



Dairy Prices	Price	Chge. from Week Ago	Chge. from Month Ago	Chge. from Year Ago
Class III Milk Price (Jun.)	\$ 16.01/cwt.	▲ 0.1 %	▼ 5.5 %	▼ 14.2 %
Class IV Milk Price (Jun.)	\$ 20.93/cwt.	▲ 0.7 %	▼ 6.4 %	▲ 13.4 %
Corn (Jul.)	\$ 4.09/bushel	▼ 1.4 %	▼ 13.9 %	▼ 1.7 %
SBean Meal (Jul.)	\$ 302.9/ton	▲ 0.3 %	▼ 8.8 %	▲ 8.0 %
DMC Margin (Mar.)*	\$ 10.54/cwt.	—	▲ 10.1 %	▲ 1.2 %

\*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 Milk Production report, the U.S. milk production totaled 20.6 billion pounds for May, a 2.3 percent increase from May 2025. Averaging 2.128 pounds, May's monthly output per cow experienced a modest 8-pound growth year over year. The U.S. milking herd reached 9.67 million head, up 184,000 head from May 2025 and up 10,000 head from the prior month. Of the 24 selected states, 19 states reported milk production growth from May 2025 to 2026.
- For May, Pennsylvania's milk production decreased by 1.9 percent from the same month the prior year to 832 million pounds. The Keystone State's herd size also fell by 10,000 head from May 2025 to 452,000 head in May 2026. However, when looking at the average monthly milk output per cow, Pennsylvania experienced a 5-pound increase year over year.

**Government/Industry:**

- Last week, the USDA announced new guidance from the Department of Homeland Security for dairy farmers on how to navigate the H-2A agricultural worker program. They confirmed dairies are covered by the H-2A program if farmers demonstrate a need for temporary or seasonal labor. If dairy farms have distinct breeding or calving seasons, they may be able to verify a qualifiable need for seasonal labor based on those production cycles. Certain herd management tasks that vary throughout the year and between the seasons could also meet the temporary or seasonal need for eligible workers. Non-seasonal tasks, such as milking, can be completed by H-2A workers if the positions have seasonal components (e.g., breeding, calving) linked to them as well. Just a few examples of temporary needs covered in a U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) guidance document were new barn setup/expansion, disease outbreak response, shifting to a robotic milk system, adding a large group of purchased cattle, and unusually large increase in calves. This guidance is a different interpretation on how the current H-2A applications for dairy farms should be reviewed by the USCIS and is not a change to the existing program requirements. It does also not create year-round eligibility for dairy farms.
- Join the Center on July 20 at Chester Springs Creamery at Milky Way Farm for a free, special showing of the *Perfect Sundays* limited TV series and for free ice cream. In the series, hope, resiliency, and ice cream are integral to the journey of a fictional dairy farm navigating a farm-related tragedy. There will be two chances at 6:16 p.m. and 7:45 p.m. to watch the first episode in the series and listen to an open discussion with the show's creator and others from the dairy industry. The event is free but has limited seating available, so visit [www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/events](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/events) to sign up today!
- Throughout July, the Center and Penn State Extension will be hosting a series of three on-farm discussion groups from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. across Pennsylvania. These groups were designed as a way for dairy farmers to exchange ideas with other farmers within their respective communities, as well as incorporate a facilitated discussion led by Penn State Extension on topics tailored to the needs of your area. Each group will also include a farm tour and fee lunch. We hear time and time again that farmers want to hear from other farmers, and these discussion groups are a great way to network with other dairy farmers. To sign up, visit [www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/events](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/events).
- If you are a dairy farmer, farm worker, and/or a first responder, and are interested in learning more about manure system and confined space safety, join Penn State and the rest of their team of expert instructors for a field day on July 20 at the Dickinson College Farm in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. The instructors will cover identifying and mitigating manure system, confined space, and digester hazards, as well as confined space entry protocols and how to call for help in the event of an emergency. Attendees can sign up either the morning (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.) or the evening session (6 p.m. to 9 p.m.). The registration deadline is July 17, and you can register by scanning the QR code or call Justin Darlington at (814) 863-0234.

