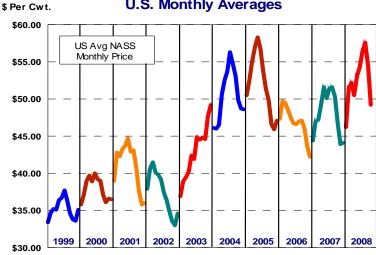
Corn for Grain - US Avg Prices



Estimated U.S. Milk Production



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



	Statistical Uniform Price			Producer Price Differential		Class I Utilization	
	Oct '08	Sep '08	Oct '08	Sep '08	Oct '08	Sep '08	
Northeast	17.44	18.90	0.38	2.62	47.42	46.50	
Appalachian	18.49	20.23			73.58	72.36	
Florida	20.42	22.39			86.98	86.75	
Southeast	18.95	20.63			73.62	74.55	
Upper Midwest	17.02	16.85	-0.04	0.57	18.33	14.91	
Central	16.30	17.44	-0.76	1.16	41.14	35.41	
Mideast	16.80	18.05	-0.26	1.77	50.67	45.20	
Pacific Northwest	15.49	17.07	-1.57	0.79	45.55	30.11	
Southwest	17.26	18.46	0.20	2.18	67.64	39.79	
Arizona	16.59	17.66			37.50	38.08	

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