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Dairy Week In Review

Dated November 18, 2020



Markets:

Dairy Prices	Price	Chge. from Week Ago	Chge. from Month Ago	Chge. from Year Ago
Class III Milk Price (Nov)	\$23.12/cwt.	▼ 1.5 %	▲ 7.6 %	▲ 13.8 %
Class IV Milk Price (Nov)	\$13.34/cwt.	▼ 1.5 %	▼ 1.4 %	▼ 25.2 %
Corn (December)	\$4.28/bushel	▲ 2.6 %	▲ 3.6 %	▲ 16.9 %
SBean Meal (December)	\$399.5/ton	▲ 2.0 %	▲ 5.5 %	▲ 33.3 %
Milk Margin (September)*	\$10.26/cwt.	—	▼ 7.57 %	▼ 22.10 %

**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."*

- Class III milk futures prices on the CME fell hard this week, with concerns about another pandemic-related shutdown weighing heavily on the industry. Class IV milk price futures held steady but remained low. The average Class III price for the next 12 months (not including November) fell 35 cents from a week ago to \$16.64 per hundredweight, while the 12-month Class IV milk price still averages around \$15.04 per cwt. December's Class III price took a huge hit, falling from \$19.81 per cwt. at this time last week to \$16.16 per cwt, as of November 18.
- The average dairy price index on the latest Global Dairy Trade increased 1.8 percent from the last session to \$3,157 per metric ton. Skim milk powder and whole milk powder were both up, increasing 2.5 and 1.8 percent, respectively, while Cheddar cheese prices fell 3.5 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 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 by December 11 to pay the annual administrative fee, which is \$100.
- The Center's On-Farm Program Grants are available to dairy farm families in Pennsylvania. For those wanting to transform their dairy or transition to a next generation or outside partner, up to \$3,500 is available. For those looking for outside consulting, the Dairy Decisions Consultant Grant also offers \$3,500. Those farms wanting assistance with forming a profit team to look at opportunities and bottlenecks can apply for a Profit Team Grant, with up to \$1,500 available. For more information, contact Melissa Anderson at manderson@centerfordairyexcellence.org or 717-636-0779.