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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 (April)	\$23.94/cwt.	▲ 7.7 %	▲ 5.5 %	▲ 36.4 %
Class IV Milk Price (April)	\$25.13/cwt.	▲ 1.1 %	▲ 1.3 %	▲ 63.9 %
Corn (May)	\$ 7.56/bushel	▲ 2.4 %	▲ 0.2 %	▲ 35.0 %
SBean Meal (May)	\$461.8/ton	▼ 2.6 %	▼ 6.0 %	▲ 12.9 %
Milk Margin (January)*	\$ 16.86/cwt.	—	▲ 17.98 %	▲ 96.96 %

**Each issue of "Dairy Week in Review" will report on current "Milk Margin," or the dollars remaining per one hundred lbs. of milk after feed is paid for, based on data for a 75-pound herd in the latest "PA Dairy Industry Performance Scorecard."*

- USDA's Ag Prices report put the February All-Milk price at \$24.70 per cwt., up 50 cents from January and \$7.60 above year-ago levels. However, it was not enough to offset the increase in feed prices, with the corn price up 53 cents from last month to \$6.10 per bushel and the soybean price up \$59.75 from last month to \$480.96 per ton. The alfalfa hay price was up \$4 to \$266 per ton. The February DMC Margin was announced as \$10.98 per cwt, 56 cents per cwt lower than January. Total DMC feed cost increased \$1.06 per cwt to \$13.72, reaching a new high for the program. The U.S. all-milk price was also a record high for the program, but was not enough to offset feed prices to keep margins improving.
- The value of US dairy exports was up 23 percent year-over-year in February to \$696.8 million, a new record for the month. US export volumes, though, posted the third month of year-over-year declines, with total volumes down 1 percent from 2021. US shipments of butterfat were up 75 percent to 6,755 metric tons, marking the biggest month of US butterfat exports since April 2014. US lactose exports were also up 15 percent, and cheese exports were up 9 percent. Nonfat and skim milk powder exports were down 11 percent, with shipments to Mexico and Southeast Asia leading the decline.
- The latest USDA Dairy Products report shows total cheese output up 6.3 percent from a year ago to 1.11 billion pounds. On a daily average basis, cheese production reached an all-time high, surpassing the previous record of 4.5 percent set in March 2021. Italian-type cheese production was up 6 percent from a year ago, while American-type cheese production was up 4.3 percent. Butter production was down 1.4 percent from a year ago to 184 million pounds for the month of February.
- Input costs continue to weigh on global milk supplies, with combined output in the United States, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Argentina falling 1.8 percent in January, compared to a year ago levels.

Government and Industry:

- With the planting season coming into full swing, the Center for Dairy Excellence has farm safety signs available to remind family members and employees to be safe around equipment and livestock. To request a free set of farm safety signs that you can use on your dairy operation, visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/farm-safety or call us at 717-346-0849.
- Pennsylvania's agriculture industry has launched a Pennsylvania Agriculture Mentor Program, leveraging the SCORE (Service Core of Retired Executives) successful mentoring program to pair five mentors with extensive agriculture backgrounds with new and beginning farmers and agribusiness entrepreneurs. To learn more about the program, go to: pafarmink.org/mentor/ or call Farm Link at 717-705-2121.
- Penn State Extension Dairy Team is hosting a free webinar on "Creating a Safer Dairy Workplace." The Webinar is planned for April 18, 2022, at 12 p.m. and will offer creative ways to encourage safe habits on your dairy farm operation. To register, go to extension.psu.edu/creating-a-safer-dairy-workplace.