

# Vermont Monthly Organic Dairy Report - January 2024

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## Dairies Reporting

9

## Counties Represented

6

## # of Organic Dairy Operators Reporting by Herd Size

1-50 cows: 2  
51-150 cows: 5  
151-300 cows: 2  
Average herd size: 97

## Participant Comments:

“Some milk producers are paying a \$2 winter premium which makes the winter sustainable. They need to keep this price up...to make organic farming sustainable in the Northeast.”

“I believe the base price of organic should be a minimum of \$33.00/cwt.”

## Market Trends:

Prices ticked up slightly from December and are up almost \$3.00 per cwt since November. Butterfat and protein averages available for the first time.

## Fluid Milk Price (\$/cwt; does not include deductions for hauling)

	Volume	Min Price	Max Price	Weighted Average Price
November 2023	1,155,583 lbs.	\$27.92	\$43.60	\$37.01
December 2023	1,227,212 lbs.	\$27.92	\$47.13	\$39.70
January 2024	1,224,497 lbs.	\$35.00	47.38	\$39.97

## Volume (daily and monthly production per lactating cow)

	Volume	Avg. Monthly Production per Cow	Avg. Daily Production per Cow
November 2023	1,155,583 lbs.	1,195.3 lbs.	39.8 lbs.
December 2023	1,227,212 lbs.	1,216.8 lbs.	39.3 lbs.
January 2024	1,224,497 lbs.	1,246.1 lbs.	40.2 lbs.

## Butterfat and Protein Averages

	Average Butterfat %	Average Protein %
November 2023		
December 2023		
January 2024	4.27%	3.03%

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