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**Dairy Week In Review**  
 Dated October 11, 2023



**Markets:**

Dairy Prices	Price	Chge. from Week Ago	Chge. from Month Ago	Chge. from Year Ago
Class III Milk Price (Oct)	\$16.84/cwt.	▼ 8.5 %	▼ 8.0 %	▼ 22.3 %
Class IV Milk Price (Oct)	\$21.59/cwt.	▲ 14.5 %	▲ 16.0 %	▼ 12.8 %
Corn (December)	\$ 4.88/bushel	▲ 0.2 %	▲ 5.4 %	▼ 29.6 %
SBean Meal (October)	\$374.3/ton	▲ 3.3 %	▼ 7.7 %	▼ 11.3 %
DMC Margin (August)*	\$ 6.46/cwt.	—	▲ 83.5 %	▼ 20.1 %

*\*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.*

- USDA announced the September Class III price at \$18.39 per hundred-weight, up \$1.20 from August but \$1.43 from a year ago. October's price is the third highest Class III price for the year. Looking ahead, Class III futures prices on the CME fall below \$17 for October with the last quarter of 2023 averaging only \$17.19 per cwt. They don't go above \$18 again until February 2024. USDA announced the September Class IV price at \$19.09, up 18 cents from August but \$5.54 below year ago levels. September's Class IV price is the second highest in 2023. Looking ahead, Class IV milk futures prices on the CME increase in the fourth quarter, averaging \$20.72 for the last three months of the year. Class IV futures prices remain above \$19 per hundredweight through the first ten months of 2024, based on the CME settlement prices on October 11.
- US dairy products moving overseas have been below year-ago levels through the first eight months of 2023. US dairy export numbers were just released for August, with total export volumes down 10.8 percent (based on milk solid equivalents) from a year ago. A bright spot, though, is in milk powder exports. The US sent 145.7 million pounds of skim milk powder and nonfat dry milk overseas in August, up 4 percent from a year ago, which was the largest year over year gain since January. Year to date, total milk solids shipped overseas totaled just over 1.509 million metric tons, down 7 percent from a year ago. The total value of dairy exports year to date was down 13 percent, or \$868 million, from a year ago, to just over \$5.623 billion.

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- USDA's Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) hearing was originally scheduled to conclude by mid-October. That date is being pushed back due to the number of proposals, the extent of cross-examination, and logistical issues regarding the hearing site in Carmel, IN. As a result, USDA put a pause in the hearing after this week's testimony ended on Wednesday. The hearing now is scheduled to resume on November 27 after Thanksgiving for what's expected to be an additional week of testimony. The past week has been devoted to Class I pricing issues, mostly focused on the Class I differential price surface used across the country and proposals to return to the "higher of" Class I mover.
- Any dairy farms interested in applying to receive funding through the Fall Round of the Center's Dairy Excellence Grants should do so by this Sunday, October 15. The Center for Dairy Excellence leverages funds provided through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the PA Dairymen's Association to provide Dairy Excellence Grants to support improvement projects that focus on cow comfort, productivity or efficiency on the farm. If you are approved for the grant, you will receive a 50 percent match, up to a maximum matching level of \$5,000. To apply, go to [centerfordairyexcellence.org/dairy-excellence-grants/](http://centerfordairyexcellence.org/dairy-excellence-grants/).