

**Before the Board of Milk Control of the State of Montana**

**Announcement of Class I, II & III Producer Prices Effective March 01, 2023**

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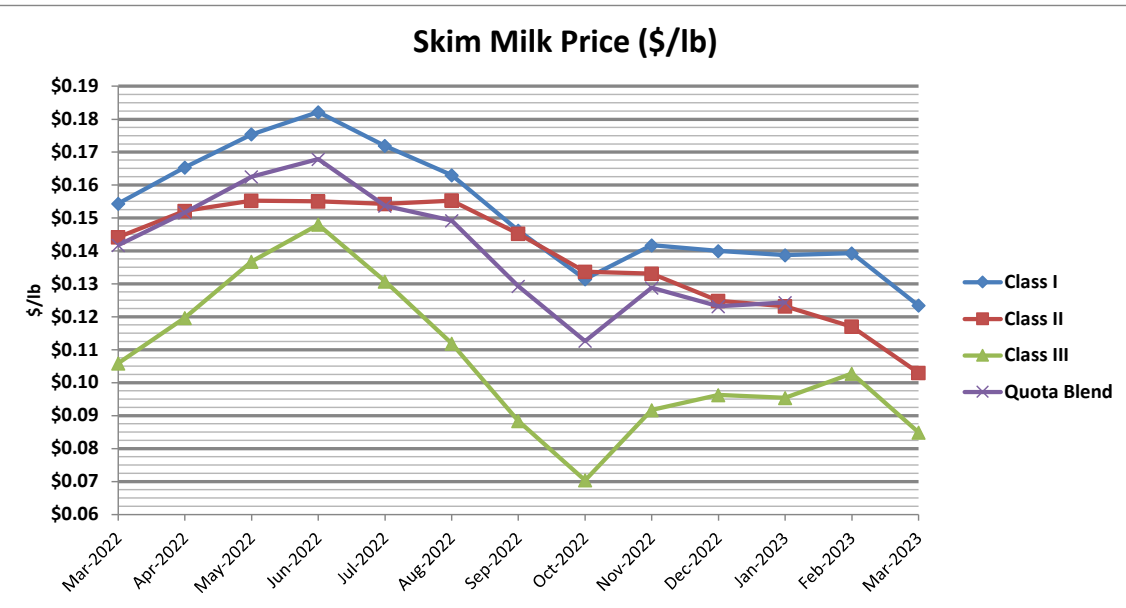
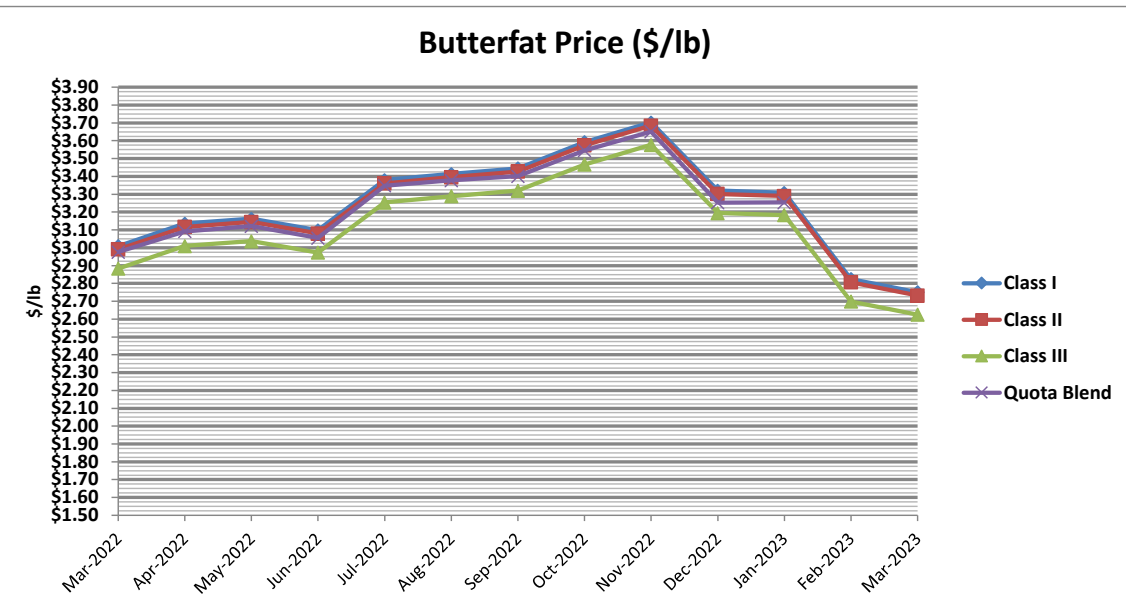
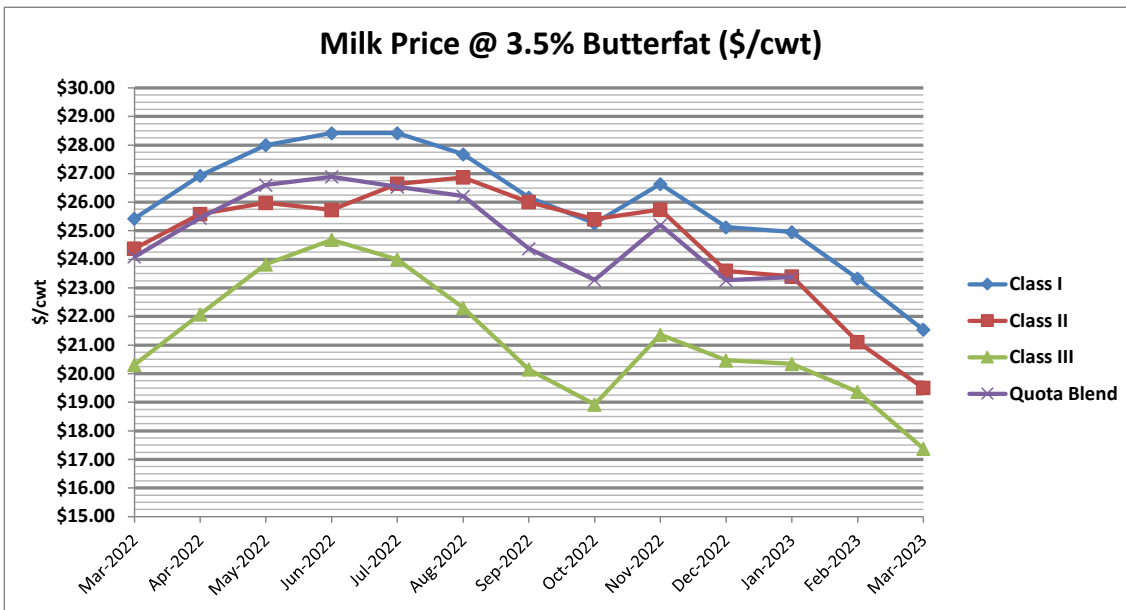
<b>March 2023 Montana Price Announcement Summary</b>			
	<b>Price for Milk Testing 3.5% Butterfat (\$/cwt)</b>	<b>Butterfat Price (\$/lb)</b>	<b>Skim Milk Price (\$/lb) to seven decimal places</b>
<b>Class I</b>	<b>\$21.54000</b>	<b>\$2.7507</b>	<b>\$0.1234461</b>
<b>Class II</b>	<b>\$19.50220</b>	<b>\$2.7322</b>	<b>\$0.1030000</b>
<b>Class III</b>	<b>\$17.38105</b>	<b>\$2.6252</b>	<b>\$0.0849000</b>

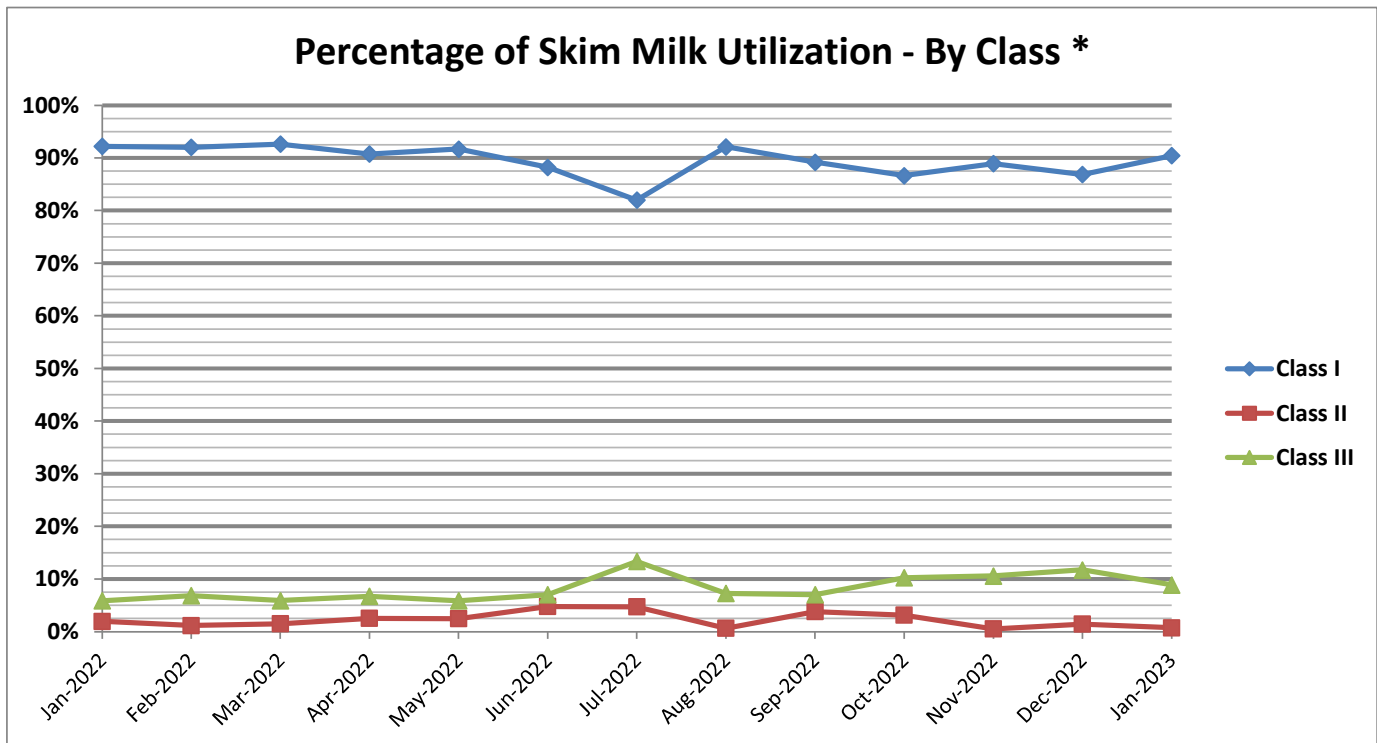
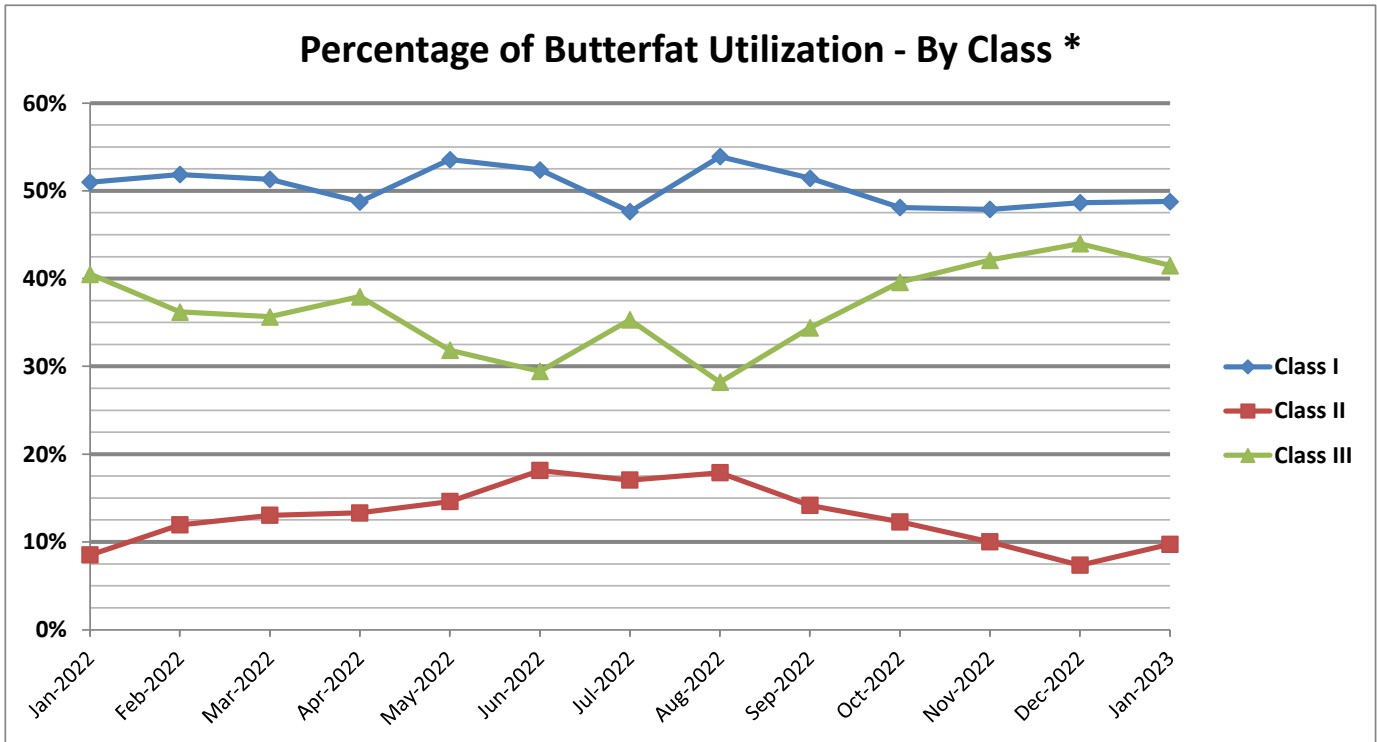
<b>Montana Class I Price Computations per ARM 32.24.480(2)</b>			
	Federal Order Base Class I Price for Milk Testing 3.5% Butterfat (\$/cwt):	\$	18.99
	Plus: Montana Differential (\$/cwt)	\$	2.55
	Montana Class I Milk Price for Milk Testing 3.5% Butterfat (\$/cwt)	\$	21.54
	Federal Order Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor (\$/lb)	\$	2.7252
	Plus: Montana Differential (\$/lb)	\$	0.0255
	Montana Class I Butterfat Price (\$/lb)	\$	2.7507
	Value of Montana Class I Butterfat at 3.5 lbs	\$	9.62745
	Value of Montana Class I Skim Milk at 96.5 lbs	\$	11.91255
	Montana Class I Milk Price for Milk Testing 3.5% Butterfat (\$/cwt)	\$	21.54000

<b>Montana Class II Price Computations per ARM 32.24.480(3)</b>			
	Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor (\$/lb)	\$	2.7252
	Plus: \$0.007/lb (\$/lb)	\$	0.0070
	Montana Class II Butterfat Price (\$/lb)	\$	2.7322
	Montana Class II Skim Milk Price (\$/lb): federal Class II Skim Milk Price converted to units of dollars per pound of skim milk	\$	0.1030
	Value of Montana Class II Butterfat at 3.5 lbs	\$	9.56270
	Value of Montana Class II Skim Milk at 96.5 lbs	\$	9.93950
	Montana Class II Milk Price for Milk Testing 3.5% Butterfat (\$/cwt)	\$	19.50220

<b>Montana Class III Price Computations per ARM 32.24.480(4)</b>			
	Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor (\$/lb)	\$	2.7252
	Less: Montana Class III Butterfat Price Differential (\$/lb)	\$	(0.1000)
	Montana Class III Butterfat Price (\$/lb)	\$	2.6252
	Federal Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor (\$/cwt)	\$	8.49
	Federal Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor (\$/cwt)	\$	9.60
	Montana Class III Skim Milk Price: lower of Class III or Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor converted to units of dollars per pound of skim milk (\$/lb)	\$	0.0849
	Value of Montana Class III Butterfat at 3.5 lbs	\$	9.18820
	Value of Montana Class III Skim Milk at 96.5 lbs	\$	8.19285
	Montana Class III Milk Price for Milk Testing 3.5% Butterfat (\$/cwt)	\$	17.38105

<b>Reference Prices for Montana Producer Price Calculations</b> USDA	
<i>Announcement of Advanced Prices and Pricing Factors - February 23, 2023</i>	
Federal Order Base Class I Price (\$/cwt)	\$18.99
Advanced Butterfat Pricing Factor (\$/lb)	\$2.7252
Class II Skim Milk Price (\$/cwt)	\$10.30
Class III Skim Milk Pricing Factor (\$/cwt)	\$8.49
Class IV Skim Milk Pricing Factor (\$/cwt)	\$9.60





\* Approximately 30% of skim milk utilization and 15% of butterfat utilization is for Class I milk that is sold as surplus milk. Surplus sales adjustments decrease the pool skim milk utilization value by \$2.55/cwt for sales to markets contiguous to Montana and by \$3.05/cwt for sales to markets non-contiguous to Montana.