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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)	\$18.71/cwt.	▲ 0.3 %	▼ 5.8 %	▲ 23.7 %
Class IV Milk Price (Dec)	\$20.75/cwt.	—	▼ 1.4 %	▲ 7.3 %
Corn (Mar)	\$ 4.52/bushel	▲ 1.3 %	▲ 6.6 %	▼ 2.8 %
SBean Meal (Jan)	\$ 302.6/ton	▲ 2.8 %	▲ 3.0 %	▼ 20.6 %
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 Cold Storage report, U.S. total natural cheese stocks dropped 1% month over month and 7% year over year. American cheese stocks were down 8% from November 2023's 830 million pounds to 766 million stocks in November 2024. Other natural cheese stocks fell 7% from November 2023's 587 million pounds to 544 million.
- November 2024 U.S. butter stocks fell 20% from October 2024's 267.7 million pounds but experienced a slight bump from November 2023's totals. The sharp month-over-month decline in butter stocks could be attributed to the negative effects of HPAI on CA's dairies and milk supply.

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.
- Jointly hosted by the Center and the Professional Dairy Managers of PA, the 2025 PA Dairy Summit will be held in State College, PA from Feb. 5-6. This year's theme is "designing your tomorrow today," where engaging and informative keynote and breakout sessions will encourage attendees to start making decisions today with their career's or farm's future in mind. Dairy farmers and industry professionals will have the opportunity to strengthen their skills, as well as network with one another. To learn more and register, visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/events.