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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 (May)	\$24.89/cwt.	▲ 0.6 %	▲ 2.8 %	▲ 31.8 %
Class IV Milk Price (May)	\$24.55/cwt.	▲ 0.2 %	▲ 2.2 %	▲ 52.7 %
Corn (May)	\$ 8.02/bushel	▲ 0.5 %	▲ 2.3 %	▲ 5.7 %
SBean Meal (May)	\$400.6/ton	▼ 6.5 %	▼ 11.6 %	▼ 11.0 %
DMC Margin (March)*	\$ 11.55/cwt.	—	▲ 5.2 %	▲ 84.5 %

*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.

- According to the USDA *Crop Progress Report*, spring planting of corn and soybeans is well behind last year and the five-year average (2017 – 2021). The top 18 states in corn production only have 22 percent, on average, of the 2021 acreage planted. This is well behind 2021's level, which was 64 percent at this time last year, and the five-year average of 50 percent planted by the end of the first full week in May. Soybean planting is also behind both last year and the five-year average. As of the week ending May 8, 2022, the top 18 states had 12% of their soybean acreage planted compared to 39% last year and the five-year average of 24%.
- The average dairy price index on the latest Global Dairy Trade auction was down 8.5 percent to \$4,419, marking the fourth consecutive session-to-session decline in the GDT price. Butter prices fell the hardest, down 12.5 percent, while Cheddar cheese prices were down 8.6 percent and both skim milk and whole milk powder prices were down 6.5 percent.
- US dairy exports were up 0.5 percent from a year ago to 561.6 million pounds in March, while year-to-date export volumes were up 0.2 percent to 1.432 billion pounds, a new January – March record. Exports of butter, cheese and whey were all up, while nonfat dry milk exports were down. Cheese exports in March set a new all-time high record, with 92 million pounds exported overseas, up 13 percent from a year ago. Butter exports were also up significantly, increasing 47 percent from a year ago to 13.5 million pounds. Nonfat dry milk exports were down 24 percent from a year ago to 9.4 million pounds.

Government and Industry:

- May 18 is the deadline to submit your event to be part of the "Celebrate Dairy Across Pennsylvania" campaign. Farm families hosting events either at or near their farms for consumers during June and July can register to receive free promotion and materials. To learn more, call 717- 346-0849.
- 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.
- 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.