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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 (Nov)	\$19.92/cwt.	▼ 0.5 %	▼ 12.4 %	▲ 16.4 %
Class IV Milk Price (Nov)	\$21.05/cwt.	—	▼ 0.7 %	▲ 2.2 %
Corn (Dec)	\$ 4.27/bushel	▼ 0.2 %	▲ 2.6 %	▲ 1.5 %
SBean Meal (Dec)	\$ 288.6/ton	▼ 1.5 %	▼ 9.2 %	▼ 59.1 %
DMC Margin (Sep)*	\$ 15.57/cwt.	—	▲ 13.5 %	▲ 84.5 %

**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:

- Northern Europe's milk production still suffers from the negative effects of Bluetongue disease on their herds. Germany, Netherlands, Denmark, and Belgium have all seen decreases in milk output due to the disease. However, France, Spain, and Ireland all experienced milk production increases, which help offset the production deficits in the other European countries.
- Australia saw milk production gains in Victoria and South Wales, where the majority of the country's supply is located. With China's milk output easing up, Australia could have ample export opportunities, along with other exporters. With their existing free trade agreements with China, Australia and New Zealand could be well positioned compared to other countries.
- Indonesia sees growing demand for dairy products as they implement their Free Nutritious Meals program. Through this program, more than 82 million people, specifically students and nursing mothers, will receive milk by 2029. The Nutritious Meal program strives to use at least 30% locally-sourced milk, so Indonesia's milk production could see an increase between 2025 and 2029.

Government/Industry:

- On Nov. 20, Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding announced required bulk milk tanker trucks testing for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) for Pennsylvania farms. Compliance from all dairy processors and cooperatives that receive milk from PA farms is expected. There has not been a positive case reported in Pennsylvania cattle, but positive case numbers continue to climb in other states. The projected start date for this mandatory testing is Nov. 26. Through this no-cost, bulk milk tanker truck testing, the PDA can remain proactive in the detection and containment of HPAI and better protect poultry and dairy industries in the event of a positive case. For more information, visit the PDA's website.
- The USDA revealed the final decision on FMMO modernization. Dairy farmers will see the Class I mover pricing revert back to the higher of the Class III or Class IV from the current "average of" system. The USDA agreed to remove barrel cheese from the protein pricing formula. There will also be updates made to the "make allowances" and the Class I differential price system. The last stage in FMMO modernization will be to have dairy farmers and their co-operative vote to adopt the proposed amendments.
- 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.
- The Center offers biosecurity kits and "No Trespassing" signs at no cost to Pennsylvania dairy farmers. The biosecurity kits contains resources, tools, and signage from Secure Milk Supply and the National Dairy FARM Program to help dairies improve biosecurity on their operations. The "No Trespassing" signs encourage visitors to stop and call before entering the farm. The signs are made of a durable, weather-resistant PVC material and include high-vis colors, Spanish, and a place to write primary and secondary contact information. To order either of these or additional free materials, visit the Center's website and click on "Free Materials for Dairy Farmers" to view the resource catalogue.