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March Class III: \$12.78

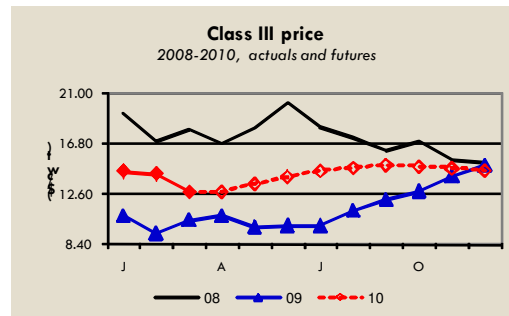
Another session of aggressive bidding sent blocks and barrels up for the eighth straight day. Since March 22, blocks are up 19¢ and barrels are up 14.5¢. However, over the last week milk futures have been mostly steady. Contracts covering the second half of the year are up just 3¢ from a week ago. Today's spot prices equate to a Class III price of about \$13.42 and everything on the board from JUN10 on is trading above \$14.00.

Spot butter started the week unchanged on an uncovered offer and no bids or trades. The price reached \$1.49 five days ago but has stalled without reaching \$1.50.

Spot NDM held steady today. Last week's sizeable gains in the spot market notwithstanding, the *Dairy Market News* weekly survey, the NASS weekly price and the California manufacturing weighted average price are all considerably lower.

The March Class III price is \$12.78, down \$1.50 from February, and the lowest price since September (see chart). The March Class IV price is \$12.92, up 2¢ from February.

CWT accepted five bids to provide export bonuses on 3.5 million lbs. of cheddar. The product will be delivered between now and July. A week earlier CWT gave awards on 2.1 million lbs. of cheddar for April-May delivery. **cme group**



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FUTURES & OPTIONS VOLUME AND OPEN INTEREST →

Futures Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III [6 Pit, 1300 Electronic]	1,306	32,363
Class IV	0	207
NDM (cash settle)	11	981
Dry whey	9	2,197
Butter (cash settle)	19	3,616

Options Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III	152	53,453
Class III midi	4	457
Dry whey	0	588
Butter (cash settle)	0	94

Futures and options volume and open interest from previous trading day.

SPOT PRICES (with change, in cents, from previous day): Block cheese \$1.4600 (+3.00) • Barrel cheese \$1.4100 (+3.50) • AA Butter \$1.4950 (NC) • NDM Extra Grade \$1.1650 (NC) • NDM Grade A \$1.2250 (NC) **MILK PRICES** (with change, in dollars, from previous month): March Class III milk (USDA) \$12.78 (-\$1.50) • March Class IV milk (USDA) \$12.92 (+\$0.02)

April 5 Trading Activity

	Class III Futures			Class III Options Calls		Class III Options Puts		Dry Whey Futures		NDM Futures		Butter Futures – Cash settle	
	Settle (\$)	chg. (¢)	volume & open interest from previous day	Settle (\$)	chg. (¢)	Settle (\$)	chg. (¢)	Settle (¢)	chg. (¢)	Settle (¢)	chg. (¢)	Settle (¢)	chg. (¢)
APR10	12.83	+11	0 4701	13.00 @ 0.03	+1	12.75 @ 0.06	-5	34.520	+0.525	109.000	NC	147.500	NC
MAY	13.48	+20	0 4491	13.50 @ 0.30	+9	13.25 @ 0.20	-9	32.500	NC	111.000	NC	150.000	+0.500
JUN	14.07	+7	0 3842	14.25 @ 0.44	+2	14.00 @ 0.52	-1	32.000	NC	119.000	-1.000	151.500	+0.750
JUL	14.55	+6	0 2761	14.75 @ 0.55	+3	14.50 @ 0.61	-2	32.000	NC	120.000	NC	153.500	+0.250
AUG	14.82	+2	0 2703	15.00 @ 0.65	+1	14.75 @ 0.70	NC	31.500	NC	121.000	NC	154.500	+0.500
SEP	15.05	-3	0 2563	15.25 @ 0.71	-2	15.00 @ 0.77	+1	33.750	NC	122.000	NC	157.500	NC
OCT	14.90	-4	0 2354	15.00 @ 0.81	-3	14.75 @ 0.78	+1	32.500	NC	121.000	NC	157.130	+0.025
NOV	14.78	-9	0 2351	15.00 @ 0.76	-5	14.75 @ 0.84	+3	32.580	+0.075	122.500	NC	159.000	+0.250
DEC	14.58	-1	0 2192	14.75 @ 0.82	-1	14.50 @ 0.85	NC	31.500	NC	117.030	NC	159.250	+0.250
JAN11	14.47	NC	0 118	14.50 @ 0.93	NC	14.25 @ 0.84	NC	29.520	NC	112.000	NC	159.000	NC
FEB	14.41	+4	0 61	14.50 @ 0.94	+2	14.25 @ 0.90	-2	29.070	NC	111.000	NC	160.000	NC
MAR	14.50	NC	0 33	14.50 @ 1.03	-1	14.00 @ 0.79	-3	28.000	-0.700	112.000	NC	158.000	NC

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