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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 (Apr) | \$17.38/cwt. | ▲ 0.5 % | ▼ 6.2 % | ▲ 11.8 % |
| Class IV Milk Price (Apr) | \$17.94/cwt. | — | ▼ 2.3 % | ▼ 11.1 % |
| Corn (May) | \$ 4.76/bushel | ▼ 1.0 % | ▲ 3.9 % | ▲ 10.7 % |
| SBean Meal (May) | \$ 291.9/ton | ▼ 0.8 % | ▼ 1.1 % | ▼ 15.4 % |
| DMC Margin (Feb)* | \$ 13.12/cwt. | — | ▼ 5.3 % | ▲ 39.0 % |

**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 most recent issue of the NMPF Dairy Market Report, yogurt and butter sales showed 6.5% and 1.5% annual growth in commercial use. Fluid milk sales also experienced a 1.1% increase year over year. However, total cheese and dry milk sales fell 0.8% and 11.2% over the same period, respectively.
- After the USDA revised their January numbers, the U.S. milk cow herd was 66,000 head higher than January 2024. For February, the preliminary numbers reflected a 62,000 head increase year over year. January milk production showed a 0.5% bump from January 2024's numbers, while February milk production was up 1% after being adjusted for the leap year. January's revised milkfat production also saw a 3% increase from the prior year, and February was up 4%. February's preliminary skim solids and total milk solids production posted 1.8% and 2.5% gains year over year.
- Based on March's National Dairy Product Survey report, butter, block and barrel cheese, nonfat dry milk, and dry whey prices dropped month over month. From February to March, the butter price decreased 16 cents per lb., while nonfat dry milk and dry whey prices saw a 12 cents per lb. decline. In response, March 2025's Class III and Class IV prices fell from February's \$20.18 per cwt and \$19.90 per cwt to \$18.62 per cwt and \$18.21 per cwt, respectively. March retail prices for fluid whole milk, low fat fluid milk, cheddar cheese, and butter were up across the board year over year with whole and low fat milk prices seeing \$0.157 per gal. and \$0.254 per gal. growth.

Government/Industry:

- The Center rolled out their Biosecurity Plan Veterinary Review grants that are designed to reimburse large animal veterinarians for the time spent with their Pennsylvania dairy clients reviewing their biosecurity plans and National FARM protocols. The idea is to help dairy producers ensure their plan and protocols are well-written and tailored to their operation to help protect their farms from the spread of infectious diseases, such as highly pathogenic avian influenza. Deadline to apply is April 30. Visit the Center's website at www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/biosecurity-plan-veterinary-review-program/.
- As the weather warms up and more work around the farm needs done, the Center offers several English and Spanish farm safety resources. They offer a series of videos covering proper safety protocols on various potential hazards, including avoiding entanglement, electrical issues, fall prevention, equipment rollovers, and more. Also, available for free and upon request, the Center has a set of six farm safety signs for producers to hang to remind workers and visitors to be mindful around high risk areas. These resources will help you protect everyone on your farm. Visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/farm-safety/ to request the videos and/or the signs.
- The deadline to complete the Center's and Penn State Extension's 2025 Dairy Producer Survey is quickly approaching. Join the 425 other PA dairy farmers and make your voice heard. The survey contains questions on farm demographics, facilities, operations, investments, future plans, and more. We want to hear from you. Your feedback will be crucial in shaping the Center's programs and resources to meet the needs of Pennsylvania's dairy producers. Take 15 minutes out of your day and complete the survey before April 30 by scanning the QR code.



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