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Dairy Week In Review



Dated October 23, 2024

| Dairy Prices | Price | Chge. from Week Ago | Chge. from Month Ago | Chge. from Year Ago |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Class III Milk Price (Oct) | \$22.74/cwt. | ▲ 0.9 % | ▼ 2.6 % | ▲ 34.6 % |
| Class IV Milk Price (Oct) | \$20.91/cwt. | ▼ 0.9 % | ▼ 6.2 % | ▼ 3.4 % |
| Corn (Dec) | \$ 4.16/bushel | ▲ 3.7 % | ▲ 1.2 % | ▼ 13.3 % |
| SBean Meal (Dec) | \$ 317.7/ton | ▲ 1.9 % | ▼ 1.8 % | ▼ 26.0 % |
| 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 Milk Production report, Pennsylvania's milk production came in at 779 million pounds for September 2024, up 0.1% year over year, after several months of slight to modest declines. Pennsylvania's cow numbers continue to remain fairly consistent from September 2023 at 465,000 head to 466,000 in September 2024. From August to September, the cow numbers remain unchanged, which could mean herds are retaining more cows and buying in less replacement heifers. For Pennsylvania, milk per cow is up 5 pounds from last year's 1,670 to 1,675 pounds.
- September's U.S. milk production equaled 18.2 billion pounds, up 0.1% from September 2023's total. August's milk production total was updated, which resulted in a 0.4% year-over-year bump versus a small loss. U.S. cow numbers dropped 0.4% from last year's 9.37 million head to 9.33 million. Across the U.S., low heifer numbers results in decreased slaughter rates, which has kept cow numbers fairly consistent month to month.
- California's September milk production equaled 2.21 billion pounds and was consistent with last year's monthly total, even with the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in an abundance of Central Valley's farms. However, as cases ramped up throughout the last month, California could see negative effects reflected in October production levels. Wisconsin's milk production decreased 0.5% due to poor quality forage. Conversely, Idaho, Texas, and New York experienced year-over-year milk production increases.

Government/Industry:

- Penn State is offering a Management Essentials for Dairy Success (MEDS) workshop series for beginning and middle senior-level dairy managers. This series aims to help these dairy managers improve their people management skills. These in-person workshops are a unique combination of real world experience with academic expertise to provide attendees with the knowledge and tools to enhance their operation. Attendees must attend both workshops sessions, which are on Oct. 29 in Mechanicsburg and Nov. 12 in Altoona. To register, check out Penn State's website.
- Penn State's Women in Dairy Conference registration is still open until Nov. 5. Experts will share dairy insight and opportunities. The two keynote speakers will provide valuable commentary on the dairy industry's past and future. There will also be several breakout sessions on socially-raised calves, data security, human resources, and financial resources and opportunities. The event will be held on Nov. 19 in Grantville, PA, from 9am to 4pm. For more details or to register, visit Penn State's website.
- Effective Nov. 5, the USDA made recent changes to the Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) rule, where official identification must be electronically and visually readable for livestock movement across state lines. This applies to all dairy cattle, including cows, bulls, steers, and calves, as well as sexually intact beef cattle over 18 months. Cattle and bison of all ages being transported to shows, exhibitions, or rodeos are required to follow the new ADT Rule guidelines as well. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) has a limited supply of free EID tags. Call the PDA to request tags at (717) 884-1613.
- The PDA encourages 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.