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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)	\$24.27/cwt.	▲ 0.2 %	▲ 8.3 %	▲ 37.1 %
Class IV Milk Price (April)	\$25.22/cwt.	▼ 0.2 %	▲ 1.5 %	▲ 62.5 %
Corn (May)	\$ 8.15/bushel	▲ 3.9 %	▲ 7.5 %	▲ 30.2 %
SBean Meal (May)	\$471.4/ton	▲ 2.9 %	▼ 2.9 %	▲ 13.2 %
DMC Margin (February)*	\$ 10.98/cwt.	—	▼ 4.9 %	▲ 83.9 %

\*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 down 0.5 percent to 18.812 billion pounds in March, with 68,000 fewer head of dairy cows and 7 pounds more milk per cow per day. While milk production was still below last year's levels, the gap did narrow in March from the 1.5-percent peak in January. Of the top eight dairy producing states, California was up 0.5 percent, Wisconsin was up 0.2 percent, Idaho was flat, New York was down 1 percent, Texas was up 6.7 percent, Michigan was down 2.9 percent, Minnesota was down 2.6 percent, and Pennsylvania was down 2.2 percent. The Commonwealth had 8,000 fewer head of dairy cows than a year ago with 10 pounds less milk per cow for the month. Tremendous growth in Georgia, South Dakota, and Texas helped to offset significant losses in most every other state in the list of top 24 dairy producing states.
- USDA announced the May Class I base price at \$25.45 per hundredweight, up \$1.07 from April and \$8.35 above year-ago price levels. This is the highest Class I base price on record since the formula changed in 2019. Class I prices are expected to remain high for the remainder of 2022, with the Class III futures price for the remainder of 2022 averaging \$23.85 per cwt on the CME, as of April 20, and the Class IV price averaging \$24.63.
- The average dairy price index on the latest Global Dairy Trade auction fell 3.6 percent from the last session to \$4,855 per metric ton, marking the third consecutive session-to-session decline and the largest so far this year. Prices of all commodities declined, with whole milk and skim milk powder down 4.4 and 4.2 percent, respectively. Cheddar cheese was down 3.9 percent, while the butter price fell 3.7 percent.

## Government and Industry:

- The Center for Dairy Excellence has transitioned its remaining Mental Health Workshop to a virtual event on Tuesday, April 26, from 10 - 12 p.m. Agricultural producers and others working with livestock producers are invited to join to learn how to navigate mental health issues in the farm community. To learn more or register, call the Center at 717-346-0849 or visit [www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/workshops](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/workshops).
- The Center will also host a special edition of its monthly Protecting Your Profits Webinar on "Rising Interest Rates and Their Impact on Dairy." The webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 27, from 12—1 p.m. and will feature Sam Miller, managing director of agriculture banking at BMO Harris Bank. You can join the discussion through webinar, conference call or podcast format. To join the conference call, dial 1-646-558-8656 and use the Meeting ID of 848-3416-1708 and 474057# as the passcode.
- With dairy futures markets continuing to show strength right now, right now may be a good time to consider using the Dairy Revenue Protection Program to protect your profits for the coming year. Dairy RP offers market-based price coverage for the next five quarters, which currently includes the third quarter of 2022 through the third quarter of 2023. The program allows you to put a floor under your milk price. To learn more, contact your crop insurance agent. If you want help in better understanding the program, contact Zach Myers at 717-346-0849.