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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 (Oct)	\$22.62/cwt.	▼ 3.0 %	▲ 0.2 %	▲ 23.0 %
Class IV Milk Price (Oct)	\$21.13/cwt.	▼ 5.2 %	▼ 0.6 %	▲ 12.2 %
Corn (Dec)	\$ 4.21/bushel	▼ 1.9 %	▲ 9.1 %	▼ 13.6 %
SBean Meal (Oct)	\$ 323.60/ton	▼ 7.5 %	▲ 0.1%	▼ 10.9 %
DMC Margin (Aug)*	\$ 13.72/cwt.	—	▲ 11.3 %	▲ 112.4 %

**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:

- According to the USDA's August Dairy Products report, total cheese production was 1.20 billion pounds, up 1.7% year over year and 0.5% month over month. From last August, Italian cheese production increased 3.1% with Mozzarella output growing 4.7%. Butter production climbed 14.5% from August 2023 at 138.9 million pounds to 150.0 million pounds in August 2024. However, month-over-month, butter production dropped 3% from July 2024's levels. Dry whey totaled 65.5 million pounds, a 21.6% drop from the prior year and a 3.2% dip from the prior month.

Government/Industry:

- The Senate Agriculture Committee approved an amendment to the PA Milk Marketing Law that would adjust the current over-order premium structure to more fairly and directly distribute premium dollars back to dairy farmers. Established in 1988, the existing premium funds go to dairy farmers and cooperatives on milk produced, processed, and sold in Pennsylvania. Farmers argue the current premium structure incentivizes milk companies to transport milk from other states to get out of paying the premium.
- USDA has announced an additional \$11.04 million in funding for the Dairy Business Innovation (DBI) Initiatives to provide support to small and mid-sized dairy farms, processors, and technical service providers to use towards modernization, sustainability, marketing, and more. Since the DBI's inception, they awarded over \$64 million to over 600 dairy projects to strengthen the U.S. dairy industry as a whole. Vermont's Northeast Dairy Business Innovation Center will receive \$3.45 million to offer support to northeastern-based dairy businesses. Leading up to August 2024, Vermont's NE-DBIC awarded \$31 million across 333 projects throughout ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI, NY, NJ, PA, MD, and DE. Check out the NE-DBIC's website to see the various grants available and application deadlines.
- The Center hosted its monthly HPAI in Dairy Industry Call on October 9. The panelists from Pennsylvania state agencies reviewed valuable HPAI updates, existing programs, and biosecurity-related resources. While Pennsylvania currently remains unaffected, the panelists urge dairy farmers to adopt a proactive approach to help the state remain HPAI-free. To listen to the call recording or read a summary, visit the Center's website.
- The PA Department of Agriculture (PDA) emphasizes the importance of dairy farms getting a premise I.D. to help prevent a widespread HPAI outbreak if positive cases appear in PA. Not to be confused with a food premise I.D., farms can obtain a premise I.D. through the PDA's website or email at ra-premise-id@pa.gov. Additionally, the Pennsylvania Department of Health offers personal protection equipment (PPE) at no cost to PA dairy farms that can be ordered on their website. They also offer a wide range of English and Spanish resources on proper PPE attire and biosecurity practices.
- The PDA 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.