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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 (Oct)	\$17.90/cwt.	—	▲ 7.8 %	▼ 16.7 %
Class IV Milk Price (Oct)	\$17.05/cwt.	▲ 0.1 %	▲ 4.0 %	▲ 26.1 %
Corn (December)	\$ 5.30/bushel	▲ 3.5 %	▲ 0.4 %	▲ 28.3 %
SBean Meal (December)	\$322.5/ton	▲ 2.8 %	▼ 4.4 %	▼ 14.9 %
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."*

- Total cheese output, excluding cottage cheese, was up 4.4 percent from a year ago to 1.14 billion pounds in August, down 0.3 percent from July. American type cheeses were up 1.5 percent from last year while Italian type cheese production was up 8.8 percent. Butter production was down, falling 1.7 percent from a year ago and 1.5 percent from last month to 148 million pounds, according to the latest USDA Dairy Products Report.
- Higher cull cow prices and lower milk prices are moving more dairy cows to slaughter, with 60,700 dairy cows culled last week. The culling rate on the average dairy farm is 4.5 percent above a year ago. Dairy cow slaughter in August was up 2.3 percent from a year ago, while year-to-date levels are up 1 percent from 2020 levels.
- Nationally, 41 percent of the corn has been harvested, while the soybean harvest is 49 percent complete, both moving at a faster pace than last year. However, damp weather has delayed the harvest in Pennsylvania, according to the latest Crop Progress Report. Only about 23 percent of the corn for grain has been harvested in Pennsylvania, as of October 18, down from 32 percent last year at this time. About 18 percent of the soybeans have been harvested, down from 61 percent by this time last year. More than 90 percent of the corn for silage has been harvested in the state.
- The dairy price index rebounded on the latest Global Dairy Trade auction, increasing 2.2 percent to \$4,061 per metric ton. Butterfat prices were up 4.7 percent, while Cheddar prices were up 2.9 percent and whole milk powder and skim milk powder prices both rose, increasing 1.5 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively.
- Cheese and butter products were among the 160 categories of processed foods on a list the Food and Drug Administration released with new voluntary guidelines calling for significant reductions in sodium levels in processed foods. Industry groups encouraged FDA to exempt dairy products due to their nutritional value, but were unsuccessful in their ask.

**Government and Industry:**

- The October Protecting Your Profits webinar will be held on Wednesday, October 27 from 12-1 p.m. The event will feature Phil Plourd, President of Blimling and Associates, who will break down the current dairy market situation and share what producers can expect heading into the new year. To join through a conference call, dial 1-646-558-8656 and use Meeting ID: 848 3416 1708 and Passcode: 474057.
- Dairy producers and dairy industry professionals are invited to one of six free roundtable meetings being held across Pennsylvania this November. Hosted by the Center for Dairy Excellence in partnership with the Penn State Cooperative Extension Dairy Team, the events will be focused on business planning for dairy operations. Meetings will be held in Lancaster on November 5, Milton and Mansfield on November 9, Martinsburg and Grove City on November 16, and Chambersburg on November 18. To register, visit [centerfordairyexcellence.org](http://centerfordairyexcellence.org) or call 717-346-0849.