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Dairy Week In Review



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Dairy Prices	Price	Chge. from Week Ago	Chge. from Month Ago	Chge. from Year Ago
Class III Milk Price (Jan)	\$20.47/cwt.	▲ 9.4 %	▲ 8.7 %	▲ 34.7 %
Class IV Milk Price (Dec)	\$20.98/cwt.	▲ 1.1 %	▲ 1.1 %	▲ 8.5 %
Corn (Mar)	\$ 4.58/bushel	▲ 1.3 %	▲ 4.1 %	▼ 0.2 %
SBean Meal (Jan)	\$ 295.3ton	▼ 2.4 %	▲ 2.3 %	▼ 18.3 %
DMC Margin (Nov)*	\$ 14.29/cwt.	—	▼ 5.8 %	▲ 49.2 %

**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.*

Markets:

- Based on November's Dairy Products report, U.S. total cheese production equaled 1.15 billion pounds, down 1.7% year over year and 6.1% month over month. Italian type cheese increased 1.1% from November 2023 to 493 million pounds. American Type cheese output equaled 448 million pounds, a 4.9% decrease from last November's levels.
- Butter production climbed 4.9% from November 2023's 163 million to 171 million pounds in November 2024. Nonfat dry milk (NFDm) output came in at 120 million pounds, a 2.8% increase year over year. Conversely, skim milk powder (SMP) production dropped 33.5% to 47 million pounds in November 2024 from November 2023's 71 million pounds.
- The USDA announced November's Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) margin at \$14.29 per hundredweight (cwt), \$4.79 above the \$9.50 trigger. November's all-milk price dropped \$1.00 from October's \$25.20 per cwt to \$24.20 in November. Feed costs fell to \$9.91 per cwt, a 12-cent decrease from the prior month's \$10.03. Soybean meal declined \$26.67 per ton from \$342.85 in October to \$316.18. November's corn price reached \$4.07 per bushel, an 8-cent per bushel bump from October's \$3.99.
- Updated Jan. 2, the DMC Decision Tool forecasts December's margin to be \$13.48 per cwt, an 81-cent drop from November's \$14.29. December's all-milk price was projected at \$23.07 per cwt, a \$1.13 drop from November's \$24.20. Forecasted feed costs decreased 32 cents from November at \$9.91 to \$9.59 per cwt in December. If December's projections hold true, program year 2024 will close out without seeing any additional payments.

Government/Industry:

- Early on Dec. 21, 2024, Congress passed a second extension of the 2018 Farm Bill to prevent a government shutdown. With this extension, Congress will have until Sep. 30, 2025, to pass a new Farm Bill. In the meantime, we will see current farm programs, such as Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) and crop insurance provisions, remain in place through the 2025 crop year. As of now, there has been no word on when 2025 DMC enrollment will open.
- On Wednesday, Jan. 15 from 1 to 2pm, the Center and Penn Ag Industries Association will jointly host the next PA Ag HPAI Industry Conference Call via Zoom. Federal and state agency panelists will join to offer information on the current HPAI situation in dairy and poultry, PA's response, and remaining proactive to prevent an outbreak in PA's herds and flocks. For more information or to add it your calendar, visit the Center's website under "Upcoming Events."
- The Penn State Extension Dairy Team will be hosting several workshops across PA on Jan. 27 & 30 to help dairy farmers create a biosecurity plan to meet PDA guidelines. At these no-cost, open-house style workshops, dairy farmers will get one-on-one help from dairy educators on creating a biosecurity plan to help protect their herds and people. They'll provide information on biosecurity essential components, how to prepare for potential HPAI outbreaks, and the importance of everyday biosecurity practices. For more information or to register for a workshop, reach out to your local extension office.
- The Center offers biosecurity kits and "No Trespassing" signs at no cost to Pennsylvania dairy farmers. The biosecurity kits contain resources, tools, and signage from Secure Milk Supply and the National Dairy FARM Program to help dairies improve biosecurity on their operations. The "No Trespassing" signs encourage visitors to stop and call before entering the farm. To order either of these or additional free materials, visit the Center's website.
- Jointly hosted by the Center and the Professional Dairy Managers of PA, the 2025 PA Dairy Summit will be held in State College, PA from Feb. 5-6. This year's theme is "Designing Your Tomorrow Today," where engaging and informative keynote and breakout sessions will encourage attendees to start making decisions today with their career's or farm's future in mind. Dairy farmers and industry professionals will have the opportunity to strengthen their skills, as well as network with one another. To learn more and register, visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/events.