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

DRY MILK

Total nonfat dry milk production for August was the second highest of record for the month, and stocks were the largest for any date in 17 years of record, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported today. Manufacturers' selling prices were reported the highest for the month since 1948.

Production of total nonfat dry milk solids in August totaled 66,100,000 pounds, an output for the month second only to that of August 1949. This production was 8 percent above a year earlier and 13 percent above the 1945-49 average. For the first 8 months of 1951, production totaled 543,200,000 pounds, a decline of 22 percent from the same period in 1950. Output of spray-dried nonfat milk solids for August was estimated at 52,500,000 pounds, up 16 percent from a year earlier and 49 percent above the 5-year average for the month. Cumulative production for January through August this year was 410,950,000 pounds, down 14 percent from the same months a year ago. Production of roller-dried nonfat milk solids was 13,600,000 pounds. This was the lowest August production of record, down 14 percent from a year earlier and 41 percent below the 1945-49 average. Totalling 132,250,000 pounds for the first 8 months of 1951, production was down 40 percent from the corresponding period in 1950.

Dry whole milk production during August at 9,850,000 pounds was the lowest for the month since 1942. It was down 17 percent from a year earlier and 40 percent below the August 5-year average. During the first 8 months of 1951, production totaled 115,050,000 pounds, a gain of 32 percent from the same period a year ago. Spray-dried whole milk production was 8,500,000 pounds, a decline of 19 percent from a year earlier and of 44 percent from the 1945-49 August average. Roller-dried whole milk was 1,350,000 pounds, a decline of 3 percent from a year earlier, but a gain of 13 percent from the 5-year August average.

Dry buttermilk output during August was estimated at 3,950,000 pounds, the same as that of August 1949. Production for August was up 8 percent from a year ago and 9 percent from the 5-year average. So far in 1951, output totaled 30,560,000 pounds, a decline of 11 percent from the same period in 1950.

Manufacturers' stocks of the major dry milk products were large at the end of August. Holdings of total nonfat dry milk solids were 124,881,000 pounds on August 31, the largest for any date in 17 years of record. At the end of August, stocks were 112 percent above a year earlier and 59 percent above the 5-year average for the date. Spray-dried stocks equalled 103,288,000 pounds, a gain of 158 percent from a year earlier and 130 percent from the 1945-49 average for the date. Stocks of the roller-dried product totaled 21,593,000 pounds; up 14 percent from a year earlier but down 29 percent from the 5-year average for August 31. Stocks of dry skim milk for animal feed remained quite high and at 6,678,000 pounds were more than 6 times the stocks a year earlier and more than 4 times those of the 5-year average. Holdings of dry buttermilk were 9,527,000 pounds; a gain of 74 percent from a year earlier and 57 percent from the 1945-49 August 31 average.

Manufacturers' stocks of dry whole milk totaled 26,325,000 pounds, the highest for the date since 1948. Stocks were up 93 percent from a year earlier and up 16 percent from the 5-year average for the date. Holdings of spray-dried whole

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| NONFAT DRY MILK SOLIDS (Bulk Foods) | | | | DRY MILK SOLIDS (BULK FOODS) | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Price 1/ Cents | Spray process Pounds | Roller process Pounds | Animal Feed | Price 1/ Cents | Human Food Pounds | Animal Feed |
| 6 - 6 1/2 | | | 9,579 | 5 - 5 1/2 | | 41,000 |
| 7 1/2 - 8 | | | 3,447 | 8 - 8 1/2 | | 28,100 |
| 8 - 8 1/2 | | | 20,048 | 8 1/2 - 9 | | 34,852 |
| 9 - 9 1/2 | | | 45,137 | 9 - 9 1/2 | 20,880 | 112,665 |
| 9 1/2 - 10 | | | 22,510 | 9 1/2 - 10 | | 108,602 |
| 10 - 10 1/2 | | 3,490 | 439,019 | 10 - 10 1/2 | 10,174 | 773,298 |
| 10 1/2 - 11 | | 23,400 | 103,638 | 10 1/2 - 11 | | 185,770 |
| 11 - 11 1/2 | | 11,000 | 127,439 | 11 - 11 1/2 | | 200,348 |
| 11 1/2 - 12 | | | 88,701 | 11 1/2 - 12 | 56,675 | 33,640 |
| 12 - 12 1/2 | 151,950 | 622,237 | 11,004 | 12 - 12 1/2 | 62,950 | 21,766 |
| 12 1/2 - 13 | 219,625 | 2,101,822 | | 12 1/2 - 13 | | 4,550 |
| 13 - 13 1/2 | 7,083,428 | 3,663,762 | 16,624 | 13 - 13 1/2 | 28,500 | 54,100 |
| 13 1/2 - 14 | 989,140 | 2,278,754 | 14,207 | 13 1/2 - 14 | 164,917 | |
| 14 - 14 1/2 | 5,143,213 | 2,562,298 | 1,466 | 14 - 14 1/2 | 15,500 | |
| 14 1/2 - 15 | 10,566,516 | 672,480 | | 14 1/2 - 15 | 5,350 | |
| 15 - 15 1/2 | 10,839,604 | 81,217 | | 15 - 15 1/2 | 62,650 | |
| 15 1/2 - 16 | 7,513,737 | 201,600 | | 15 1/2 - 16 | 29,449 | 10,100 |
| 16 - 16 1/2 | 1,337,618 | 22,480 | 1,224 | 16 - 16 1/2 | 35,825 | |
| 16 1/2 - 17 | 2,749,836 | 181,600 | | 17 - 17 1/2 | 23,000 | |
| 17 - 17 1/2 | 835,814 | | | 18 - 18 1/2 | 4,925 | |
| 17 1/2 - 18 | 2,904,066 | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 50,334,547 | 12,426,140 | 904,843 | | 520,795 | 1,608,791 |
| TOTAL HUMAN | | 62,760,687 | | | | |
| GRAND TOTAL | | | 63,665,530 | | | 2,129,586 |

MANUFACTURERS' SELLING PRICES OF DRY WHOLE MILK DURING AUGUST 1951 2/ (F.O.B. Plant)

| Price 1/ Cents | 1-2 1/2 lb. packages | 5 lb. packages Pounds | All other pkgs. in- cluding bbls. & drums | Total reported shipments |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 29 1/2 - 30 1/2 | | | 503,429 | 503,429 |
| 30 1/2 - 31 1/2 | | | 2,095 | 2,095 |
| 32 1/2 - 33 1/2 | | | 78,000 | 78,000 |
| 34 1/2 - 35 1/2 | | | 661,149 | 661,149 |
| 35 1/2 - 36 1/2 | | | 416,109 | 416,109 |
| 36 1/2 - 37 1/2 | 24,000 | 6,950 | 50,734 | 81,684 |
| 38 1/2 - 39 1/2 | 239,558 | | 340,992 | 580,550 |
| 39 1/2 - 40 1/2 | 46,269 | 64,590 | 154,062 | 264,921 |
| 41 1/2 - 42 1/2 | | 77,605 | 254,433 | 332,038 |
| 42 1/2 - 43 1/2 | | | 19,934 | 19,934 |
| 43 1/2 - 44 1/2 | 131,808 | 807,350 | | 939,158 |
| 44 1/2 - 45 1/2 | | 66,005 | | 66,005 |
| 46 1/2 - 47 1/2 | | 118,910 | | 118,910 |
| 47 1/2 - 48 1/2 | 128,124 | 927,995 | | 1,056,119 |
| 53 1/2 - 54 1/2 | 62,607 | | | 62,607 |
| 59 1/2 - 60 1/2 | 1,177,514 | | | 1,177,514 |
| TOTAL | 1,309,890 | 2,069,405 | 2,480,937 | 6,360,222 |

1/ Classified according to average monthly prices reported by firms.
2/ Includes some dry whole in special packages for export.

MANUFACTURERS' AVERAGE SELLING PRICES OF DRY MILK SOLIDS - AUGUST 1951

| Month | Nonfat dry milk solids | | | Dry Skim Feed | D.F. solids & dry skim | Dry Buttermilk | | | Dry Whole Milk | | | Total shipments |
|--------------|------------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | Spray | Roller | Spray ² Roller | | | Human Food | Animal Food | Human and animal | 1-2 1/2 lb. pkgs. | 5-lb. pkgs. | incl. bbls. & drums | |
| | Cents Per Pound | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aug. 1951 | 14.96 | 13.62 | 14.70 | 10.23 | 14.64 | 13.81 | 10.15 | 11.00 | 53.96 | 45.49 | 35.67 | 44.07 |
| July 1951 1/ | 15.11 | 13.33 | 14.73 | 10.63 | 14.67 | 13.54 | 10.14 | 11.32 | 47.19 | 43.14 | 36.75 | 42.12 |
| Aug. 1950 | 13.30 | 10.10 | 11.77 | 8.35 | 11.70 | 11.28 | 8.29 | 9.72 | 42.82 | 39.54 | 33.55 | 36.90 |
| Aug. 1945-49 | 13.67 | 12.49 | 13.19 | 9.11 | 13.10 | 12.72 | 8.83 | 10.60 | 2/ | 2/ | 2/ | 41.81 |

1/ Revised. 2/ Not available.

BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS AUGUST 1951 1/

| Geographic Division | Case Goods | | Bulk Goods | | | |
|---------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| | Evaporated (48 14-oz. cans) per case | Condensed (48 14-oz. cans) per case | Plain condensed (Unsweetened) | | Sweetened Condensed | |
| | | | Whole | Skimmed | Whole | Skimmed |
| Dollars | | Dollars per hundredweight | | | | |
| New England | 6.07 | 10.80 | - | 4.81 | 18.03 | 10.24 |
| Middle Atlantic | 6.09 | 10.80 | 14.50 | 4.38 | 16.20 | 9.47 |
| South Atlantic | 6.11 | 10.80 | - | 4.42 | 17.81 | 10.51 |
| East North Central | 5.96 | 10.80 | 12.73 | 4.55 | 15.37 | 9.78 |
| West North Central | 6.11 | 10.80 | 12.60 | 4.89 | 16.67 | 9.73 |
| South Central | 6.16 | 10.80 | - | 5.00 | 16.68 | 9.82 |
| North Western | 6.24 | 10.80 | 10.00 | - | - | - |
| South Western | 2/ 6.15 | 10.80 | 12.62 | 5.37 | 16.24 | 10.32 |
| U. S. August 1951 | 6.09 | 10.80 | 13.27 | 4.68 | 16.18 | 9.86 |
| U. S. July 1951 | 6.12 | 10.80 | 13.39 | 4.62 | 16.17 | 9.86 |
| U. S. August 1950 | 5.29 | 9.30 | 12.37 | 3.77 | 14.04 | 8.38 |

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. 2/ July price revised to \$6.17.

AVERAGE PRICES PAID IN AUGUST BY CONDENSERIES FOR 3.5% MILK F.O.B. PLANT FOR AUGUST 1951 - 7 GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS 1/

| Geographic Division | Number of plants or stations | Range | Price per cwt. | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------|
| | | | Dollars | Average |
| Middle Atlantic | 4 | 3.29 - 3.80 | | 3.60 |
| South Atlantic | 7 | 3.32 - 3.85 | | 3.43 |
| East North Central | 82 | 3.28 - 3.75 | | 3.47 |
| West North Central | 9 | 3.15 - 3.48 | | 3.33 |
| South Central | 22 | 3.18 - 3.63 | | 3.31 |
| North Western | 7 | 3.18 - 3.50 | | 3.33 |
| South Western | 18 | 3.29 - 3.94 | | 3.58 |
| U. S. August 1951 | 149 | 3.15 - 3.94 | | 3.45 |
| U. S. July 1951 | 152 | 3.09 - 3.85 | | 3.45 |
| U. S. August 1950 | 152 | 2.52 - 3.42 | | 2.81 |

1/ No prices available for the New England Division.

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

Chicago \$3.496

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

Spray 14.97 cents per pound
Roller 13.22 cents per pound

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milk, at 26,133,000 pounds, were nearly double those of a year earlier and 16 percent above the 5-year average. Roller-dried stocks were 192,000 pounds at the end of August, a decline of 55 percent from a year earlier and 20 percent from the 5-year average.

Sales of nonfat dry milk solids by reporting manufacturers during August totaled 62,761,000 pounds, the lowest for the month since 1948, down 9 percent from the preceding month and 23 percent from a year ago. Sales of dry whole milk at 6,360,000 pounds were the lowest for the month since 1942, down 34 percent from July and 41 percent from a year earlier. Sales of dry buttermilk at 2,130,000 pounds were the lowest for the month since 1932. They were down 18 percent from July and 35 percent from a year earlier.

Purchases of total nonfat dry milk solids during 1951 by the United States Department of Agriculture for the purpose of supporting the price of milk totaled 34,199,000 pounds through August 31. Purchases during September through the 25th of the month were 11,015,000 pounds. These figures do not include purchases of nonfat dry milk solids in 2-pound containers for use in the school lunch program.

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AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY CONDENSERS FOR MILK TO BE USED PRIMARILY FOR CANNING DURING AUGUST 1951 1/ WITH COMPARISONS

| State and Division | August 1950 | | | July 1951 | | | August 1951 | | |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|--|
| | Price paid per 100 lbs. milk Dollars | Butter-fat test Pct. | Price per lb. of butter-fat Dollars | Price paid per 100 lbs. milk Dollars | Butter-fat test Pct. | Price per lb. of butter-fat Dollars | Price paid per 100 lbs. milk Dollars | Butter-fat test Pct. | Price per lb. of butter-fat Dollars |
| N. Y. | 3.26 | 3.77 | .86 | 3.81 | 3.68 | 1.04 | 3.90 | 3.74 | 1.04 |
| Pa. | 3.24 | 3.97 | .81 | 3.83 | 3.83 | 1.01 | 3.97 | 3.88 | 1.02 |
| M. Atl. | 3.25 | 3.86 | .84 | 3.84 | 3.75 | 1.03 | 3.93 | 3.80 | 1.03 |
| Va. | 3.28 | 4.38 | .75 | 4.04 | 4.31 | .94 | 4.11 | 4.41 | .93 |
| N. Va. | 3.30 | 4.28 | .77 | 4.02 | 4.21 | .96 | 4.06 | 4.26 | .95 |
| S. Atl. 2/ | 3.32 | 4.34 | .77 | 4.05 | 4.25 | .95 | 4.10 | 4.33 | .95 |
| Ohio | 3.11 | 4.01 | .77 | 3.86 | 4.01 | .96 | 3.88 | 4.04 | .96 |
| Ind. | 3.33 | 4.06 | .92 | 3.91 | 4.01 | .98 | 4.06 | 4.05 | 1.00 |
| Ill. | 3.03 | 3.73 | .81 | 3.62 | 3.61 | 1.00 | 3.65 | 3.67 | .99 |
| Mich. | 3.11 | 3.92 | .79 | 3.84 | 3.84 | 1.00 | 3.87 | 3.90 | .99 |
| Wis. | 3.16 | 3.78 | .84 | 3.76 | 3.70 | 1.01 | 3.79 | 3.78 | 1.00 |
| E. N. C. | 3.15 | 3.88 | .81 | 3.79 | 3.80 | 1.00 | 3.83 | 3.87 | .99 |
| Minn. | 3.01 | 3.66 | .82 | 3.60 | 3.59 | 1.00 | 3.64 | 3.69 | .99 |
| Iowa | 3.05 | 3.76 | .81 | 3.57 | 3.67 | .97 | 3.64 | 3.75 | .97 |
| Mo. | 3.39 | 4.37 | .78 | 3.95 | 4.28 | .92 | 3.95 | 4.30 | .92 |
| Kans. | 3.24 | 4.18 | .77 | 3.74 | 4.01 | .93 | 3.77 | 4.06 | .93 |
| W. N. C. | 3.31 | 4.23 | .78 | 3.82 | 4.08 | .94 | 3.86 | 4.14 | .93 |
| Ky. | 3.31 | 4.45 | .72 | 3.95 | 4.29 | .92 | 4.01 | 4.38 | .92 |
| Tenn. | 3.37 | 4.51 | .75 | 4.01 | 4.34 | .92 | 4.06 | 4.41 | .92 |
| Ala. | 3.25 | 4.43 | .73 | 4.02 | 4.35 | .93 | 4.04 | 4.38 | .92 |
| Miss. | 3.28 | 4.40 | .73 | 3.89 | 4.24 | .92 | 3.99 | 4.37 | .91 |
| Texas | 3.41 | 4.42 | .77 | 4.15 | 4.21 | .99 | 4.31 | 4.30 | 1.00 |
| S. Cen. 2/ | 3.34 | 4.48 | .75 | 3.97 | 4.30 | .92 | 4.04 | 4.38 | .92 |
| Idaho | 3.27 | 3.98 | .82 | 3.87 | 3.84 | 1.01 | 3.91 | 3.93 | 1.00 |
| Wash. | 3.17 | 4.01 | .79 | 3.95 | 4.09 | .97 | 4.01 | 4.03 | .99 |
| Oregon | 3.47 | 4.42 | .79 | 4.25 | 4.44 | .96 | 4.37 | 4.53 | .96 |
| N. W. | 3.24 | 4.02 | .81 | 3.93 | 3.98 | .99 | 3.98 | 4.01 | .99 |
| Colo. | 3.11 | 3.77 | .83 | 4.02 | 3.65 | 1.10 | 4.17 | 3.70 | 1.12 |
| Utah | 2.77 | 3.40 | .82 | 3.40 | 3.35 | 1.01 | 3.30 | 3.40 | .97 |
| Calif. | 3.20 | 3.93 | .81 | 4.05 | 3.89 | 1.04 | 4.05 | 3.91 | 1.04 |
| S. W. 2/ | 3.14 | 3.35 | .82 | 3.94 | 3.80 | 1.04 | 3.94 | 3.82 | 1.03 |
| U. S. 2/ | 3.22 | 4.06 | .79 | 3.87 | 3.96 | .98 | 3.91 | 4.03 | .97 |

* Revised.

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 PURCHASES BY CONDENSERS, AUGUST 1951, WITH COMPARISONS 1/

| | Unit | Average 1945-49 | 1950 | 1951 |
|---|---------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Purchases, reported total | Pounds | 627,150,000 | 612,253,000 | 612,708,000 |
| Producers | Number | 150,000 | 160,000 | 157,000 |
| Average daily purchases per producer | Pounds | 123.0 | 123.4 | 125.9 |
| Change in purchases per producer 1951 from 1950 | Percent | xxxxxxx | xxxxxxx | + 2.0 |
| 1951 from 5-year average | Percent | xxxxxxx | xxxxxxx | = 1.6 |

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.

Manufacturers' selling prices of total nonfat dry milk solids averaged 14.70 cents per pound for August compared with revised figure of 14.73 cents in July, 11.77 cents for a year earlier and 13.19 cents for the 5-year average for the month. Selling prices of spray-dried nonfat solids were 14.96 cents per pound compared with the revised figure of 15.11 cents in July and 12.30 cents a year earlier. The August price was the second highest of record for the month, having been exceeded only in 1948. Prices of roller-dried nonfat milk solids averaged 13.62 cents for August, a gain of 3.2 cents from a year ago and 1.1 cents from the 5-year average for the month.

| COMMODITY | August 1950 1/ Thousand Pounds | August 1951 1/ Thousand Pounds | Change in August 1951 from 1945-49 average | | Cumulative total Jan.-Aug 1951 Change from Jan.-Aug 1950 | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------|--|------------|
| | | | Percent | Percent | Thous. lb. | Percent |
| Evaporated and Condensed Milk | | | | | | |
| Evaporated (case goods) | 284,300 | 263,000 | -15 | -7 | 2,256,100 | +6 |
| Condensed whole (case goods) | 6,200 | 4,375 | -65 | -29 | 40,585 | -8 |
| Plain condensed whole (bulk) | 24,000 | 26,800 | +51 | +12 | 178,315 | +6 |
| Plain condensed skimmed (bulk) | 53,000 | 53,000 | +16 | 0 | 380,905 | -5 |
| Sweetened cond. whole (bulk) | 5,550 | 3,600 | -42 | -35 | 28,100 | -10 |
| Sweetened cond. skimmed (bulk) | 22,800 | 17,200 | -58 | -25 | 169,025 | +5 |
| Dry Milk | | | | | | |
| Dry Whole | | | | | | |
| Spray process | 10,500 | 8,500 | -41 | -19 | 105,950 | +35 |
| Roller process | 1,385 | 1,350 | +13 | -3 | 9,100 | +1 |
| Total | 11,885 | 9,850 | -40 | -17 | 115,050 | +32 |
| Dry Nonfat Solids | | | | | | |
| Human food - Spray process | 45,200 | 52,500 | +49 | +16 | 410,950 | -14 |
| Human food - Roller process | 15,750 | 13,600 | -41 | -14 | 132,250 | -40 |
| Total (human food) | 60,950 | 66,100 | +13 | +8 | 543,200 | -22 |
| Dry skim milk (animal feed) | 1,075 | 1,200 | -25 | +12 | 10,115 | -41 |
| Dry buttermilk | 3,650 | 3,950 | +9 | +8 | 30,560 | -11 |

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

MANUFACTURERS' STOCKS OF EVAPORATED, CONDENSED, AND DRY MILK, AUGUST 31 1/

| COMMODITY | Average 1945-49 Thousand Pounds | 1950 2/ Thousand Pounds | 1951 | Change in 1951 from 1945-49 1950 | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--|-------------|
| | | | | Percent | Percent |
| Evaporated and Condensed Milk | | | | | |
| Evaporated (case goods) | 374,110 | 349,397 | 543,744 | +45 | +56 |
| Condensed whole (case goods) | 11,706 | 7,022 | 7,169 | -39 | +2 |
| Dry Milk | | | | | |
| Dry Whole | | | | | |
| Spray process | 22,511 | 13,202 | 26,133 | +16 | +98 |
| Roller process | 239 | 428 | 192 | -20 | -55 |
| Total | 22,750 | 13,630 | 26,325 | +16 | +93 |
| Dry Nonfat solids | | | | | |
| Human food - Spray process | 44,979 | 40,014 | 103,288 | +130 | +158 |
| Human food - Roller process | 30,443 | 18,003 | 21,593 | -29 | +14 |
| Total (human food) | 75,422 | 58,017 | 124,881 | +59 | +112 |
| Dry skim milk (animal food) | 1,654 | 1,032 | 3,678 | +304 | +547 |
| Dry buttermilk | 6,081 | 5,470 | 9,527 | +57 | +74 |

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.

3/ Includes products purchased by manufacturers from the Government.

Manufacturers' selling prices of dry skim milk for animal feed averaged 10.43 cents for August compared to 10.63 cents for July, 8.35 cents a year earlier and 9.11 cents for the 5-year average. Prices of dry buttermilk in August, averaged 11.00 cents, down approximately one-third of a cent from the preceding month and 1.25 cents from a year earlier.

Selling prices of manufacturers for dry whole milk in 1-2½ pound packages averaged 53.96 cents for August, a gain of nearly 7 cents from July and almost 12 cents from a year ago. Dry whole milk in 5-pound packages averaged 45.49 cents per pound for August, more than 2 cents higher than July and nearly 6 cents than a year earlier. Prices of dry whole milk in miscellaneous large packages, mostly barrels and drums, averaged 35.67 cents for August, a decrease of about 1 cent from July, but a gain of more than 2 cents from a year earlier. Prices in all sizes of packages averaged 44.07 cents for August. These prices were about 2 cents higher than in July, more than 7 cents higher than a year earlier, and more than 2 cents above the 5-year average for the month.

EVAPORATED AND CONDENSED MILK

Evaporated whole milk production for August was the lowest for the month since 1940 while stocks were the highest of record for the date, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Output of evaporated whole milk, at 263,000,000 pounds, declined seasonally from July to August much more sharply than a year ago. As a result, production was down 7 percent from a year earlier and 15 percent from the 5-year August average. During the first 8 months of 1951, production totaled 2,256,100,000 pounds, a gain of 6 percent from the same period in 1950. Canned sweetened condensed whole milk production during August was 4,375,000 pounds, the lowest for the month since 1939, down 29 percent from a year earlier and 65 percent from the 1945-49 August average. So far in 1951, production totals 40,585,000 pounds, a decrease of 8 percent from the same period a year ago. There was a sharp seasonal decline from July to August compared with a sharp gain during the same months last year and a moderate gain during the 5-year average period.

Production of plain condensed milk bulk goods items for August was unchanged or higher than a year earlier, while output of sweetened condensed bulk goods products was lower. Plain condensed whole milk production, at 26,800,000 pounds, was the highest of record for the month, up 12 percent from a year earlier and 51 percent from the 5-year August average. During the first 8 months of 1951, output totaled 178,315,000 pounds, a gain of 6 percent from the same months of 1950. At 53,000,000 pounds, the August output of plain condensed skim milk was unchanged from a year earlier, but was 16 percent higher than the 1945-49 average for the month. Totalling 380,905,000 pounds for the first 8 months of 1951, production was 5 percent less than that of the corresponding period a year ago.

Production of sweetened condensed whole milk, at 3,600,000 pounds, was the smallest for the month since 1935, down 35 percent from a year earlier and 42 percent from the August 5-year average. Through August, production totaled 28,100,000 pounds, a decline of 10 percent from the same month a year ago. Sweetened condensed skim milk output was 17,200,000 pounds, the lowest for the month since 1941, down 25 percent from a year earlier and 58 percent from the August 5-year average. Cumulative production for the first 8 months for 1951 was 169,025,000 pounds, a gain of 5 percent from the corresponding period a year ago.

Manufacturers' stocks of evaporated milk totaled 543,744,000 pounds on August 31, the highest stocks in 33 years of record for the date, up 56 percent from a year earlier and 45 percent from the 5-year August 31 average. Stocks of canned condensed whole milk at 7,169,000 pounds at the end of August were the third lowest of record for the date, having been lower only last year and in 1942. Present stocks were 2 percent above a year earlier, but 39 percent below the 1945-49 average.

Manufacturers' selling prices of evaporated whole milk averaged \$6.09 per case of 48 14½-oz. cans. This is the second highest price in the past quarter century and is 80 cents above a year earlier. For the seventh month, selling prices of sweetened condensed whole milk remained at \$10.80 per case of 48 14-oz. cans. This price is the highest for the month in 32 years of record and is \$1.50 higher than a year earlier.

Selling prices of all condensed bulk goods products in August were higher than in the preceding month, except for sweetened condensed skim milk which was unchanged. Prices of plain condensed whole milk averaged \$13.47 per hundredweight for August, a gain of 8 cents from July and \$1.10 from a year earlier. Selling prices of plain condensed skim milk at \$4.68 per hundredweight were 6 cents higher than the preceding month and 91 cents above a year earlier. Sweetened condensed whole milk prices averaged \$16.18 for August, up 1 cent from July and \$2.14 from a year earlier. While sweetened condensed skim milk remained unchanged from July at \$9.86 per hundredweight, they were the highest for the month since 1946 and \$1.43 higher than a year earlier.

Prices paid by condenseries in August for milk of 3.5 percent butterfat averaged \$3.45 per hundredweight, unchanged from July, but 64 cents higher than a year earlier.

Based on actual butterfat tests, condenseries paid \$3.91 per hundredweight for milk testing 4.03 percent butterfat, or an average of 97 cents per pound of butterfat. This price was one cent per pound of butterfat lower than in the preceding month but 18 cents per pound higher than a year earlier. Prices of milk per pound of butterfat by States ranged from 91 cents in Mississippi to as high as \$1.04 in New York and California.

Milk purchases by reporting condenseries totaled 612,708,000 pounds and were made from approximately 157,000 producers. The average daily purchases per producer were 125.9 pounds, a gain of 2 percent from 1950 but a decline of 2 percent from the August 5-year average.