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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)	\$19.86/cwt.	▼ 0.3 %	▼ 11.9 %	▲ 15.8 %
Class IV Milk Price (Nov)	\$21.05/cwt.	—	▼ 0.2 %	▲ 0.9 %
Corn (Dec)	\$ 4.24/bushel	▼ 0.7 %	▲ 5.7 %	▼ 5.6 %
SBean Meal (Dec)	\$ 293.7/ton	▲ 1.8 %	▼ 5.8 %	▼ 33.9 %
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:

- Based on the October 2024 USDA Milk Production report, Pennsylvania's milk production rose 0.6% from October 2023 at 797 million pounds to 802 million pounds in October 2024. PA milk cow numbers came in at 465,000, down 1,000 head from last year. Production per cow averaged 1,675 pounds, up 5 pounds from October 2023.
- U.S. milk production reached 18.7 billion pounds, up 0.2% year over year. Up 10,000 head from October 2023 and 19,000 head from September 2024, milk cow numbers totaled 9.37 million head. Milk per cow experienced a 3-pound increase from October 2023 to 1,996 pounds in October 2024.
- Based on October 2024's USDA Cold Storage report, butter stocks dropped 12% month over month but are up 11% year over year. Even with increased purchasing from grocers and commercial bakeries into the holiday season, butter supplies remain higher than last year's levels.
- Total natural cheese stocks came in at 1.3 billion pounds, down 8% from October 2023 and 2% from September 2024. American cheese stocks dropped 7% year over year. Stocks for other cheese varieties fell 9% from October 2023 to October 2024.

Government/Industry:

- After a positive case of New World screwworm (NWS) was detected in a cow near the Guatemala-Mexican border, cattle imports from Mexico to the U.S. have been briefly interrupted. The NWS maggots feed on live animals and will enter through open wounds. Positive cases can be hard to detect, but signs include creamy larvae, discomfort, and growing wounds. The USDA and Mexico are collaborating to stop the NWS spread and restart the flow of Mexican exports.
- The Center and Penn-Ag Industries will jointly host the next PA Agriculture HPAI Conference Call on Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 1 to 2pm. State and federal agency panelists will answer questions in real-time regarding the PDA's recent announcement on their shift to mandatory, bulk milk tanker testing. The panelists will also address the current scope of HPAI across the U.S., the importance of biosecurity protocols, and how HPAI can be transmitted. To add the call to your calendar or to get the details to join, please go the Center's website, then "Upcoming Events."
- In addition to the mandatory testing order on all tanker loads originating from PA dairy farms, the Pennsylvania Dept. of Ag is encouraging all dairy farms to enroll in voluntary testing at the bulk tank level. 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 contain 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. 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.