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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 (Nov)	\$17.06/cwt.	▼ 1.1 %	▲ 1.3 %	▼ 18.3 %
Class IV Milk Price (Nov)	\$20.75/cwt.	—	▲ 3.9 %	▼ 9.1 %
Corn (December)	\$ 4.68/bushel	▼ 1.5 %	▼ 4.1 %	▼ 29.9 %
SBean Meal (December)	\$447.4/ton	▲ 3.8 %	▲ 19.5 %	▲ 6.7 %
DMC Margin (September)*	\$ 8.44/cwt.	—	▲ 30.7 %	▼ 2.1 %

*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.

- USDA Dairy Products report shows output of most dairy products growing in September, compared to a year ago levels. Cheese production was up 0.1 percent year over year to 1.152 billion pounds, while production of American-type cheese was up 4.2 percent and Cheddar cheese production was up 3.1 percent. After decreasing in August, September's butter production was up 2.9 percent from a year ago to 144.566 million pounds. Nonfat dry milk and skim milk powder production was down 18 percent from a year ago to 156.7 million pounds.
- US dairy exports were challenged again in September, with 460 million pounds of product shipped overseas, down 12 percent from record volumes shipped a year ago and down more than 4 percent from 2021. Year to date, dairy export volumes are down 7.5 percent. Nonfat dry milk powder exports were down 20.1 percent year-over-year to 117.4 million pounds, the lowest for September since 2018. Butter exports were also down significantly, falling 58.4 percent from a year ago to 4.4 million pounds. In contrast, cheese exports in September were up 4.3 percent from a year ago to 81.3 million pounds, driven by shipments into Mexico.
- The average dairy price index on the latest Global Trade Auction fell 0.7 percent to \$3,255 per metric ton, after four consecutive sessions of increasing prices. The Cheddar cheese price was up 4.5 percent, while skim milk powder prices were up 2.3 percent. The butter price fell 1.6 percent, while whole milk powder was down 2.7 percent.

Government:

- USDA announced nearly \$1 billion in new funding awards under the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), which supports targeted partnership projects that incentivize reduced methane emissions. will help a number of NMPF member cooperatives and industry partners build on their ongoing sustainability efforts in both feed and manure management. This includes projects sponsored by DFA, CDI, Darigold, Maryland & Virginia, Tillamook, and Newtrient, which will be working with Michigan Milk and Foremost Farms USA. In addition to the sustainability projects, the White House also announced new funding for rural broadband initiatives, biofuels, and energy efficiency improvements.
- The Center is accepting applications for dairies to pre-qualify to receive a Climate-Smart Team Grant. The program will help dairies accepted into the program identify and implement strategies that are both climate-smart and profitable. Implementation dollars will be awarded to farms that qualify based on herd size, with up to \$75,000 available for dairies with 199 cows or less, up to \$141,000 for dairies with 200 - 499 cows, and up to \$250,000 for dairies with 500 or more cows. Call 717-346-0849 or visit centerfordairyexcellence.org/climate-smart-grants/ to learn more.