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Dairy Week In Review

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Markets:

Dairy Prices	Price	Chge. from Week Ago	Chge. from Month Ago	Chge. from Year Ago
Class III Milk Price (Jan)	\$19.45/cwt.	▼ 0.7 %	▼ 5.3 %	▼ 3.9 %
Class IV Milk Price (Jan)	\$19.75/cwt.	▲ 6.1 %	▼ 13.7 %	▼ 13.1 %
Corn (March)	\$ 6.81/bushel	▲ 4.7 %	▲ 4.4 %	▲ 13.3 %
SBean Meal (March)	\$478.0/ton	▼ 5.4 %	▲ 4.4 %	▲ 21.6 %
DMC Margin (November)*	\$ 10.89/cwt.	—	▲ 1.7 %	▲ 6.7 %

*Each issue of "Dairy Week in Review" will report on the most recent Milk Margin published through USDA's Dairy Margin Coverage Program. This margin is published each month after the USDA Ag Prices Report is released.

- A total of 312.1 million acres of principal crops were planted across the U.S. during 2022, according to the latest *USDA Crop Production Annual Summary*. There are 22 different crops that make up what the USDA calls principal crops. They cover a wide range of crops including what I already mentioned and other crops such as millet, wheat, tobacco, edible beans, and others. There were 3.732 million acres of principle crops planted in Pennsylvania. This number of planted acres ranks as the 23rd highest total in the nation.
- The U.S. corn acres planted for all purposes was 88.58 million acres, 5% less than 2021. 79.21 million acres (89%) were harvested for grain. 2022 U.S. grain yield at 173.3 bushels per acre was down 2% compared to 2021. With reduced acreage planted and lower yield compared to 2021, total 2022 grain production was down 9% to 13.73 billion bushels. Pennsylvania had 1.18 million acres of corn planted which was 11% less than 2022. There were 840,000 acres (71%) harvested for corn grain. The corn yield across the Commonwealth was down 17% compared to 2021 at 140 bushels per acre. Like the U.S., reduced acreage planted coupled with lower yields resulted in lower total production. Total production across the state equaled 117.6 million bushels, 30% less than 2021. Pennsylvania ranks 16th in the nation for corn acres planted and 17th in total corn grain production.
- The U.S. harvested 6.86 million acres for corn silage, 6% more acres than 2021. The national corn silage yield was 18.7 tons per acre, 7% less than last year. Total corn silage production totaled 128.6 million tons, 0.7% less than 2021. Pennsylvania ranked 10th in area harvested, 27th in yield, and 9th in total corn silage production during 2022. There were 485,000 acres of corn harvested for silage across the Commonwealth. Each acre yielded 18 tons of corn silage to provide a total corn silage production of 5.49 million tons.
- About 87.45 million acres of soybean were planted nationally. This was 0.3% less than 2021. Of that acreage, 86.34 million acres were harvested. The national soybean crop yielded 51.7 bushels per acre, 0.7 bushels per acre (+1%) more than 2021. With less acres harvested in 2022 than 2021, national soybean production dropped 4.2% to 4.276 billion bushels. For Pennsylvania, 590,00 acres of soybeans were harvested (-0.8% YOY), the 20th highest harvested acreage in the nation. Ranked 16th in the nation for yield and 19th for total production, the Pennsylvania soybean harvest yielded 43 bushels per acre and 25.37 million bushels total. Both yield and production are less than 2021 by 10 bushels per acre and 6.17 million bushels, respectively.
- There were 14.91 million acres of alfalfa hay planted across the nation. This was 1.38 million acres less than 2021. Hay yield was equal to 3.22 tons per acre, nearly identical to the 3.32 per acre yield in 2021. However, with less area harvested, total production across the nation was reduced by 1.29 million tons to 47.96 million tons. Pennsylvania also experienced a reduction in the number of acres harvested. There were 310,000 acres of alfalfa hay harvested across the state. However, yield improved by 0.7 tons per acre and allowed total hay production to increase compared to 2021. A total of 1.12 million tons of alfalfa hay were harvested across the Keystone State, 188,000 more than 2021.

Government and Industry:

- Enrollment for the 2023 DMC program year was extended last week to Tuesday, January 31. At the maximum \$9.50 per cwt margin coverage, projections on December 28 show DMC payments each month, January through September. The DMC online decision tool is currently forecasting a 100% probability of a net benefit to those enrolled in the 2023 DMC program year. To sign up to participate in the 2023 DMC Program, visit your local FSA office before Tuesday, January 31.