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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)	\$ 17.93/cwt.	▲ 3.1 %	▲ 3.1 %	▼ 20.6 %
Class IV Milk Price (Aug)	\$ 17.25/cwt.	▼ 6.8 %	▼ 9.0 %	▼ 22.9 %
Corn (Sep.)	\$ 4.03/bushel	▲ 4.1 %	▲ 5.8 %	▲ 4.4 %
SBean Meal (Sep.)	\$ 275.5/ton	▼ 7.3 %	▲ 0.7 %	▼ 13.8 %
DMC Margin (Jul.)*	\$ 10.94/cwt.	—	▼ 1.4 %	▼ 11.3 %

**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 July's margin under the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) Program to be \$10.94 per hundredweight (cwt), down 16 cents from June's margin and down \$1.39 from the same month the year prior. As we move into the second half of the year, participating producers have still not received any indemnities for the duration of program year 2025.
- From June to July, the all-milk price fell 50 cents from \$21.30 to \$20.80 per cwt. This decrease follows a two-month stretch where the all-milk price held steady at \$21.30 per cwt, and July marks the first month of this program year when the milk price dropped below \$21.00 per cwt. Historically, July's all-milk price was down \$2.00 from \$22.80 per cwt in July 2024 and up 30 cents from \$20.50 per cwt in July 2020.
- For July, total feed costs decreased by 34 cents from \$10.20 in June to \$9.86 per cwt. Year over year, feed costs declined by 61 cents from \$10.47 per cwt in July 2024. However, July's total feed costs were up \$1.65 from \$8.21 per cwt in July 2020 to July 2025.
- Alfalfa hay experienced a slight \$1.00 per ton increase from \$244.00 in June to \$245.00 in July. Compared to the same month the prior year, the reported alfalfa hay price rose by \$8.00 from \$237.00 per ton in July 2024. Month over month, corn and soybean meal (SBM) prices decreased from \$4.47 per bu. and \$280.70 per ton to \$4.29 per bu. and \$259.10 per ton. When compared to July 2024 prices, corn was up 5 cents per bu., while SBM was down a whopping \$105.20 per ton. To date, the July 2025 SBM price, \$259.10 per ton, was a record low since the program's inception.
- Updated September 2, the DMC Decision Tool forecasts that margins will remain above the \$9.50 trigger for the remainder of the year. If these projections hold true, enrolled dairies will not receive any indemnities for the current program year. Recent margin forecasts jump to \$11.57 in August, increase slowly to \$11.65 in November, then fall slightly to \$11.59 per cwt. All-milk price projections trend upward through November to \$21.26, then dip to \$21.20 per cwt. Total feed cost forecasts decrease to \$9.45 but recover to \$9.61 per cwt for November and December

Government/Industry:

- Join the Center's September "Protecting Your Profits" webinar on September 19 to listen to Kathleen Wolfley and Bryce Windecker from Ever.Ag provide insight into how the beef and dairy markets are becoming more intertwined. Wolfley and Windecker will share what opportunities exist for dairy farmers in the cattle markets. They'll also highlight ways dairy producers can better plan for potential cattle price risk. The webinar will be held live on Zoom from 12 to 1 p.m., and attendees can ask questions in real time. Visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/events for more details or to add it to your calendar.
- 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.

