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**Dairy Week In Review**



Dated July 11, 2019

## Markets:

Dairy Prices	Price	Chge. from Week Ago	Chge. from Month Ago	Chge. from Year Ago
Milk Price (June) **	\$17.37/cwt.	▲ 0.5 %	▲ 0.4 %	▲ 14.2 %
Corn (July)	\$4.34/bushel	▲ 4.8 %	▲ 0.6 %	▲ 30.3 %
SBean Meal (July)	\$309.1/ton	▲ 1.9 %	▼ 3.5 %	▼ 7.3 %
Milk Margin (May)*	\$12.80/cwt.	—	▲ 7.8 %	▲ 12.8 %

*\*Each issue of "Dairy Week in Review" will report on current "Milk Margin," or the dollars remaining per one hundred lbs. of milk after feed is paid for, based on data for a 65-pound herd in the latest "PA Dairy Industry Performance Scorecard." Milk margin is affected by both milk & feed prices. \*\* The milk price reported is the Class III futures price for the next month plus a basis of \$1.00, an estimate of what could be on your milk check next month.*

- USDA announced the June Class III milk price at \$16.27 per hundredweight, down 11 cents from May but up \$1.06 from a year ago. The Class IV milk price was announced at \$16.83 per hundredweight, up 54 cents from a month ago and up \$2.69 from a year ago. The June Class IV price was the highest in the past 43 months.
- The dairy price index on the latest Global Dairy Trade was down 0.4 percent to \$3,302 per metric ton. The butter price fell 4.8 percent, while Cheddar cheese was down 1.5 percent. Skim milk powder was up 3.2 percent, while whole milk powder fell 1.9 percent.

## Government and Industry:

- Dairy farmers are encouraged to visit their local FSA Office to sign up for the program. Milk production will retroactively be covered starting January 1, 2019. With the 50 percent hay blend, FSA's May 2019 income over feed cost margin is \$9.00 per hundredweight (cwt). The revised margins for January, February, March and April are, respectively, \$7.71, \$7.91, \$8.66 and \$9.00 per cwt. – triggering DMC payments for each month. DMC payments will be expected to go out this month.
- Dairy Revenue Protection (Dairy R-P) coverage for the last fourth quarter of 2019 through the fourth quarter of 2020 is now available from authorized crop insurance agents. Farms can choose to cover any of the five upcoming quarterly (three month) periods, but they must enroll first. The program allows you to put a floor under your milk price, and you can choose to price your milk either based on your Class utilization or on your components. To learn more, contact your crop insurance agent. A list of agents is available on the RMA website at [www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html](http://www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agent.html).

## Dairy Opportunity of the Month:

- A Butler County farm family is looking to sell or lease their intensive-grazing dairy facility with a freestall/parlor set up for 100 - 200 cows, a newer heifer barn that holds 140 heifers, and calf facility. The farm has 136 acres of farmland and is within 10 miles of two equipment dealers. They are working with a young farmer program, and there is both a house and apartment on the property. Call PA Farm Link at 717-705-2121 or visit [pafarmlink.org](http://pafarmlink.org) for more information.