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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 (Feb)	\$20.22/cwt.	▼ 0.5 %	▼ 0.2 %	▲ 25.1 %
Class IV Milk Price (Feb)	\$19.75/cwt.	▼ 1.6 %	▼ 5.9 %	▼ 0.8 %
Corn (Mar)	\$ 4.84/bushel	▼ 2.0 %	▲ 2.1 %	▲ 14.2 %
SBean Meal (Mar)	\$ 296.6/ton	▼ 5.5 %	▼ 0.6 %	▼ 13.6 %
DMC Margin (Dec)*	\$ 13.38/cwt.	—	▼ 6.4 %	▲ 39.7%

**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.*

Markets:

- Based on the December 2024 USDA Dairy Products report, total cheese output dropped 0.7% year over year and increased 4.0% month over month. Italian type cheese production reached 523 million pounds, up 3.1% from December 2023's levels and 5.9% from November 2024's total. From December 2023 to 2024, American cheese output decreased 3.9%, but rose 3.9% from November 2024's numbers.
- December 2024 butter production totaled 198 million pounds, up 2.3% year over year and 13.3% month over month. California and Pennsylvania followed similar trends with 14.0% and 6.3% increases from November to December 2024. However, from year to year, CA and PA experienced 13.7% and 13.9% production losses, respectively.
- From December 2023's levels, nonfat dry milk dropped 11.6% to 130 million pounds. Dry whey output fell 4.9% to 69.0 million pounds over the same timeframe.

Government/Industry:

- Over the past few weeks, the PA Dept. of Ag. announced preliminary findings of the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) strain found in wild birds in more commercial poultry flocks in Lancaster, Lebanon, and Cumberland counties. The PDA's quarantine order requires dairy farms inside the 3 km infected zone to submit weekly bulk tank or in-line samples for testing until the control area is closed. While this strain is not the same one found in dairy cattle, these precautions were implemented to protect PA's dairies and poultry flocks. For more information on surveillance efforts, contact the PDA at RA-ahds@pa.gov.
- Penn State Extension will be hosting additional workshops to help dairy producers create effective biosecurity plans in accordance with PDA guidelines. During these open house style workshops, dairy farmers can show up between 9am and 3pm to receive one-on-one help to work through the biosecurity plan components and state requirements. Registration is not required but is appreciated. Contact your local extension office to learn more.
- The Center offers biosecurity kits and "No Trespassing" signs at no cost to Pennsylvania dairy farmers. The biosecurity kits contain resources, tools, and signage to help dairies improve biosecurity on their operations. The "No Trespassing" signs encourage visitors to stop and call before entering the farm. Visit the Center's website to learn more.
- The 2025 Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) enrollment period will run from Jan. 29 to Mar. 31, 2025. Utilizing DMC can help farmers protect themselves from milk market and feed cost volatility and can be an important tool in their risk management strategy. To sign up or learn more about DMC, contact your local FSA Office.
- The Center, Professional Dairy Managers of PA, Penn State Extension, and PA Beef Council are working together to host a series of free Animal Care Workshops for dairy farmers and employees throughout March and April. Each workshop will run from 9am to 3pm and will offer antibiotic stewardship and pain management, calf care and nutrition, fitness to transport, and biosecurity sessions with an optional farm tour afterwards. Every participant will receive a certificate to show commitment to animal care and the National FARM program. To register for one of the five locations in Cumberland, Lancaster, Crawford, Mifflin, and Bradford counties, please visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/animal-care to register.