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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 (March)	\$18.04/cwt.	▲ 0.3 %	▲ 1.3 %	▼ 19.6 %
Class IV Milk Price (March)	\$18.41/cwt.	▲ 0.6 %	▼ 2.6 %	▼ 26.0 %
Corn (May)	\$ 6.33/bushel	▲ 1.1 %	▼ 6.1 %	▼ 16.5 %
SBean Meal (May)	\$451.99/ton	▼ 5.9 %	▼ 8.3 %	▼ 7.1 %
DMC Margin (January)*	\$ 7.94/cwt.	—	▼ 18.7 %	▼ 31.2 %

*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.

- Total milk production in the US was up 0.8 percent from a year ago to 17.7 billion pounds, with per cow milk production up 7 pounds to 1,877 pounds. The nation's dairy herd grew 37,000 head from a year ago to 9.42 million head, up 12,000 head from last month.
- California's milk production was down 1 percent, with milk production per cow down 20 pounds for the month. Wisconsin's milk production was up 0.3 percent, while Idaho and New York were both up 3.4 and 2.9 percent, respectively. Texas grew its milk production by 5.5 percent from a year ago. Michigan and Minnesota both posted gains of 3.1 and 1 percent, respectively. Pennsylvania's milk production was down 0.1 percent with 2,000 fewer cows from a year ago but 5 pounds more milk per cow. Cow numbers in the Commonwealth were flat from January at 466,000 head.
- USDA also announced the Class I base price for April at \$18.85 per hundredweight, down 14 cents from a month ago and \$5.53 below a year ago prices. This is the lowest Class I milk price since April 2021.
- The dairy price index fell 2.6 percent to \$3,361 per metric ton on the latest Global Dairy Trade auction. It marks the third consecutive session-to-session decrease, with all major dairy products posting declines. Cheddar cheese prices were down 10.2 percent, while butter prices fell 3.0 percent. Whole milk prices were down 1.5 percent, while skim milk prices were down 3.5 percent.

Government and Industry:

- Zach Myers with the Center hosted the March Protecting Your Profits webinar to provide an update on markets and risk management options. To access a recording of the webinar, go to centerfordairyexcellence.org/pyp/ or you can listen to a podcast of the webinar on Spotify, Apple or Amazon.
- Cooperatives Working Together (CWT) member cooperatives accepted 19 offers of export assistance from CWT that helped them capture sales contracts for 1.5 million pounds (686 MT) of American-type cheese and 77,000 pounds (35 MT) of cream cheese. The product is going to customers in Asia and Middle East-North Africa and will be delivered from March through September 2023. CWT-assisted member cooperative year-to-date export sales total 12.4 million pounds of American-type cheeses, 383,000 pounds of butter (82% milkfat), 17.8 million pounds of whole milk powder and 2.0 million pounds of cream cheese. The products are going to 17 countries in five regions. These sales are the equivalent of 268.7 million pounds of milk on a milkfat basis.
- The Penn State Extension Dairy Team is hosting a Hoof Health Workshop at Raising Kane Farm in Pleasant Hall, Franklin County, on Tuesday, April 11, from 9:30 a.m.—2 p.m. Participants will learn about hoof care and trimming techniques. The workshop will also include a session on the importance of dairy facility design and lameness prevention. To learn more or register, go to extension.psu.edu/hoof-health-workshop-for-dairy.
- The next Animal Care Workshop hosted by Penn State, PDMP, the PA Beef Council and the Center for Dairy Excellence will be on Wednesday, April 12, at Lone Oak Farms in New Alexandria, Westmoreland County. The workshop will be from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. and will offer FARM training certification. To register, call the Center at 717-346-0849.