

Dairy Forward Pricing Pilot Program
Information for the Period from September 2000
through December 2003

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, Dairy Programs, submitted a report to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the House Committee on Agriculture entitled *A Study of the Dairy Forward Pilot Program and Its Effect on Prices Paid Producers for Milk*, October 2002. The report covers the period from September 2000, the first fully operational month of the program, through March 2002. Dairy Programs has continued to collect data concerning the program since the study period. The tables and figures on the following pages present data covering the period from September 2000 through December 2003.

Table 1: Average Monthly Prices for Contracted Milk Volumes in Eight Orders^{1/}: With Contract, Without Contract, and at Federal Order Minimum Prices^{2/}

Year and Month	Weighted average prices at test			Price differences	
	Contract price	Non-contract price (had there been no contract)	Federal order minimum blend price	Contract minus no contract	Contract minus Federal order blend price
		\$/cwt.			\$/cwt.
2000					
Sept.	14.029	13.088	11.821	0.941	2.208
Oct.	14.273	13.127	11.416	1.146	2.857
Nov.	14.786	12.039	10.829	2.747	3.957
Dec.	14.671	12.725	11.502	1.946	3.169
2001					
Jan.	14.009	12.860	11.656	1.149	2.353
Feb.	13.821	13.052	11.729	0.769	2.092
Mar.	13.858	14.154	12.754	-0.296	1.105
Apr.	13.569	14.544	13.326	-0.975	0.242
May	13.396	16.053	14.803	-2.657	-1.407
Jun.	13.406	16.911	15.604	-3.506	-2.198
Jul.	13.382	17.104	15.787	-3.722	-2.405
Aug.	13.226	17.013	15.961	-3.786	-2.735
Sept.	13.819	17.753	16.683	-3.934	-2.864
Oct.	14.046	16.646	15.501	-2.600	-1.454
Nov.	14.308	14.060	13.338	0.248	0.970
Dec.	13.774	13.777	12.832	-0.003	0.943
2002					
Jan.	14.666	14.084	12.955	0.582	1.711
Feb.	14.855	13.890	12.664	0.965	2.191
Mar.	14.450	12.843	11.926	1.607	2.523

Study Period		
Sept. 2000-Mar. 2002 Averages		
Contract	Non-contract	FMMO
14.018	14.512	13.320

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Table 1 Continued: Average Monthly Prices for Contracted Milk Volumes in Seven Orders^{1/}: With Contract, Without Contract, and at Federal Order Minimum Prices^{2/}

Year and Month	Weighted average prices at test			Price differences	
	Contract price	Non-contract price (had there been no contract)	Federal order minimum blend price	Contract minus no contract	Contract minus Federal order blend price
	\$/cwt.			\$/cwt.	
Apr.	14.157	12.745	11.803	1.412	2.354
May	14.076	12.479	11.587	1.596	2.489
Jun.	13.948	11.768	10.966	2.180	2.982
Jul.	13.872	11.068	10.278	2.804	3.594
Aug.	14.053	11.240	10.462	2.813	3.591
Sept.	14.095	11.548	10.774	2.547	3.321
Oct.	14.548	12.679	11.656	1.869	2.892
Nov.	14.382	11.916	11.125	2.466	3.257
Dec.	14.286	11.908	10.995	2.377	3.291
2003					
Jan.	14.257	12.074	10.989	2.183	3.267
Feb.	13.916	11.576	10.622	2.340	3.294
Mar.	13.711	11.059	10.152	2.651	3.559
Apr.	13.613	11.174	10.216	2.439	3.397
May	13.438	11.352	10.367	2.085	3.071
Jun.	13.417	11.316	10.289	2.101	3.129
Jul.	13.581	12.538	11.079	1.043	2.502
Aug.	13.701	13.928	12.156	-0.227	1.545
Sept.	14.105	15.826	13.796	-1.721	0.309
Oct.	14.384	16.336	14.365	-1.952	0.018
Nov.	14.198	15.580	13.962	-1.382	0.237
Dec.	14.079	14.163	13.208	-0.084	0.871
Average	14.004	13.500	12.348	0.504	1.656
St. Dev.	0.413	1.954	1.816	-1.541	-1.403
Minimum	13.226	11.059	10.152	2.167	3.075
Maximum	14.855	17.753	16.683	-2.898	-1.827
Range	1.629	6.694	6.531	-5.065	-4.902

Apr. 2002-Dec. 2003 Averages		
Contract	Non-contract	FMMO
13.991	12.584	11.469

1/ Eight Orders refers to the eight Federal orders with participation in the Dairy Forward Pricing Program since it began--the Appalachian, Central, Mideast, Northeast, Pacific Northwest, Southeast, Upper Midwest, and Western orders. Contract delivery in the Appalachian order began in December 2004.

2/ For a detailed description of how average prices are computed, see Appendix D of *A Study of the Dairy Forward Pricing Program and Its Effect on Prices paid Producers for Milk*, USDA-AMS Dairy Programs, October 2002.

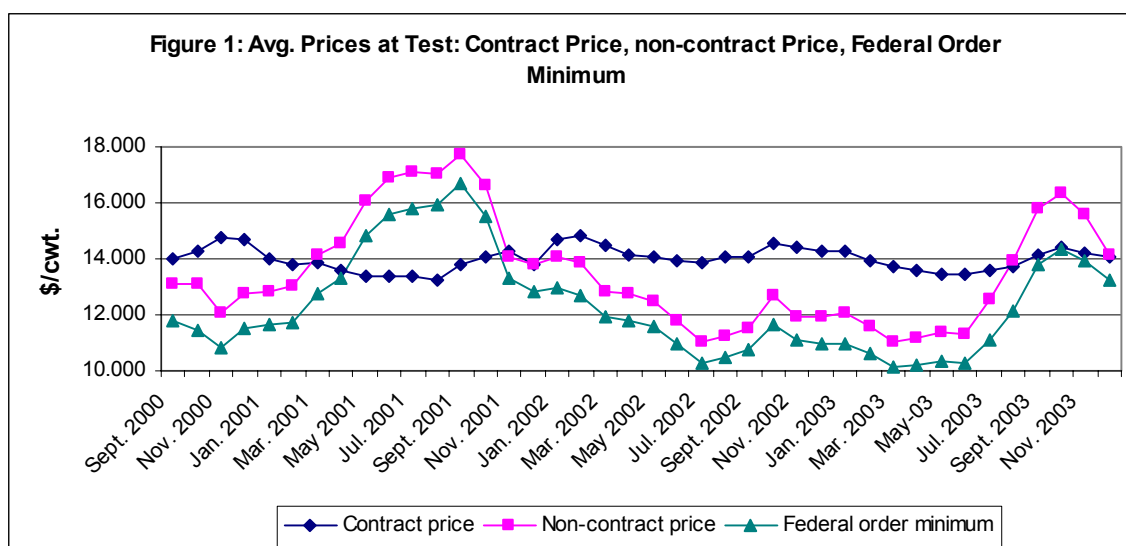


Table 2: Program¹ Contracting Producers Categorized by Total Pounds Delivered Per Month

Year and month	Delivery pounds per month								Total number of producers per month
	100,000 or less		100,000 to 400,000		400,000 to 1 million		1 million or more		
	# of producers	Percent	# of producers	Percent	# of producers	Percent	# of producers	Percent	
2000									
Sept.	171	56.3	109	35.9	15	4.9	9	3.0	304
Oct.	170	53.6	116	36.6	22	6.9	9	2.8	317
Nov.	183	56.5	111	34.3	18	5.6	12	3.7	324
Dec.	171	53.6	118	37.0	18	5.6	12	3.8	319
2001									
Jan.	505	50.8	413	41.5	51	5.1	25	2.5	994
Feb.	554	55.1	372	37.0	52	5.2	27	2.7	1005
Mar.	498	48.3	438	42.4	66	6.4	30	2.9	1032
Apr.	558	48.9	470	41.2	75	6.6	38	3.3	1141
May	318	40.8	348	44.6	72	9.2	42	5.4	780
Jun.	356	43.5	340	41.5	80	9.8	43	5.3	819
Jul.	359	41.5	373	43.1	84	9.7	49	5.7	865
Aug.	361	41.4	359	41.1	89	10.2	64	7.3	873
Sept.	379	43.4	347	39.7	85	9.7	62	7.1	873
Oct.	351	42.7	347	42.2	85	10.3	39	4.7	822
Nov.	306	41.2	295	39.7	82	11.0	60	8.1	743
Dec.	279	38.7	294	40.8	82	11.4	66	9.2	721

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Table 2 Continued: Program^{1/} Contracting Producers Categorized by Total Pounds Delivered Per Month

2002										
	Jan.	33	19.5	59	34.9	37	21.9	40	23.7	169
	Feb.	34	24.8	54	39.4	23	16.8	26	19.0	137
	Mar.	27	15.8	69	40.4	35	20.5	40	23.4	171
	Apr.	37	19.9	76	40.9	32	17.2	41	22.0	186
	May	40	21.9	70	38.3	33	18.0	40	21.9	183
	Jun.	44	23.4	72	38.3	32	17.0	40	21.3	188
	Jul.	48	23.9	80	39.8	33	16.4	40	19.9	201
	Aug.	41	20.6	79	39.7	35	17.6	44	22.1	199
	Sept.	50	24.5	76	37.3	35	17.2	43	21.1	204
	Oct.	47	27.3	71	41.3	25	14.5	29	16.9	172
	Nov.	45	23.4	74	38.5	30	15.6	43	22.4	192
	Dec.	43	22.8	70	37.0	32	16.9	44	23.3	189
2003										
	Jan.	50	27.8	51	28.3	30	16.7	49	27.2	180
	Feb.	56	28.0	59	29.5	36	18.0	49	24.5	200
	Mar.	52	25.1	62	30.0	37	17.9	56	27.1	207
	Apr.	54	25.2	61	28.5	45	21.0	54	25.2	214
	May	43	18.9	78	34.2	44	19.3	63	27.6	228
	Jun.	53	21.6	82	33.5	50	20.4	60	24.5	245
	Jul. ^{2/}	9	23.7	13	34.2	7	18.4	9	23.7	38
	Aug.	19	24.1	29	36.7	15	19.0	16	20.3	79
	Sept.	13	21.3	22	36.1	12	19.7	14	23.0	61
	Oct.	11	19.3	20	35.1	13	22.8	13	22.8	57
	Nov.	54	23.8	78	34.4	51	22.5	44	19.4	227
	Dec.	77	21.4	119	33.1	76	21.1	88	24.4	360
	Average	162	32.6	159	37.4	44	14.4	39	15.6	405

1/ Program refers to Dairy Forward Pricing Program.

2/ The apparent decrease in forward contract activity in July through November 2003 is a result of handlers' depooling of milk in these months. Economic conditions and the Federal order pricing system created conditions that made depooling both contract and non-contract milk advantageous to handlers. Although forward contracts remained active during this period, contracts for unpooled milk are outside the scope of the Program.

Figure 2: Number of Producers Categorized by Pounds of Total Deliveries Per Month

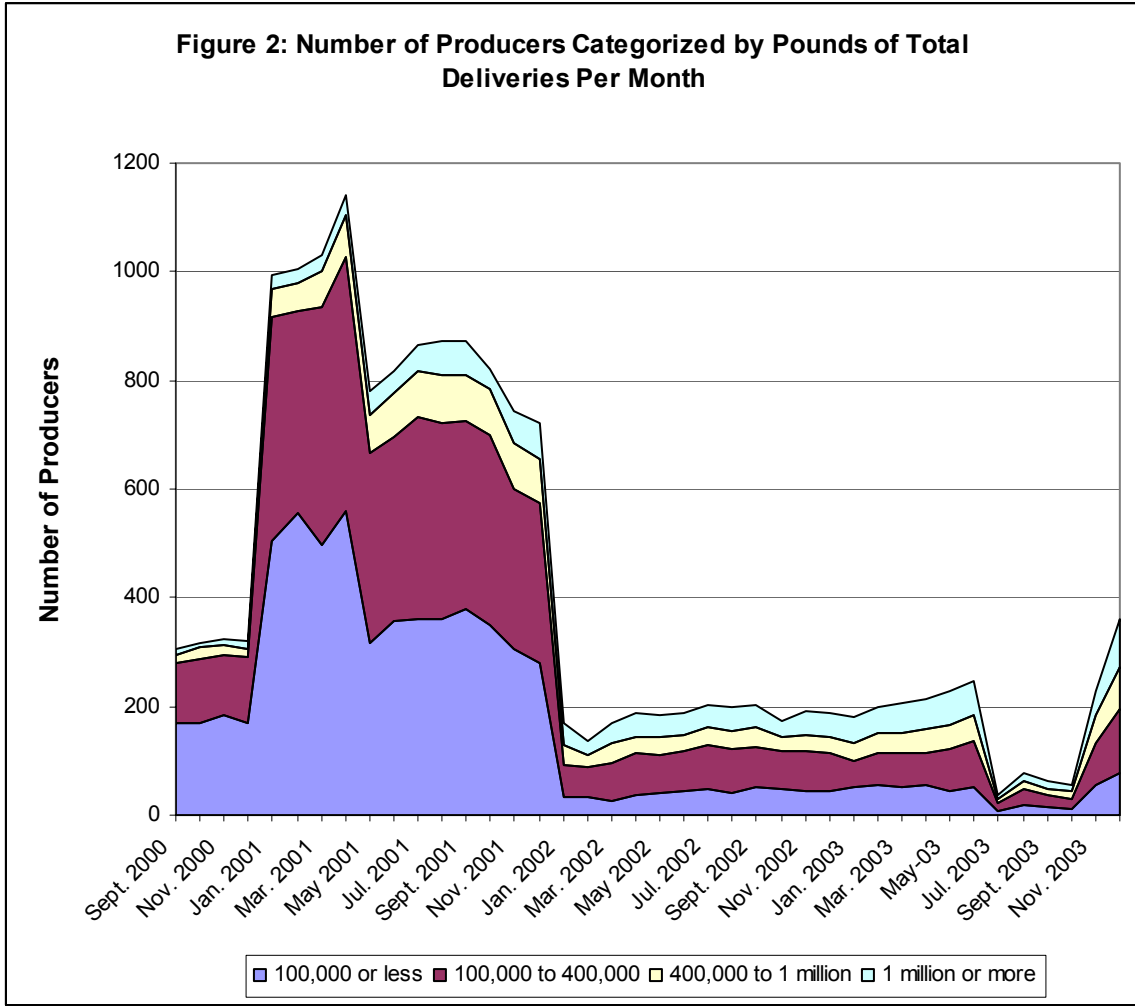


Table 3: Contract Milk Price Comparisons^{1/}, Eight Orders^{2/} by Signing and Delivery Quarter Combination

Table 3a: Prices received for contract milk (\$/cwt, at test)

Signing Quarter	Delivery quarter													
	2000 3 rd	2000 4 th	2001 1 st	2001 2 nd	2001 3 rd	2001 4 th	2002 1 st	2002 2 nd	2002 3 rd	2002 4 th	2003 1 st	2003 2 nd	2003 3 rd	2003 4 th
2000 3 rd	13.911	14.599	14.115	13.788	13.579	14.087	R							
2000 4 th	---	R	13.791	13.580	13.368	13.950	R							
2001 1 st	---	---	14.146	12.780	12.710	12.968	14.025	R						
2001 2 nd	---	---	---	14.963	14.753	14.762	14.151	14.329	R	R	R	R		R
2001 3 rd	---	---	---	---	15.648	16.008	15.852	15.576	15.318	15.581	R	R		
2001 4 th	---	---	---	---	---	15.377	14.008	13.578	13.602	13.942	R	R		
2002 1 st	---	---	---	---	---	---	13.657	13.102	13.527	14.011	13.805	13.540	R	R
2002 2 nd	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	13.497	13.675	13.795	13.211	12.891	---	13.561
2002 3 rd	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	13.978	14.235	13.556	13.320	13.841	14.204
2002 4 th	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	14.575	13.757	13.285	13.242	14.117
2003 1 st	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12.983	13.319	14.148	14.356
2003 2 nd	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12.630	13.273	13.669
2003 3 rd	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	14.248	13.812
2003 4 th	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15.022

Table 3b: Prices had there been no forward contracts (\$/cwt, at test)

Signing Quarter	Delivery quarter													
	2000 3 rd	2000 4 th	2001 1 st	2001 2 nd	2001 3 rd	2001 4 th	2002 1 st	2002 2 nd	2002 3 rd	2002 4 th	2003 1 st	2003 2 nd	2003 3 rd	2003 4 th
2000 3 rd	12.992	12.628	13.470	15.852	17.335	15.189	R							
2000 4 th	---	R	13.304	16.001	17.694	15.109	R							
2001 1 st	---	---	14.411	15.154	16.700	13.950	13.658	R						
2001 2 nd	---	---	---	16.931	17.644	14.959	13.484	12.876	R	R	R	R		R
2001 3 rd	---	---	---	---	17.839	15.554	14.277	13.022	11.813	12.510	R	R		
2001 4 th	---	---	---	---	---	14.019	12.978	11.976	11.062	11.855	R	R		
2002 1 st	---	---	---	---	---	---	11.926	11.626	10.634	11.655	10.937	11.048	R	R
2002 2 nd	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11.737	10.968	11.722	11.040	10.812	---	13.812
2002 3 rd	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12.160	12.504	11.409	11.196	13.941	15.119
2002 4 th	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12.472	11.394	11.097	13.943	14.674
2003 1 st	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11.033	11.349	14.223	15.400
2003 2 nd	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	11.669	15.235	14.461
2003 3 rd	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	14.771	14.243
2003 4 th	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15.465

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Table 3 Continued: Contract Milk Price Comparisons^{1/}, Eight Orders^{2/} by Signing and Delivery Quarter Combination

Table 3c: Contract price minus non-contract price (\$/cwt)

Signing Quarter	Delivery quarter													
	2000 3 rd	2000 4 th	2001 1 st	2001 2 nd	2001 3 rd	2001 4 th	2002 1 st	2002 2 nd	2002 3 rd	2002 4 th	2003 1 st	2003 2 nd	2003 3 rd	2003 4 th
2000 3 rd	0.919	1.971	0.645	-2.064	-3.756	-1.102	R							
2000 4 th	---	R	0.487	-2.421	-4.326	-1.159	R							
2001 1 st	---	---	-0.265	-2.374	-3.990	-0.982	0.367	R						
2001 2 nd	---	---	---	-1.968	-2.891	-0.197	0.667	1.453	R	R	R	R		R
2001 3 rd	---	---	---	---	-2.191	0.454	1.575	2.554	3.505	3.071	R	R		
2001 4 th	---	---	---	---	---	1.357	1.030	1.603	2.540	2.087	R	R		
2002 1 st	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.731	1.476	2.893	2.357	2.869	2.492	R	R
2002 2 nd	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.760	2.707	2.072	2.171	2.079	---	-0.250
2002 3 rd	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.818	1.731	2.148	2.123	-0.101	-0.915
2002 4 th	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.102	2.363	2.188	-0.701	-0.557
2003 1 st	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.949	1.969	-0.075	-1.044
2003 2 nd	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	0.961	-1.963	-0.792
2003 3 rd	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	-0.523	-0.431
2003 4 th	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	-0.444

R=Restricted data. Data provided by fewer than three parties is considered restricted because aggregation of such information may not prevent individual disclosure.

1/ For a detailed description of how average prices are computed, see Appendix D of *A Study of the Dairy Forward Pricing Pilot Program and Its Effect on Prices Paid Producers for Milk*, USDA-AMS Dairy Programs, October 2002.

2/ Eight Orders refers to the eight Federal orders with participation in the Program since it began—the Appalachian, Central, Mideast, Northeast, Pacific Northwest, Southeast, Upper Midwest, and Western orders.

Table 4: Number of Handlers Receiving Forward Contract Milk Under the Program^{1/} by Federal Milk Marketing Order

	Northeast	Southeast	Appalachian	Central	Mideast	Pacific Northwest	Western	Upper Midwest	Seven Orders ^{2/}	Eight Orders ^{2/}
2000										
Sept.	---	1	---	3	1	---	1	2	6	6
Oct.	---	1	---	3	1	---	1	2	5	6
Nov.	---	1	---	3	1	---	1	3	5	6
Dec.	---	1	---	3	1	---	1	3	5	6
2001										
Jan.	---	1	---	3	1	---	---	8	4	10
Feb.	---	1	---	3	1	---	---	10	4	12
Mar.	---	1	---	3	1	---	---	10	4	12
Apr.	1	1	---	3	2	---	---	11	6	14
May	2	1	---	4	2	---	---	12	7	16
June	2	1	---	4	3	---	2	11	10	19
July	2	1	---	4	3	---	1	12	9	19
Aug.	2	1	---	4	3	---	2	14	10	20
Sept.	2	1	---	4	2	1	2	14	10	21
Oct.	2	1	---	4	2	1	1	14	9	21
Nov.	2	1	---	4	2	1	2	13	10	20
Dec.	2	1	---	4	2	1	2	12	10	19

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Table 4 Continued: Number of Handlers Receiving Forward Contract Milk Under the Program^{1/} by Federal Milk Marketing Order

	Northeast	Southeast	Appalachian	Central	Mideast	Pacific Northwest	Western	Upper Midwest	Seven Orders ^{2/}	Eight Orders ^{2/}
2002										
Jan.	2	---	---	4	2	1	1	11	9	17
Feb.	2	---	---	4	2	1	1	10	9	17
Mar.	2	---	---	4	2	1	1	10	9	16
Apr.	1	---	---	3	3	1	---	9	7	13
May	1	---	---	4	3	1	---	9	8	14
Jun.	1	---	---	4	3	1	---	8	8	13
Jul.	1	---	---	4	3	1	1	9	9	14
Aug.	1	---	---	4	1	1	1	9	7	13
Sept.	1	---	---	4	1	1	1	7	7	12
Oct.	1	---	---	3	1	1	1	8	6	13
Nov.	1	---	---	3	1	1	1	9	6	13
Dec.	1	---	---	3	1	1	1	10	6	13
2003										
Jan.	1	---	---	3	1	1	1	10	6	14
Feb.	1	---	---	3	1	1	1	11	6	15
Mar.	1	---	---	3	1	1	1	12	6	16
Apr.	1	---	---	4	1	1	1	12	7	17
May	1	---	---	4	1	1	1	13	7	18
Jun.	1	---	---	4	1	1	1	14	7	19
Jul. ^{3/}	1	---	---	1			2	5	4	8
Aug.	1	---	---	1	1		2	9	5	13
Sept.	1	---	---	1	1	---	1	8	4	11
Oct.	1	---	---	1	---	---	2	9	4	12
Nov.	1	---	---	4	2	---	2	13	8	19
Dec.	1	---	1	4	2	1	2	16	10	22

1/ Program refers to the Dairy Forward Pricing Program.

2/ The Upper Midwest Milk Marketing Order has had by far the most Program activity. Data is presented to allow comparisons of numbers of participating handlers receiving contract milk in the Upper Midwest to the other orders with participation. Eight Orders refers to the Federal milk marketing orders with participation in the program. These include the Appalachian, Central, Mideast, Northeast, Pacific Northwest, Southeast, Upper Midwest, and Western orders. Seven Orders refers to all of these orders except for the Upper Midwest. The number of handlers for the Seven Orders and Eight Orders is not simply the sum of the handlers for the individual orders because some Program participating handlers had pooled milk in more than one order. For most information in the study, insufficient data was available to be presented in disaggregation beyond the Seven Orders. Thus, to maintain comparability, the Seven orders category is included in the study's handler tables. This updated table maintains the categories.

3/ The apparent decrease in forward contract activity in July through November 2003 is a result of handlers' depooling of milk in these months. Economic conditions and the Federal order pricing system created conditions that made depooling both contract and non-contract milk advantageous to handlers. Although forward contracts remained active during this period, contracts for unpooled milk are outside the scope of the Program.

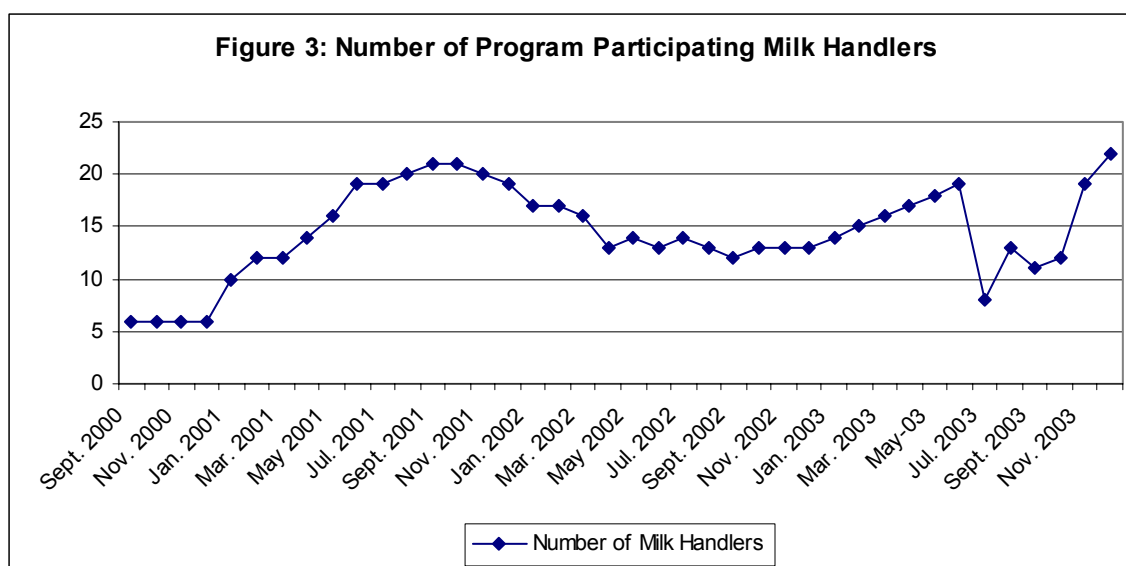


Table 5: Milk Volumes and Gross Cash Receipts for Contract Milk in Eight Orders^{1/} With Comparisons

Year and Month	Milk Volumes		Gross cash receipts before deductions for hauling, promotion, and marketing charges				Differences in gross cash receipts	
	Total pooled milk of Program ^{2/} producers <i>1000s lbs.</i>	Contract milk	Total pooled milk of Program producers		Contract milk at Federal order minimum prices		Contract minus no contract	Contract minus Federal order minimum
			Contract milk	Contract milk	had there been no contract	Contract milk		
2000								
Sept.	58,764.7	46,592.3	8,112.1	6,536.3	6,097.8	5,507.7	438.5	1,028.6
Oct.	65,796.1	51,287.6	9,179.0	7,320.5	6,732.5	5,855.0	588.0	1,465.4
Nov.	67,250.8	53,143.8	9,547.5	7,857.7	6,398.1	5,755.0	1,459.6	2,102.7
Dec.	71,402.2	54,456.4	10,169.0	7,989.4	6,929.5	6,263.7	1,059.9	1,725.7
2001								
Jan.	181,713.3	127,384.0	24,785.0	17,845.2	16,381.3	14,847.9	1,463.9	2,997.3
Feb.	180,275.9	126,135.4	24,581.6	17,433.1	16,463.4	14,793.9	969.7	2,639.2
Mar.	212,767.2	144,748.2	29,760.8	20,059.6	20,488.0	18,460.6	-428.4	1,599.0
Apr.	251,424.6	176,840.5	35,149.2	23,994.7	25,719.6	23,566.4	-1,724.8	428.4
May	221,123.1	142,175.4	32,061.8	19,046.5	22,823.6	21,046.5	-3,777.1	-2,000.1
Jun.	230,861.1	151,544.5	34,014.6	20,315.8	25,628.2	23,646.9	-5,312.5	-3,331.1
Jul.	243,640.2	169,016.0	35,434.1	22,617.7	28,909.2	26,681.8	-6,291.5	-4,064.2
Aug.	291,887.9	195,752.7	42,283.0	25,890.8	33,303.0	31,244.5	-7,412.2	-5,353.7
Sept.	290,659.5	205,016.2	43,505.3	28,331.7	36,397.2	34,202.8	-8,065.5	-5,871.1
Oct.	236,533.4	170,891.6	34,946.1	24,004.0	28,447.3	26,489.4	-4,443.3	-2,485.4
Nov.	282,415.6	195,199.0	40,053.1	27,929.3	27,445.3	26,036.3	483.9	1,892.9
Dec.	298,089.6	199,839.9	41,103.3	27,526.7	27,532.3	25,643.0	-5.6	1,883.8

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Table 5 Continued: Milk Volumes and Gross Cash Receipts for Contract Milk in Eight Orders^{1/} With Comparisons

Year and Month	Milk Volumes		Gross cash receipts before deductions for hauling, promotion, and marketing charges				Differences in gross cash receipts	
	Total pooled milk of Program ^{2/} producers	Contract milk	Total pooled milk of Program producers	Contract milk	Contract milk had there been no contract	Contract milk at Federal order minimum prices	Contract minus no contract	Contract minus Federal order minimum
2002								
Jan.	150,619.4	86,514.1	21,565.8	12,688.1	12,184.3	11,207.6	503.8	1,480.5
Feb.	103,385.6	74,383.1	15,071.7	11,050.0	10,331.9	9,420.0	718.1	1,630.0
Mar.	161,509.9	100,636.4	22,264.2	14,541.7	12,925.0	12,002.3	1,616.7	2,539.4
Apr.	169,616.8	111,936.9	23,197.4	15,847.4	14,266.4	13,212.1	1,581.0	2,635.3
May	171,402.9	114,675.4	23,243.9	16,141.2	14,310.5	13,287.5	1,830.7	2,853.7
Jun.	174,693.2	120,869.2	23,176.8	16,859.4	14,224.1	13,254.7	2,635.3	3,604.7
Jul.	181,001.6	122,411.0	23,374.0	16,981.2	13,548.5	12,581.3	3,432.7	4,399.8
Aug.	194,021.3	127,905.1	25,303.9	17,974.5	14,376.7	13,382.1	3,597.9	4,592.4
Sept.	193,506.4	132,480.0	25,729.4	18,673.3	15,298.6	14,273.5	3,374.6	4,399.8
Oct.	130,760.1	97,795.8	18,470.0	14,227.0	12,399.4	11,399.2	1,827.6	2,827.8
Nov.	177,801.2	121,884.1	24,128.5	17,529.4	14,523.7	13,559.1	3,005.7	3,970.3
Dec.	183,137.9	120,491.9	24,603.6	17,213.4	14,348.8	13,248.0	2,864.7	3,965.5
2003								
Jan.	170,436.8	101,713.6	22,418.2	14,501.1	12,280.4	11,177.7	2,220.7	3,323.4
Feb.	173,731.2	110,138.9	22,412.6	15,326.7	12,750.0	11,699.1	2,576.7	3,627.6
Mar.	206,747.6	128,883.4	25,935.6	17,671.1	14,253.8	13,083.7	3,417.3	4,587.5
Apr.	209,944.4	129,994.4	26,300.5	17,696.6	14,525.5	13,280.6	3,171.1	4,416.0
May	228,531.2	137,028.5	28,484.6	18,413.3	15,555.8	14,205.7	2,857.5	4,207.6
Jun.	205,724.7	127,456.4	25,685.1	17,101.0	14,423.5	13,113.4	2,677.5	3,987.6
Jul. ^{3/}	37,986.8	30,255.5	5,078.9	4,109.0	3,793.3	3,351.9	315.7	757.1
Aug.	56,980.8	39,441.3	7,960.4	5,403.9	5,493.3	4,794.6	-89.4	609.3
Sept.	50,086.4	36,982.5	7,259.4	5,216.5	5,852.8	5,102.2	-636.3	114.3
Oct.	50,267.2	37,312.1	7,452.8	5,366.9	6,095.1	5,360.1	-728.3	6.8
Nov.	143,234.1	89,662.0	20,984.2	12,730.4	13,969.4	12,518.2	-1,239.0	212.2
Dec.	295,730.0	194,035.2	41,667.3	27,318.7	27,481.5	25,627.6	-162.8	1,691.0
Totals	7,005,462.7	4,704,910.5	967,454.1	655,280.6	644,908.5	594,183.6	10,372.2	61,097.1

1/ Eight Orders refers to the eight Federal orders with participation in the Program since it began--the Appalachian, Central, Mideast, Northeast, Pacific Northwest, Southeast, Upper Midwest, and Western orders.

2/ Program refers to the Dairy Forward Pricing Pilot Program.

3/ The apparent decrease in forward contract activity in July through November 2003 is a result of handlers' depooling of milk in these months. Economic conditions and the Federal order pricing system created conditions that made depooling both contract and non-contract milk advantageous to handlers. Although forward contracts remained active during this period, contracts for unpooled milk are outside the scope of the Program.

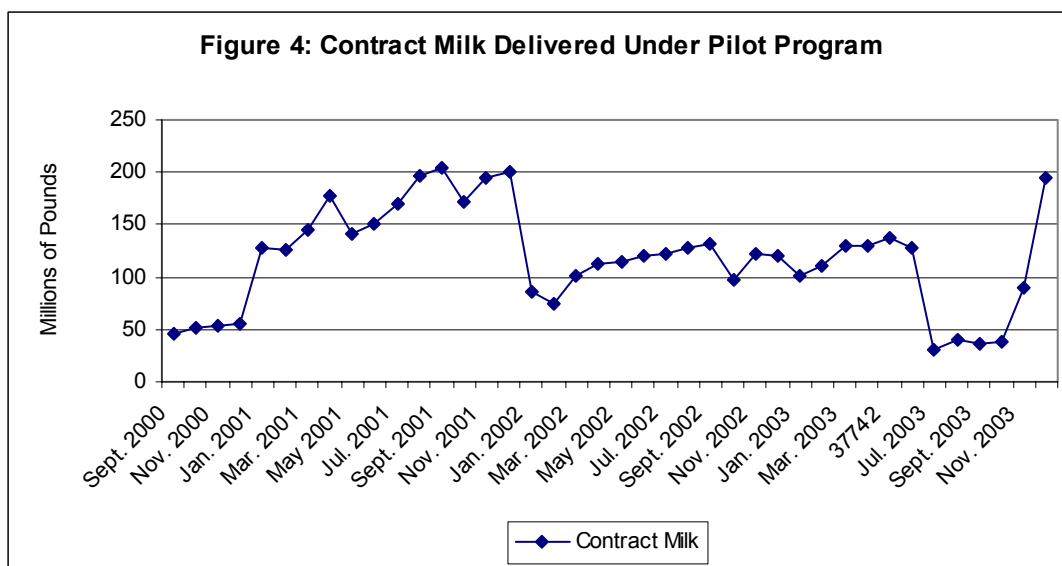


Table 6. Program Participating Producers^{1/} by State

State	Number of Producers	Percent
Wisconsin	834	49.5
Minnesota	475	28.2
Idaho	129	7.7
South Dakota	66	3.9
Illinois	51	3.0
Iowa	40	2.4
New York	32	1.9
Ohio	25	1.5
Missouri	11	0.7
Arkansas	6	0.4
Nebraska	4	0.2
Oklahoma	3	0.2
Oregon	3	0.2
Pennsylvania	3	0.2
Michigan	2	0.1
Tennessee	1	0.1
Utah	1	0.1
Total	1686	100

¹ Program Participating Producers refers to the total number of producers who delivered contract milk as part of the Dairy Forward Pricing Pilot Program.

² The number of producers for New York was revised from 37 to 32 for the study period of September 2000 through March 2002. The count for the total number of producers for the Program during the study period was revised from 1452 to 1447.