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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 (Sept)	\$16.54/cwt.	▼ 0.4 %	▲ 3.2 %	▲ 1.2 %
Class IV Milk Price (Sept)	\$16.40/cwt.	—	▲ 3.9 %	▲ 28.9 %
Corn (December)	\$ 5.32/bushel	▲ 1.5 %	▼ 3.5 %	▲ 46.2 %
SBean Meal (October)	\$337.3/ton	▼ 0.2 %	▼ 4.3 %	▼ 3.1 %
Milk Margin (July)*	\$ 9.79/cwt.	—	▼ 4.0 %	▼ 22.7 %

**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 75-pound herd in the latest "PA Dairy Industry Performance Scorecard."*

- The dairy price index on the latest Global Dairy Trade auction increased 1 percent to \$4,011 per metric ton, with a 2.2 percent and 0.9 percent increase in whole milk powder and skim milk powder, respectively, driving the overall increase. This is the third session-to-session increase in a row. Prices for both butter and cheese fell this week, decreasing 1.9 percent and 1.2 percent, respectively.
- A coalition of 77 food and agriculture organizations, including the U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC) and National Milk Producers Federation, sent a letter to the White House last week asking the Biden administration to address the issues with empty containers leaving US shores without being reloaded. Due to increased shipping demands, coupled with a shortage of dock workers and truck drivers, a record number of fully loaded containers are waiting for an offloading dock in western US seaports. Once unloaded, an estimated two thirds of those container ships will choose not to wait to be reloaded. This is limiting the US's ability to export product to other countries.

Government and Industry:

- The National FARM (Farmers Assuring Responsible Management) Program has released a stakeholder survey on its Animal Care Version 5.0 plans. This survey gives dairy farmers and industry stakeholders the opportunity to provide early input on topics, issues, and potential changes they would like considered for 5.0. If you are interested in completing the survey, go to: uoguelph.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5gnhQhukYuJBTdl.
- The Agricultural Energy Efficiency Rebate Program has up to \$100,000 available for agricultural producers through a rebate voucher program for projects focusing on energy efficiency on the farm. All projects must be approved by DEP in advance by submitting an application. Vouchers will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. For complete application instructions and program guidelines, visit the DEP agriculture and farming energy webpage at www.dep.pa.gov/agricultureenergy. You can also call 570-327-3783 or email RA-EPAGEnergyPrograms@pa.gov with questions.
- The Center opened the application period for its on-farm grants earlier this month. Four grants are available on a first-come, first serve basis, including the Dairy Profit Team, Dairy Transition Team, Dairy Transformation Team and Dairy Decisions Consultant Grants. The Dairy Excellence Grant is a competitive grant program that offers a 50 percent match of up to \$5,000 to dairy farmers to make improvements that impact cow comfort, production and efficiency. Farms have until October 15 to apply. To learn more, go to centerfordairyexcellence.org/dairy-excellence-grants/ or call 717-346-0849.
- The Center will host Dairy Appreciation Dinners on Saturday, October 16, from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at three locations across Pennsylvania. The events are free to dairy farm families and include a free dinner, entertainment, a resource sharing area, and an overall atmosphere of community and positivity. To learn more or register to attend, call 717-346-0849.