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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)	\$21.65/cwt.	▲ 0.8 %	▲ 32.4 %	▲ 2.1 %
Class IV Milk Price (Oct)	\$13.52/cwt.	—	▲ 6.2 %	▼ 17.8 %
Corn (December)	\$4.01/bushel	▼ 3.0 %	▲ 10.7 %	▲ 2.8 %
SBean Meal (October)	\$376.6/ton	▼ 0.4 %	▲ 15.1 %	▲ 24.6 %
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."

- According to the USDA Cold Storage Report, total cheese stocks fell 1.3 percent month-over-month to 1.36 billion pounds as of September 30. Stocks are now just below where they were a year ago, posting the first year-over-year decline since March. Butter stocks were also down, falling 7.4 percent month-over-month to 343.9 million pounds, still 18.3 percent higher than year-ago levels.
- Dairy cow slaughter numbers are down 6,300 head from a year ago, with total dairy cow slaughter in September at 249,000 head, up 25,000 head from August.

## 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 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.

## Dairy Opportunity of the Month:

- Retired dairy farmers are offering a 10-acre tract with a 92-cow tie-stall barn built in 2010, 18 calf kennels, a house, and other livestock housing for rent. The person leasing the facility would also have the opportunity to enter an arrangement with the owner to provide crops for feed. The tie stall barn has automatic takeoff milkers and a tract in the barn. For more information, contact Pennsylvania Farm Link at 717-705-2121 or visit [pafarmlink.org](http://pafarmlink.org).