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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 (Dec)	\$18.66/cwt.	▼ 0.4 %	▼ 6.3 %	▲ 15.6 %
Class IV Milk Price (Dec)	\$20.75/cwt.	—	▼ 1.4 %	▲ 8.8 %
Corn (Mar)	\$ 4.46/bushel	▲ 0.7 %	▲ 4.4 %	▼ 5.5 %
SBean Meal (Jan)	\$ 294.5/ton	▲ 2.5 %	▲ 2.0 %	▼ 27.0 %
DMC Margin (Oct)*	\$ 15.17/cwt.	—	▼ 2.6 %	▲ 60.7 %

**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 November USDA Milk Production report, Pennsylvania's milk production increased 1% from November 2023's 783 million pounds to November 2024's 791 million pounds. PA cow numbers were down 1,000 head from last year's 466,000 head to 465,000 head. Milk output per cow climbed 20 pounds from 1,680 pounds to 1,700 pounds per cow.
- November 2024 U.S. milk production equaled 17.9 billion pounds, a 1.0% drop year over year. U.S. milk cow numbers climbed 20,00 head from November 2023's levels to 9.37 million head in November 2024. U.S. milk output per cow was down 23 pounds from last year's average to 1,909 pounds per cow this November.
- Year-over-year, California experienced the largest decrease in milk production for November at 9.2% and dropped from 3.2 billion pounds to 3.0 billion pounds. CA milk output per cow fell a whopping 175 pounds from November 2023's 1,905 pounds per cow to November 2024's 1,730 pounds. The significant negative impact to milk production could be tied to CA's recent battle with a HPAI outbreak. As of Dec. 17, the CA Dept. of Food and Ag reported a total of 645 infected dairies since the first detection with 311 dairies with confirmed positives in the last 30 days.

Government/Industry:

- From Jan. 7-9 at the Keystone Farm Show in York, PA, the Center, along with Penn State and PDA staff, will set up a HPAI & Biosecurity Resource Center. At the Resource Center, PA dairy producers can get help completing their biosecurity plan, get free biosecurity materials, and ask questions about mandatory and voluntary milk testing. No appointment necessary. The Resource Center will be staffed from 10am to 3pm and can be found in Building 3's meeting room. For more information, please feel free to reach out to Valerie Mason-Faith at vmason@centerfordairyexcellence.org or (717) 550-8720.
- On Wednesday, Jan. 15 from 1 to 2pm, the Center and Penn Ag Industries Association will jointly host the next PA Ag HPAI Industry Conference Call via Zoom. Federal and state agency panelists will join to offer information on the current HPAI situation in dairy and poultry, PA's response, and remaining proactive to prevent an outbreak in PA's herds and flocks. For more information or to add it your calendar, visit the Center's website under "Upcoming Events."
- The Penn State Extension Dairy Team will be hosting several workshops across PA on Jan. 27 & 30 to help dairy farmers create a biosecurity plan to meet PDA guidelines. At these no-cost, open-house style workshops, dairy farmers will get one-on-one help from dairy educators on creating a biosecurity plan to help protect their herds and people. They'll provide information on biosecurity essential components, how to prepare for potential HPAI outbreaks, and the importance of everyday biosecurity practices. For more information or to register for a workshop, reach out to your local extension office.
- 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 PDA or USDA will provide necessary sampling supplies after enrollment. Contact the Department at (717) 307-3259 or RA-ahds@pa.gov to enroll.
- 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.