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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 (Sept)	\$23.34/cwt.	▲ 1.6 %	▲ 13.1 %	▲ 27.0%
Class IV Milk Price (Sept)	\$22.30/cwt.	▼ 0.2 %	▲ 0.6 %	▲ 18.4 %
Corn (Dec)	\$ 4.11/bushel	▲ 7.0 %	▲ 12.0 %	▼ 14.9 %
SBean Meal (Oct)	\$ 323.60/ton	▲ 1.8 %	▲ 2.0 %	▼ 17.0%
DMC Margin (July)*	\$ 12.33/cwt.	—	▲ 5.7 %	▲ 250.3 %

*\*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:

- Based on the USDA Milk Production report, August 2024's U.S. milk production equaled 18.8 billion pounds, a 0.1% dip year over year. Down 40,000 head from August 2023, August 2024's milk cow numbers closed out at 9.33 million. Production per cow jumped 8 pounds from August 2023 to 2,018. The U.S. milk supply remains tight, and replacement heifer numbers are still low, which could explain the slight decrease in cow numbers. However, improved genetics and feed efficiency could have influenced the small bump in production per cow.
- In August 2024, California led the U.S. in milk production at 3.37 million pounds followed by Wisconsin and Idaho at 2.67 and 1.45 million pounds, respectively. South Dakota experienced an 8.5% growth year over year in milk production. Several factors, including dairy processor expansion, plentiful natural resources, and grain and forage access, have contributed to South Dakota's dairy industry's rapid growth in the past several years. Conversely, New Mexico saw a sharp 11.3% decline from July 2023 to July 2024, which could be attributed to adverse weather conditions.
- In August 2024's USDA Announcement of Class and Component Prices, Class II price was revealed to be \$22.05 per hundredweight (cwt), up 23 cents from July. Class III price jumped 87 cents from the prior month to \$20.66 per cwt. Class IV price came in at \$21.58 per cwt, a 27 cent increase month over month. Increases in protein, nonfat solids, and other solids values helped raise milk class prices from July to August 2024.
- According to a Foreign Agricultural Service report, Bluetongue Disease continues to be a prevailing issue in the Eastern and Southern Netherlands regions with 3,807 reported cases in sheep and cattle as of Aug.15. The disease has also spread to Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, France, and Denmark. Cattle symptoms are reduced milk production, as well as health and fertility complications. Midge flies are the only know vector for Bluetongue Disease. This disease does not pass from animal to animal or present a risk to humans.

### Government/Industry:

- The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) released a notice for Pennsylvania World Dairy Expo exhibitors explaining cattle must meet Wisconsin import requirements to show, including lactating dairy cow influenza testing. Returning from the WDE, all lactating cattle must receive a negative influenza A test on a milk sample within 7 days prior to re-entry to PA. PDA will provide sample collection tubes upon request to PA exhibitors. Milk samples need to be collected from individual cows and represent all four udder quarters, and do not pool samples from multiple cows. For additional information regarding WDE testing requirements, contact the PDA at 717-307-3259 or RA-ahds@pa.gov.
- The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is encouraging all Pennsylvania dairy farms to enroll in the voluntary Lactating Dairy Cow Health Monitoring Program. Enrolled farms will benefit by no longer being required to individually test cattle prior to interstate movement. Testing will be performed at no cost to producers, and the Department or USDA will provide necessary sampling supplies after enrollment. To ask questions or request an enrollment form, please contact the Department at 717-307-3259 or RA-ahds@pa.gov.