



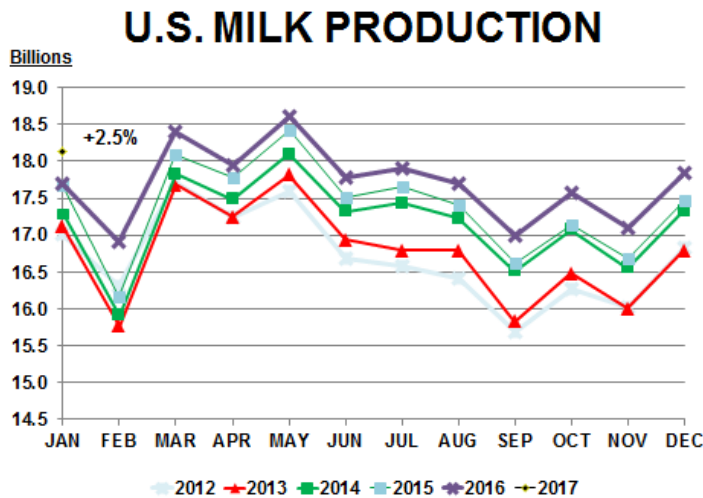
# Class IV Market News and Summary

March 3, 2017

The February Class IV price was \$15.59/cwt. down \$0.60 /cwt. from last month. Class IV projection for March is \$15.04 /cwt.

The February Class III price was \$16.88/cwt. up \$0.11/cwt. from last month. Class III projection for March is \$16.10/cwt.

## Projected Class IV prices as of March 3, 2017

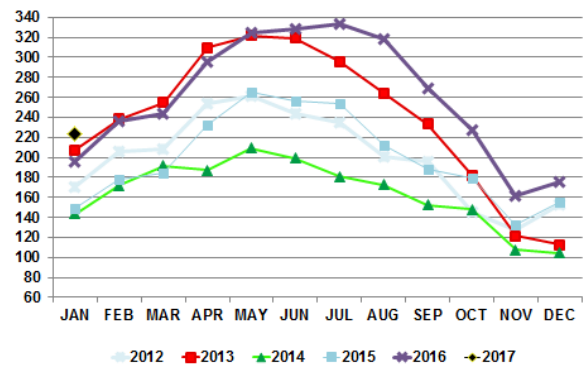


Year	Month	Projected classIV price
2017	March	\$ 15.04
2017	April	\$ 14.45
2017	May	\$ 14.55
2017	June	\$ 14.68
2017	July	\$ 14.98
2017	August	\$ 15.22
2017	September	\$ 15.56
2017	October	\$ 15.80
2017	November	\$ 15.87
2017	December	\$ 15.89
2018	Jan	\$ 15.75

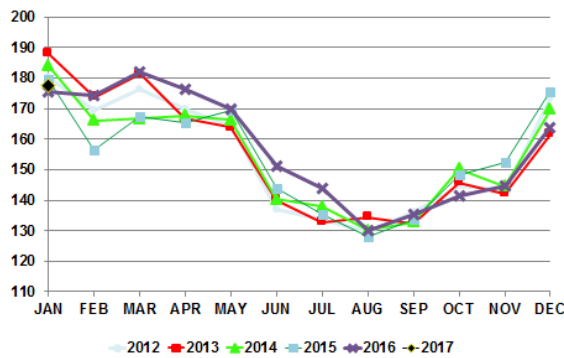
**January Milk Production up 2.7 Percent** Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 7.0 billion pounds, up 2.7 percent from January 2016. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,957 pounds for January, 37 pounds above January 2016. This is the highest production per cow for the month of January since the 23 State series began in 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.69 million head, 67,000 head more than January 2016, and 5,000 head more than December 2016.

**Butter stocks** Butter storage at the end of January is running 30.9 million pounds ahead of last year's January position. This is the largest December to January increase since 2012. The inventory level represents about 4 weeks' worth of production.

### U.S. BUTTER IN COLD STORAGE



### U.S. BUTTER PRODUCTION

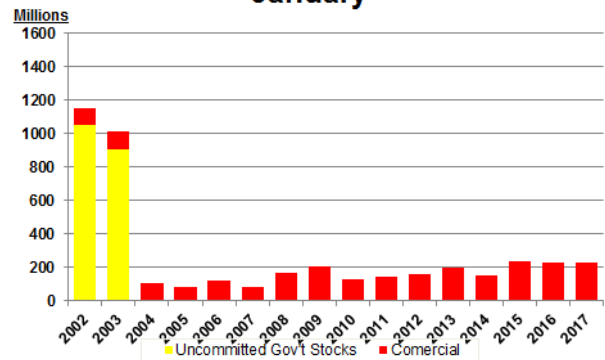


**Butter Production** Total butter production for January was up 1.2% compared to January of 2016. However January's production lags behind January production seen in years 2012 – 2015.

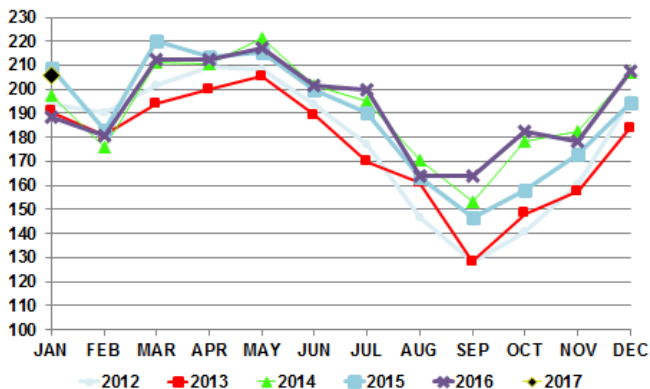
### Dry milk Stocks

Nonfat Inventory stocks at the end of January are up 2.6 million pounds more than last year's January to 229.4 million lbs. This represents just more than 5 weeks of production in inventory.

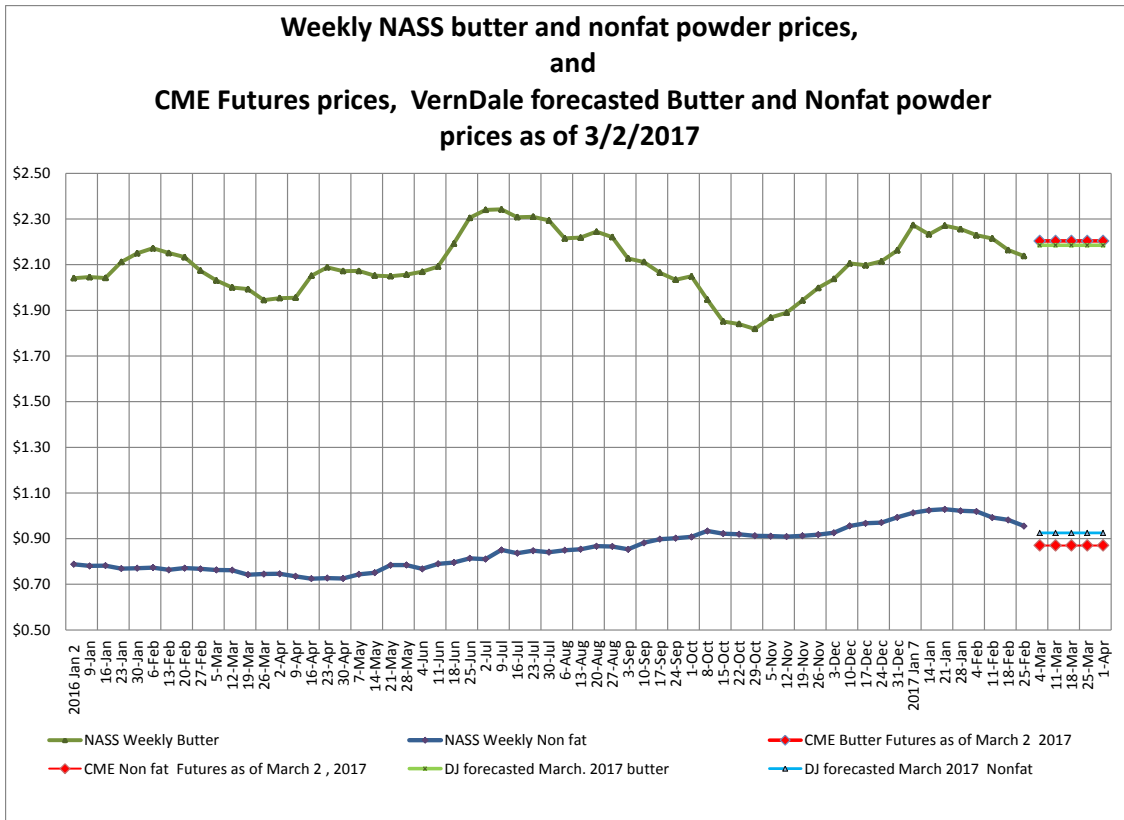
### U.S. NFDM STOCKS January



### Skim/NFDM Production



**Dry milk powder production** Combined nonfat and SMP production for January is up 17.3 million pounds or 9.2% from last year's January total.



**March 3, 2017 VernDale Class IV Forecast vs. Past Months Forecasts**

