EVAPORATED, CONDENSED, AND DRY MILK REPORT (May 1951)

DRY MILK

May production and stocks of total nonfat dry milk were the lowest for the month in several years, while manufacturers' selling prices were the highest, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. Production, stocks, and prices of dry whole milk continued to be above those of the same month for several years.

At 94,600,000 pounds, total nonfat dry milk production for May was down 17 percent from a year earlier and 3 percent from the 1945-1949 average. Cumulative production for the first five months of 1951 totaled 296,500,000 pounds, a decline of 31 percent from the same period in 1950. Spray-dried nonfat milk output for May was 68,000,000 pounds, down 10 percent from a year earlier but up 26 percent from the five-year average for the month. Through May, production totaled 224,700,000 pounds, a decline of 22 percent from the same five months a year earlier. May production of roller-dried nonfat milk estimated at 26,600,000 pounds, was the lowest on record for the month, down 31 percent from a year earlier and 40 percent from the 1945-49 May average. Totaling 71,800,000 pounds for the first five months of this year, output was 48 percent below that of the same period in 1950.

Dry whole milk production for May was 17,750,00 pounds, the highest for any month since July 1948, up 51 percent from a year earlier but 13 percent less than the five-year average for May. Through May 1951, output of dry whole milk totaled 75,275,000 pounds, a gain of 49 percent from the corresponding period a year ago. Spray-dried whole milk was 16,400,000 pounds, a gain of 53 percent from a year earlier but 13 percent below the five-year May average. Roller-dried whole milk in May was 1,350,000 pounds, a gain of 34 percent from a year earlier but down 20 percent from the 1945-49 May average.

Dry buttermilk production in May, estimated at 4,450,000 pounds, was the lowes for the month since 1946, down 11 percent from a year earlier and 14 percent from the 1945-49 May average. From January through May 1951, production totaled 17,760,000 pounds, or a decline of 15 percent from the same period in 1950.

Manufacturers' stocks of nonfat dry milk solids at the end of May were the lowest for the date in several years. However, stocks of dry whole milk and dry buttermilk were the highest for the date in several years. Stocks of total nonfat dry milk solids at the end of May totaled 76,123,000 pounds, the lowest for the date since 1948, down 8 percent both from a year earlier and the five-year May 31 average. Stocks of spray-dried nonfat milk totaled 60,746,000 pounds, which is the highest of record for the date, except for 1947. Stocks were up 11 percent from a year earlier and 37 percent from the 1945-49 average for the end of May. Stocks of roller-dried nonfat milk totaled 15,377,000 pounds, lowest for the date since 1943, down 45 percent from a year earlier and 60 percent from the five-year average. Stocks of dry skim milk for animal feed totaled 3,117,000 pounds, highest for the date since 1942, up 62 percent from a year earlier and 89 percent from the five-year average. Stocks of dry buttermilk on May 31 were 8,120,000 pounds, the highest for the date since 1931, up 67 percent from a year earlier and 51 percent from the five-year average for the date.

Data on quantity of nonfat dry milk solids held by the United States Department of Agriculture will no longer appear in this publication.

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Form 2						
	NONFAT DRY MILK	SOLIDS (Bulk g	oods) DRY SKI	N. C. P. Brands For	LEBOURK CROIK	Animel Food
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331-34		·	314,579	314,579
343-355			501,259	501,289
365-37			20,400	20,400
37=38=		*	632,328	632,328
383-39	77,712	· · · · · ·	225,766	303,478
395-40	-	244,517	576,920	821,437
417-42	49,822	1,048,395	29,930	1,128,147
421-43	10,020	907,160	922,215	1,329,375
431-44		715,820		715,820
441-45	221,633	10,200	56,383	288,716
467-473	15,516	20,100	3,038	13,554
474-48	25,752	8,195	, 0,000	33,947
193-50 ¹	25,.02	1,292,905		1,292,905
503-51	346,970	1,202,000		346,970
57 - 58	2,323,401			2,323,401
			3,700,382	10,988,380
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1/ Classified according to average monthly prices reported by firms.
2/ Includes some dry whole in special packages for export.

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MANUFACTURERS' AVERAGE SELLING FRICES OF DRY MILK SOLIDS - MAY 1951										
	Nonfat d	<u> </u>	Ey Life I	Dry	Butter	nilk _			e Hilk	
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	Case	goods	Bul			k goods		
Geographic	Evaporated	Condensed	Plain	condensed	Swee	tened		
Division	(48 14 oz. cans)	(48 14-oz. cans)	(Uns	weetened)	Cond	lensed		
	per case	per case	Whole	Skimmed	Whole	Skimmed		
	Do1	lars	Do.	Ilars per h	undredwei	zht		
New England	6.12	10.30	-	4.78	17.98	10.17		
Middle Atlantic	6.17	10.80	14.42	4.34	16.15	9.38		
South Atlantic	6.17	10.80		4.39	17.76	10.46		
East North Central	6.08	10.80	12.70	4.54	15.38	9.70		
West North Central	6.17	, 🖷	12.58	4.85	16.6 1	9.73		
South Central	6.18	10.80		4,90	16.60	9 .59		
North Western	6.24	₩	10.00	to	-			
South Western	6.22	e	12.52	5.36	16.13	10.27		
U. S. MAY 1951	6.16	10.80	13.40	4.64	16.16	9.78		
U. S. APRIL 1951	6.16	10.80	13.41	4.63	16.22	9.80		
U. S. MAY 1950	5.10	9,10	11.98	3_60	1 <u>3.8</u> 7	7.82_		

^{1/} Manufacturers' prices are based upon the reports made by manufacturers covering actual sales of goods delivered at manufacturers' distributing points on the basis of cash or short-time credit.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID PRODUCERS BY COMDENSERIES FOR 3.5% WILK F.O.B. PLANT FOR MAY 1951 - 7 GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS 1/

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Geographic	· Number of plants or	Price	per cwt.
Division	stations	Range	Average
		Dol	lars
Middle Atlantic	5	3.28-3.77	3.64
South Atlantic	. 7	3.32-3.75	· 3 • 43
East North Central	82	3,39-3,88	3.55
West North Central	. 11	3.10-3.58	3.36
South Central	. 22	3.26-3.65	3.38
North Western	. 8	3.09-3.60	3 . 28
South Western	. 18	3.29-3.75	3.58
U. S. MAY 1951	153	3.09-3.38	3,50
U 3. APRIL 1951	154	3,09-4,03	3.55
U S. MAY 1950	155	2,33.3.13	2.74
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^{1/} To prices available for the Hen England Division.

Prices paid in May at 18 Midwest condenseries used in determining class prices under the Chicago Milk Marketing Order

Chicago \$ 3.568

Prices received f.o.b. plants for nonfat dry milk solids in the Chicago area covering the States of Illinois, Indian, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin for the period April 26, 1951 through May 25, 1951 averaged for:

Spray 14.92 cents per pound Roller 13.00 cents per pound

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Stocks of dry whole milk held by reporting manufacturers as of the end of May totaled 19,190,000 pounds, the highest for the date since 1948, up 36 percent from a year earlier but down 1 percent from the five-year average. Spray-dried stocks totaled 19,055,000 pounds, up 37 percent from a year earlier and 1 percent from the five-year average. Roller-dried stocks totaled 135,000 pounds, down 4 percent from a year earlier and 71 percent from the 1945-49 May 31 average.

Sales of nonfat dry milk solids in May were reported at 62,941,000 pounds, the lowest for the month since 1943, up 23 percent from April but down 31 percent from a year earlier. Sales of dry whole milk were 10,983,000 pounds, down 7 percent from April but up 24 percent from a year ago.

Purchases of total nonfet dry milk solids by the United States Department of Agriculture for purposes of price support for the period from April through May 31 totaled 5,475,000 pounds. Purchases during June through the twenty-sixth of the month were 5,537,000 pounds.

Manufacturers' selling prices of all dry milk items except butternilk advanced from April to May. Sales of total nonfat dry milk solids averaged 14.53 cents, compared with 14.42 cents for April, 11.61 cents a year earlier, and 12.05 cents during the five-year May average. Average

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N. Y.	2.95	3.67	. 80	3.66	3.56	1.03	3.68		
Pa.	2.97	3.75	,79	3.62	3.65	•99	3.68	3.71	.99
M. Atl.	2.96	3.70	.80	3,64	3.60	1,01	3.68	3.65	1.01
Va.	3.11	4.17	74	3.99	4.21	.95	4,04	4.28	94
W. Va.	3.12	4.13	.76	4.01	4.19	.96	4.03	4.21	.96
S. Atl. 2/	3.14	4.17	.75	4.06	4.19	.97	4.05	4.21_	96
Ohio	3.03	4.00	76	4.23	7,18	1.01	4.01	7.05	99
Ind.	3.26	4.06	.80	4.44	4.22	1.05	3,98		.98
III.	2.90	3.67	.79	3.85	3.71	1.04	3.67		1,02
Mich.	3.04	3.88	.78	4.01	3.94	1.02	3.92	3.88	1.01
Wis.	3.01	3.68	.82	3.84	3.67	1.05	3.79		1,03
E. N. C.	3.03	3.81	.79	3.98	3.84	1.04	3.85	3.81	1.01
Minn.	2.87	3.56	81	3.69	3.57	1.03	3.69	3.57	1.03
Iowa	2.97	3.73	.80	3.82	3.78	1.01	3.71	3.70	1.00
Mo.	3.27	4.18	.78	3.96	4.12	.96	3.67		.94
Kans.	2.91	3.93	.74	3.78	3.94	.96	3.67		,95
W. N. C.	3.13	4.02	.78	3.85	3,91	.98	3.68	<u> </u>	96
Ky.	3.14	4.24	74	4.26	4.7	95	7.05		.96
Tenn.	3.18	4.31	.74	4.10	4.29	.96	4.05		,95
Ala.	3.13	4.24	.74	4.17	4.33	.96	4.10		•96
Miss.	3.06	4,22	.72	3.95	4.22	.94	3.94		.94
Texas	3.16	4.30	.73	4.12	4.18	.99	4.17	4.24	•98
S. Cen. 2/		4.27	.74	4.12	4.32	.95	4.03		.95
Idaho	3.15	3.91	81	4.02	3.94	1.02	3.97		1.02
Wash.	3.04	3.99	.76	3.84	4.03	.95	3.88		.95
Oreg.	3.36	4.29	, 78	4.18	4.37	.96	4.23		.96
N. W.	3.11	3.99	.78	3.95	4.02	•98	3.95		
Colo.	3.05	3.81	80-	4.04	3.85	1.05	3.98		71.05
Utah	2.87	3.43	.84	3.48	3.42	1.02	3.49		1.02
Calif.	3.08	3.80	.81	3.95	3.86	1.02	4,00		1.04
	3,05	3.74	.81	3.88	3.80	1.02	3.92	<u>2</u> _ <u>3.79</u>	1.03
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^{1/} Preliminary; subject to revision. Prices are for milk of actual butterfat test as reported.
All prices are reported as f.o.b. plant.

2/ Includes prices for some States not shown separately.

MILK PURCHISES BY CONDENSERIES, MAY 1951, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

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	Unit	Average 1945-49	1950	1951
Purchases, reported total Producers	Pounds Number	754,450,000 154,000	703,861,000 152,000	715,623,000 149,000
Average deily purchases per producer	Pounds	158.0	149.4	154.9
Change in purchases per producer 1951 from 1950 1951 from 5-year average	Percent	XXX	XXXX	+ 3.7

^{1/} Milk purchased at plants (or their receiving stations) which have canning equipment. In some periods a part or all of the milk received at such plants may be used for purposes other than the manufacture of canned milk.

price of spray-dried nonfat milk, at 14.99 cents, was the highest in seven years of record for the month, and compares with 14.81 cents in April, 12.25 cents a year earlier, and 13.31 cents for the May 1945-49 average. Relier-dried nonfat prices averaged 13.22 cents for May, 13.10 cents for April, 10.34 cents for a year earlier, and 12.25 cents during the five-year May average. Prices of dry skin milk for animal feed averaged 10.63 cents for May, a gain of nearly 2 cents from a year earlier as well as from the five-year average. Sales of dry buttermilk averaged 11.69 cents, the highest for the month since 1940, practically unchanged from April, 2-1/3 cents above a year earlier, and almost 1-3/4 cents above the five-year average for May.

COMMODITY	May 1950 <u>1</u> /	May 1951 <u>2</u> /	Change 1951 1945-49 avorage	1950	Jan-May	ative Total Chango From JanMay 1950
Evaporated and Condensed Milk Evaporated (case goods) Condensed whole (case goods) Plain condensed whole (bulk) Plain condensed skimmed (bulk) Sweetened cond. whole (bulk) Sweetened cond, skimmed (bulk)	Thousan 347,000 5,230 24,000 61,500 5,150 26,500	388,000 5,850 26,565 56,000 4,350 32,500	Per - 6 -55 +62 +32 -54 -56	+12 + 8 +11 - 9 -16 +23	Thou.1b. 1,306,100 25,035 98,265 208,805 15,350 100,600	Percent + 9 -10 + 4 - 6 - 7 +17
Dry Milk Dry Whole	.30 , 300	32,500	~ 30	- TAU	100,000	121
Spray process Roller process	10,750 1,010	16,400 1.350 _	13 20	+53 _'±34 _	70,150 5,125	
Total Dry Nonfat Solids	11,760	17,750	:13	_ ±5 <u>1</u> _	224,700	_ ±49
Human food-spray process Human food-rollor process	75,200 <u>38,500</u>	68,000 <u>26,600</u>	+26 40 7	- = 31 - = 17 - = 17	71,800 296,500	_ =48 _ =31 =
Total (human food) Dry skim milk (enimal food) Dry buttermilk	113,700 2,750 5,000	94,600 1,600 4,450	-3 -38 -14	- =11 -	5,225 17,760	

Enumerations.

Estimates. Subject to revision when enumerations are available for 1950.

MANUFACTURERS' STOCKS OF EVAPORATED, COMDENSED, AND DRY MILK, MAY 31 1/

COMMODITY	Average 1945:49	1950 2/	1951	1945-49	1951 from 1950
Evaporated and Condensed Milk	Thous	and Pounds		Pe	rcent
Evaporated (case goods)	222,603	222,300	283,708	+27	+28
Condensed whole (case goods)	9,566	7,650	8,627	⊶ 10	+13
Dry Milk			}		
Dry whole		10.100	30 055		+37
Spray process	18,909	10,166	19,055 135	+ 1	707
Roller process	<u> </u>	141	_ 19.150	- 1	+86
Total	1 <u>9,376</u>	- 70,00,	_ 104120		
Dry Nonfat Solids Human food - Spray process	£1.226	54,688	60,7:16	+37	+11
Human food ~ Roller process	38,6.5	_ 27_695	_ 15_327	60	
Total (human food)	82,371	<u>82,583</u>	_ 76,123		
Dry skim milk (animal food)	1,647	1.922_	3_117	+89	
Dry buttermilk	<u>_5,391</u>	4.871	0_120	+ <u>5</u> 1	
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1/ Stocks held by manufacturers at all points also those in transit and those contracted for sale but not delivered.

2/ Revised to include late reports.

Manufacturors' solling prices of dry whole milk in 1-2; pound packages averaged 55.28 cents for May, compared with 50.58 cents in April and 43.00 cents for a year earlier. In 5-1b. packages, prices averaged 45.05 cents per pound, compared with 43.69 cents in April and 39.24 cents in May of 1950. Prices for miscelleneous large packages, mostly bulk, averaged 38.48 cents in May, up about 12 cents from April and about 6 cents from a year earlier. Bry whole milk in all packages averaged 45.69 cents in May, a gain of 22 cents from the previous month, nearly 9 cents from a year carlier. year carlier, and 4-2/3 cents from the five-year May average.

EVAPORATED AND CONDENSED MILK

Evaporated whole milk production for May at 388,000,000 pounds was the highest for any month since July 1948 and was 12 percent above a year earlier but 6 percent below the 1945-49 average, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. During the first five months of 1951, output totaled 1,308,100,000 pounds, a gain of 9 percent over the corresponding period in 1950.

Production of cannod condensed whole milk during May was 5,850,000 pounds, a gain of 8 percent from a year earlier but 55 percent below the five-year May average. Cumulative production for the first five months of 1951 totaled 25,035,000 pounds, a decline of 10 percent from the same months a year earlier.

Production of condensed bulk goods items for May showed mixed trends from a year earlier. Hein condensed whole, at 26,565,000 pounds, was the highest of record for the month, 11 percent larger than a year earlier and 62 percent larger than the five-year average. The five menths' total so far in 1951 was 98,265,000 pounds, a gain of 4 percent from the same period in 1950. Production of plain condensed skim milk in May equaled 56,000,000 pounds, the third highest for the menth on record. However, it was down 9 percent from a year earlier but was up 32 percent from the 1945-49 May average. During the period from January through May of 1951, the production totaled 208,605,000 pounds, a decline of 6 percent from the same period in 1950. Sweetened condensed whole milk production for May was 4,350,000 pounds, the lowest for the menth since 1935, down 16 percent from a year earlier and 54 percent from the five-year average for May. Totaling 15,350,000 pounds for the first five menths of 1951, output of this product was down 7 percent from the same menths a year age. Output of sweetened condensed skim milk, bulk goods, was 32,500,000 pounds, second lowest for May since 1942 but 23 percent above a year earlier. It was 56 percent below the five-year average, however. During the first five menths of 1951, output was 100,600,000 pounds, up 17 percent from the same menths a year age.

Manufacturers' stocks of evaporated whole milk were 283,708,000 pounds at the end of May, the fourth highest for the date on record, 20 percent above a year earlier and 27 percent above the five-year average. Holdings of canned condensed whole milk totaled 8,627,000 pounds, a gain of 13 percent from a year earlier but a decline of 10 percent from the 1945-49 average.

Manufacturers' selling prices of evaporated whole milk for May were the second highest for the month in thirty-one years of record. At \$6.16 per case of 48 142-cunce cans, the price was unchanged from the preceding month but \$1.06 above a year earlier. Selling prices of cannot condensed whole milk averaged \$10.80 per case of 48 12-cunce cans, the highest of record for the month, unchanged from April but \$1.70 higher than a year earlier.

May prices of all condensed bulk goods items were lower than in the preceding month, except plain condensed skim milk. Selling prices of plain condensed whole milk at \$13.40 per hundred-weight averaged 1 cent below April but \$1.42 above a year carlier. These prices are the second highest in the past decade for May. Prices of plain condensed skim milk at \$4.64 per hundredweight were up 1 cent from the preceding month and \$1.04 from a year carlier. Sweetened condensed whole milk prices for May averaged \$16.16 per hundredweight, a decline of 6 cents from April but a gain of \$2.29 from a year earlier. Selling prices of sweetened condensed skim milk at \$9.78 per hundredweight were the second highest in the past decade, 2 cents below April but \$1.96 above a year earlier.

During May, prices paid by condenseries for milk of 3.5 percent butterfat averaged \$3.50 per hundredweight, the second highest of record for the nonth, down 5 cents from the preceding month but 76 cents above a year earlier.

Based on actual butterfat tests, condenseries paid \$3.60 per hundredweight for milk testing 3.90 percent butterfat, or an average of 99 cents per pound of butterfat. This price is 2 cents less than April but 21 cents higher than a year earlier. By States, the price per pound of butterfat ranged from 94 cents in Mississippi, Missouri and Virginia to a high of \$1.04 in California.

Purchases of milk by reporting condenseries during May totaled 715,623,000 pounds from approximately 149,000 producers. Average daily purchases per producer were 154.9 pounds, a gain of 4 percent from a year earlier but a decline of 2 percent from the five-year average for the month.