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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 (Sep.)	\$ 17.60/cwt.	▲ 0.3 %	▼ 1.1 %	▼ 24.4 %
Class IV Milk Price (Sep.)	\$ 16.76/cwt.	▼ 2.0 %	▼ 9.6 %	▼ 25.0 %
Corn (Dec.)	\$ 4.29/bushel	▲ 6.5 %	▲ 13.2 %	▲ 4.1 %
SBean Meal (Oct.)	\$ 285.8/ton	▼ 0.4 %	▲ 0.6 %	▼ 10.7 %
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 Global Dairy Trade (GDT) Price Index was down 0.8 percent from last session to \$4,041 per metric ton (MT). All products, aside from cheddar, were down slightly from the previous session. Anhydrous milk fat and butter posted 1.5 and 0.8 percent decline, respectively. Mozzarella experienced a whopping 9.6 percent decrease over the same timeframe. Cheddar increased by 2.2 percent to \$4,814 per MT.
- August's Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) 1 statistical uniform price was announced to be \$20.32 per hundredweight (cwt), down 24 cents from the prior month and down \$2.32 from August 2024. For August 2025, the FO 1 average butterfat and protein for the producer receipts were 4.14 and 3.18 percent, respectively. Average butterfat and protein saw increases month over month and year over year. However, butterfat and protein pool values fell 84 and 21 cents per cwt from August 2024 to 2025.

**Government/Industry:**

- Last Friday, the USDA announced their new Emergency Livestock Relief Program will be accepting applications through October 31. This program is a livestock disaster program designed to address feed losses due to flooding for calendar years 2023 and 2024. ELRP's \$1 billion in available funding will help compensate for the price hike in supplemental feed costs and resulting disruptions to milk production. For Pennsylvania, 23 counties pre-qualify for relief, which means they will not have to show additional documentation of flooding when applying. Eligible dairies could receive up to 60 percent of three months' calculated feed costs per qualifying flood, with a maximum payment of \$125,000 per program year. To see if your county pre-qualifies and for more information on how to apply, call your local FSA office.
- Nebraska has reported their first confirmed case of highly pathogenic avian influenza in a dairy herd. The herd is in central Nebraska and is currently under quarantine. The National Veterinary Services Laboratory has confirmed that the strain is similar to the strain found in California's dairies. Common symptoms still include decreased food intake, clear nasal discharge, decreased milk production, lethargy, fever, dehydration, and colostrum-like milk.
- 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. Registration is \$25 total for the first two family members, then \$5 for each additional family member. Lunch will be provided as well. Visit [www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/events](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/events) to register.
- Last week, the Center hosted their monthly "All Things Dairy" industry call, which was focused on farm safety. An OSHA representative covered manure pit safety protocols, as well as a farmer shared his own farm accident story. A Penn State Extension educator also shared a program and resources available to farmers and workers with disabilities. The September "Protecting Your Profits" webinar happened live as well featuring dairy markets experts from Ever.Ag. They provided insights into the beef and cattle markets, as well as ways for dairy producers to protect themselves from the downside of cattle price risk. The call and webinar recording are available at [www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/pyp](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/pyp) and [www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/all-things-dairy-monthly-conference-calls/](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/all-things-dairy-monthly-conference-calls/).