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**Dairy Week In Review**

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## Markets:

1 Dairy Prices	Price	Chge. from Week Ago	Chge. from Month Ago	Chge. from Year Ago
Class III Milk Price (Oct)	\$21.48/cwt.	▲ 1.5 %	▲ 32.8 %	▲ 9.8 %
Class IV Milk Price (Oct)	\$13.52/cwt.	▲ 0.4 %	▲ 6.7 %	▼ 17.8 %
Corn (December)	\$4.13/bushel	▲ 5.6 %	▲ 12.2 %	▲ 6.4 %
SBean Meal (October)	\$378.8/ton	▲ 5.8 %	▲ 12.4 %	▲ 22.7 %
Milk Margin (August)*	\$11.93/cwt.	—	▼ 5.84 %	▼ 6.28 %

*\*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 65-pound herd in the latest "PA Dairy Industry Performance Scorecard."*

- US milk production was up 2.35 percent year over year to 18 billion pounds in September, outpacing last year's production by 400 million pounds. The total US milking herd is 9.366 million cows, up 33,000 head from a year ago and up 5,000 from August. All top eight dairy producing states boasted increases this month, with Texas showing the most growth at 6.5 percent. California was up 3.2 percent, while Wisconsin was up 0.7 percent and Idaho was up 2.9 percent. New York was up 1.4 percent, and Texas was up 6.5 percent and Michigan was up 2.3 percent. Pennsylvania and Minnesota are neck and neck again, with Pennsylvania up 1.9 percent to 815 million pounds for the month and Minnesota up 2.7 percent to 813 million pounds for the month. Pennsylvania had 3,000 fewer cows than a year ago, but 40 pounds more milk per cow.
- The November 2020 Class I price was announced at \$18.04 per hundred-weight, up \$2.84 from October and 10 cents above last November.
- The average dairy price index at the latest Global Dairy Trade auction was up 0.4 percent to \$3,159 per metric ton. Butter prices were up 3.3 percent, while Cheddar prices were up 3.0 percent. Skim milk powder fell 0.2 percent, while whole milk powder prices were up 0.3 percent.

## Government and Industry:

- Farmers are encouraged to sign up for a second round of disaster assistance related to the COVID pandemic. The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Round 2 (CFAP2) Program includes a dairy payment totaling \$1.20 per hundredweight on a farm's milk production for the last nine months of 2020. The program also includes \$55 per head for bull calves and dairy steers, but not for breeding stock, and payments of crops including corn, soybeans and wheat. The enrollment period will close on December 11. To apply, contact your local FSA Office.
- Dairy farmers are encouraged to enroll for the 2021 Program Year of the Dairy Margin Coverage Program. All dairy farmers who want coverage must visit their local USDA Service Center office to pay the annual administrative fee, which is \$100. Current margin forecasts are projecting a margin below the \$9.50 threshold for February - July of next year. Producers must visit their local office before December 11 to enroll in 2021.
- The Center for Dairy Excellence is hosting a Dairy Roundtable Discussion on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Dairy farmers and industry representatives who want help in managing through change can join the interactive virtual workshop hosted by Dr. King Hickman. Call 717-346-0849 or visit [centerfordairyexcellence.org](http://centerfordairyexcellence.org) to register.
- The Center for Dairy Excellence will host another Dairy Industry and COVID Call on Thursday, November 5, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. The call will review details of the Dairy Margin Coverage and the Coronavirus Food Assistance Programs, with sign ups for both programs now open. Barb O'Brien from Dairy Management Inc. (DMI) will also be on to answer questions related to the Dairy Checkoff Program. Farms do not need to pre-register, but can text questions to 717-585-0766 prior to the call. To join the call, dial 978-990-5000 and use 553371# as the access code when prompted.