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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 (May)	\$18.60/cwt.	—	▼ 0.2 %	▼ 6.3 %
Class IV Milk Price (May)	\$18.13/cwt.	▲ 0.2 %	▲ 1.1 %	▼ 15.0 %
Corn (Jul.)	\$ 4.38/bushel	▼ 4.6 %	▼ 18.3 %	▼ 22.4 %
SBean Meal (Jul.)	\$ 294.5/ton	▲ 4.1 %	▲ 20.1 %	▼ 17.1 %
DMC Margin (Apr)*	\$ 10.42/cwt.	—	▼ 9.8 %	▲ 8.5 %

*\*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.*

### Markets:

- The USDA announced April's margin at \$10.42 per hundredweight (cwt.), down \$1.13 from the prior month's \$11.55 per cwt. The all-milk price experienced a slight \$1.00 per cwt downshift from March's \$22.00 per cwt. to \$22.00 per cwt. in April. However, feed costs rose 13 cents from \$10.45 per cwt. to \$10.58 per cwt. While the soybean meal price fell \$8.07 per ton March to April, corn and premium alfalfa hay prices were up 5 cents per bu. and \$10.00 per ton, respectively.
- Based on the USDA's April Milk Production report, U.S. cow numbers are up 89,000 head to 9.43 million head, the highest since 2023, and milk output per cow increased 11 pounds to 2,055 pounds year over year. Between the moderate gains in cow productivity and the U.S. dairy herd growth, both of these factors paved the way for U.S. milk supply expansion. For April, U.S. milk production totaled 19.4 billion pounds, a 1.5% increase from the same month the prior year. While the 1.5% increase may seem small, this is largest increase in milk production since August 2022.
- At the state level, Kansas, Texas, and South Dakota felt the most significant milk production hikes year over year at 11.4 percent, 10.6 percent, and 9.2 percent, respectively. All three states significantly expanded their dairy herds but also saw boosts cow efficiency. The massive growth in these states could lead to potential concerns regarding adequacy of processing capacity, transportation, and regional milk prices.
- On the other end of the spectrum, Washington, Florida, and California reported production minor losses of 4.5 percent, 3.7 percent, and 1.4 percent, respectively. California's milk supply is slowly recovering from the negative impacts of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Washington and Florida are still experiencing continued declines in dairy capacity.
- April's USDA Cold Storage report showed total natural cheese stocks were up 1.0 percent month over month and down 2.0 percent year over year. American cheese stocks followed the same pattern with most of the stocks concentrated in the North Central U.S. regions.
- April 2025's butter stocks increased 4.0 percent from March's levels but were down 7.0 percent from April 2024's total. With butter inventories being so tight, even with the abundant milk supply, this could be due to the increased domestic and international demand, as well as rising butter prices in the EU.

### Government/Industry:

- On June 3, the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act was approved by the Senate Ag Committee with support from Republican and Democratic parties. All present senators voted in favor of the act with an additional amendment added to guarantee school staff handling the food receive annual food allergy safety training. The next step will be for the legislation to be brought before the Senate floor for debate, amendment, and potential passage.
- Join the Center on June 11 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for the first of new monthly "All Things Dairy" conference call series. These calls will provide a platform for industry partners and organizations to share timely updates, resources, programs, and upcoming events relevant to the dairy community. June's call will feature Dr. Hamburg and Dr. Kalley from the PA Dept. of Agriculture, who will provide updates on foot and mouth disease, HPAI, and New World Screwworm. Scan the QR code for call details.

