

**Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA**

**§ 1126.71**

the producer price differential in the following manner:

(a) *Producer butterfat price.* The producer butterfat price per pound, rounded to the nearest one-hundredth cent, shall be computed by:

(1) Multiplying the pounds of butterfat in producer milk allocated to each class pursuant to §1000.44(b) by the respective class butterfat prices;

(2) Adding the butterfat value calculated in §1126.60(i) for other source milk allocated to Class I pursuant to §1000.43(d) and the steps of §1000.44(b) that correspond to §1000.44(a)(3)(i) and §1000.44(a)(8) by the Class I price; and

(3) Dividing the sum of paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section by the sum of the pounds of butterfat in producer milk and other source milk used to calculate the values in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section.

(b) *Producer price differential.* (1) Combine into one total the values computed pursuant to §1126.60 for all handlers required to file reports prescribed in §1126.30;

(2) Subtract the total of the values obtained:

(i) By multiplying the total pounds of protein, other solids, and butterfat contained in each handler's producer milk for which an obligation was computed pursuant to §1126.60(a) through (h) and §1126.60(j) by the protein price, other solids price, and producer butterfat price, respectively, and the total value of the somatic cell adjustment pursuant to §1126.30(a)(1) and (c)(1);

(ii) By multiplying each handler's pounds of skim milk and butterfat for which a value is computed pursuant to §1126.60(i) by the Class III skim milk price and the producer butterfat price, respectively;

(3) Add an amount equal to the minus location adjustments and subtract an amount equal to the plus location adjustments computed pursuant to §1126.75;

(4) Add an amount equal to not less than one-half of the unobligated balance in the producer-settlement fund;

(5) Divide the resulting amount by the sum of the following for all handlers included in these computations:

(i) The total hundredweight of producer milk; and

(ii) The total hundredweight for which a value is computed pursuant to §1126.60(i); and

(6) Subtract not less than 4 cents nor more than 5 cents from the price computed pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) of this section. The result shall be known as the *producer price differential* for the month.

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**§ 1126.62 Announcement of producer prices.**

On or before the 13th day after the end of each month, the market administrator shall announce the following prices and information:

(a) The producer price differential;  
(b) The protein price;  
(c) The nonfat solids price;  
(d) The other solids price;  
(e) The producer butterfat price;  
(f) The somatic cell adjustment rate;  
(g) The average butterfat, protein, nonfat solids, and other solids content of producer milk; and

(h) The statistical uniform price computed by adding the following values:

(1) The Class III skim milk price computed in §1000.50(i) multiplied by .965;

(2) The producer butterfat price computed in §1126.61(a) multiplied by 3.5; and

(3) The producer price differential computed in §1126.61(b).

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**PAYMENTS FOR MILK**

**§ 1126.70 Producer-settlement fund.**

See § 1000.70.

**§ 1126.71 Payments to the producer-settlement fund.**

Each handler shall make payment to the producer-settlement fund in a manner that provides receipt of the funds by the market administrator no later than the 16th day after the end of the month (except as provided in §1000.90). Payment shall be the amount, if any, by which the amount specified in paragraph (a) of this section exceeds the amount specified in paragraph (b) of this section:

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(a) The total value of milk to the handler for the month as determined pursuant to §1126.60.

(b) The sum of:

(1) An amount obtained by multiplying the total hundredweight of producer milk as determined pursuant to §1000.44(c) by the producer price differential as adjusted pursuant to §1126.75;

(2) An amount obtained by multiplying the total pounds of protein, other solids, and butterfat contained in producer milk by the protein, other solids, and producer butterfat prices respectively;

(3) The total value of the somatic cell adjustment to producer milk; and

(4) An amount obtained by multiplying the hundredweight, the pounds of skim milk, and the pounds of butterfat for which a value was computed pursuant to §1126.60(i) by the producer price differential, the Class III skim milk price, and the producer butterfat price, respectively, as adjusted pursuant to §1126.75 applicable at the location of the plant from which received.

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**§ 1126.72 Payments from the producer-settlement fund.**

No later than the 17th day after the end of each month (except as provided in §1000.90), the market administrator shall pay to each handler the amount, if any, by which the amount computed pursuant to §1126.71(b) exceeds the amount computed pursuant to §1126.71(a). If, at such time, the balance in the producer-settlement fund is insufficient to make all payments pursuant to this section, the market administrator shall reduce uniformly such payments and shall complete the payments as soon as the funds are available.

**§ 1126.73 Payments to producers and to cooperative associations.**

(a) Each handler shall pay each producer for producer milk for which payment is not made to a cooperative association pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, as follows:

(1) *Partial payment.* For each producer who has not discontinued shipments as of the 23rd day of the month, payment

shall be made so that it is received by the producer on or before the 26th day of the month (except as provided in §1000.90) for milk received during the first 15 days of the month at not less than the lowest announced class price for the preceding month, less proper deductions authorized in writing by the producer.

(2) *Final payment.* For milk received during the month, payment shall be made so that it is received by each producer no later than the 18th day after the end of the month (except as provided in §1000.90) in an amount computed as follows:

(i) Multiply the hundredweight of producer milk received times the producer price differential for the month as adjusted pursuant to §1126.75;

(ii) Multiply the pounds of butterfat received times the producer butterfat price for the month;

(iii) Multiply the pounds of protein received times the protein price for the month;

(iv) Multiply the pounds of other solids received times the other solids price for the month;

(v) Multiply the hundredweight of milk received times the somatic cell adjustment for the month;

(vi) Add the amounts computed in paragraphs (a)(2)(i) through (v) of this section, and from that sum:

(A) Subtract the partial payment made pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of this section;

(B) Subtract the deduction for marketing services pursuant to §1000.86;

(C) Add or subtract for errors made in previous payments to the producer subject to approval by the market administrator; and

(D) Subtract proper deductions authorized in writing by the producer.

(b) On or before the day prior to the dates specified for partial and final payments pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section (except as provided in §1000.90), each handler shall pay a cooperative association for milk received as follows:

(1) *Partial payment to a cooperative association for bulk milk received directly from producers' farms.* For bulk milk (including the milk of producers who are not members of such association

and who the market administrator determines have authorized the cooperative association to collect payment for their milk) received during the first 15 days of the month from a cooperative association in any capacity, except as the operator of a pool plant, the payment shall be equal to the hundredweight of milk received multiplied by the lowest announced class price for the preceding month.

(2) *Partial payment to a cooperative association for milk transferred from its pool plant.* For bulk milk/skimmed milk products received during the first 15 days of the month from a cooperative association in its capacity as the operator of a pool plant, the partial payment shall be at the pool plant operator's estimated use value of the milk using the most recent class prices available at the receiving plant's location.

(3) *Final payment to a cooperative association for milk transferred from its pool plant.* Following the classification of bulk fluid milk products and bulk fluid cream products received during the month from a cooperative association in its capacity as the operator of a pool plant, the final payment for such receipts shall be determined as follows:

(i) The hundredweight of Class I skim milk times the Class I skim milk price for the month plus the pounds of Class I butterfat times the Class I butterfat price for the month. The Class I prices to be used shall be the prices effective at the location of the receiving plant;

(ii) The pounds of nonfat solids in Class II skim milk by the Class II nonfat solids price;

(iii) The pounds of butterfat in Class II times the Class II butterfat price;

(iv) The pounds of nonfat solids in Class IV times the nonfat solids price;

(v) The pounds of butterfat in Class III and Class IV milk by the respective butterfat prices for the month;

(vi) The pounds of protein in Class III milk times the protein price;

(vii) The pounds of other solids in Class III milk times the other solids price;

(viii) The hundredweight of Class II, Class III, and Class IV milk times the somatic cell adjustment; and

(ix) Add together the amounts computed in paragraphs (b)(3)(i) through

(viii) of this section and from that sum deduct any payments made pursuant to paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(4) *Final payment to a cooperative association for bulk milk received directly from producers' farms.* For bulk milk received from a cooperative association during the month, including the milk of producers who are not members of such association and who the market administrator determines have authorized the cooperative association to collect payment for their milk, the final payment for such milk shall be an amount equal to the sum of the individual payments otherwise payable for such milk pursuant to paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(c) If a handler has not received full payment from the market administrator pursuant to § 1126.72 by the payment date specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, the handler may reduce pro rata its payments to producers or to cooperative associations pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, but by not more than the amount of the underpayment. The payments shall be completed on the next scheduled payment date after receipt of the balance due from the market administrator.

(d) If a handler claims that a required payment to a producer cannot be made because the producer is deceased or cannot be located, or because the cooperative association or its lawful successor or assignee is no longer in existence, the payment shall be made to the producer-settlement fund, and in the event that the handler subsequently locates and pays the producer or a lawful claimant, or in the event that the handler no longer exists and a lawful claim is later established, the market administrator shall make the required payment from the producer-settlement fund to the handler or to the lawful claimant as the case may be.

(e) In making payments to producers pursuant to this section, each pool plant operator shall furnish each producer, except a producer whose milk was received from a cooperative association handler described in § 1000.9(a) or (c), a supporting statement in a form that may be retained by the recipient which shall show: