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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 (Aug)	\$ 17.39/cwt.	▼ 0.1 %	▲ 0.6 %	▼ 15.7 %
Class IV Milk Price (Aug)	\$ 18.50/cwt.	▼ 0.2 %	▼ 2.2 %	▼ 14.6 %
Corn (Sep.)	\$ 3.87/bushel	▲ 2.1 %	▼ 0.5 %	▲ 5.4 %
SBean Meal (Sep.)	\$ 297.2/ton	▲ 3.4 %	▲ 13.6 %	▼ 6.3 %
DMC Margin (Jun.)*	\$ 11.10/cwt.	—	▲ 6.7 %	▼ 4.9 %

**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 July USDA Milk Production Report, the total number of milk cows on farm in the U.S. was 9.49 million head, a 159,000-head-increase year over year. From July 2024 to 2025, production per cow equaled 2,063 pounds, up 34 pounds. For July, U.S. milk production increased 3.4 percent from July 2024's levels to 19.96 billion pounds, the highest year-over-year growth since 2021.
- Comparing July 2024 to 2025, Idaho and Texas led the pack with 48,000 head and 39,000 head increases, respectively. Kansas and South Dakota reported the highest year-over-year growth percentages in milk output at 18.6% and 10.6%, respectively. On the other hand, Washington saw the steepest year-over-year losses with a 23,000 head deficit in cow numbers and a 9.3% decline in milk production. Illinois felt a 5.0% drop in milk production over the same timeframe.
- Looking at Pennsylvania, milk cow numbers fell a whopping 5,000 head from 465,000 to 460,000 head year over year. However, the Keystone State's production per cow grew 35 pounds from 1,735 to 1,760 pounds. Pennsylvania's milk production increased 3 million pounds, rising from 807 million to 810 million pounds.
- According to the NMPF's recent Dairy Market Report, U.S. fluid milk sales increased 0.5% from June 2024 to June 2025. This was the first monthly year-over-year increase since December 2024. Domestic yogurt consumption jumped 10% from 2024's second quarter to 2025 with 12.2% year-over-year gains in June alone. From April-June 2024 to 2025, butter and dry skim milk domestic use rose by 5.8% and 21.8%, respectively.
- For June, U.S. dairy exports made up 18.7% of domestic milk solids production, the highest percentage since September 2022 and volume since May 2022. Comparing 2024's second quarter to 2025, total cheese exports, whole milk powder, and butter export volumes experienced notable gains of 15%, 76%, and 104%, in that order.
- With domestic prices down in relation to other countries, U.S. dairy imports dropped below last year's level's for the second quarter. However, over the same timeframe, dry skim milk imports increased by 269%.

Government/Industry:

- Planning for the future can seem really overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. On November 18 (East Earl, PA) and November 20 (State College, PA), join the CDE and Penn State Extension at one of these interactive, roundtable workshops, where farm families can sit down with outside advisors to help navigate communication and family dynamics to develop an effective transition plan tailored to their operation. Visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/events to register.
- Join the Center on September 10 at the Harrisburg Farm Show Complex from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for their annual Dairy Financial and Risk Management Conference centered around "leveling up PA dairy." Attendees will gain valuable insight into global markets and policy, what sets dairy's best and brightest apart, firsthand accounts of producers who navigated rock bottom years, and more. We're less than a month away, and don't miss your chance to secure your spot. To register, scan the QR code.

