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Dairy EXCELLENCE
Dairy Week In Review

Dated December 30, 2025



Dairy Prices	Price	Chge. from Week Ago	Chge. from Month Ago	Chge. from Year Ago
Class III Milk Price (Dec.)	\$ 15.87/cwt.	▲ 0.6 %	▲ 0.6 %	▼ 15.2 %
Class IV Milk Price (Dec.)	\$ 13.55/cwt.	—	▼ 0.9 %	▼ 34.7 %
Corn (Mar.)	\$ 4.42/bushel	▼ 1.1 %	▲ 0.9 %	▼ 2.2 %
SBean Meal (Jan.)	\$ 298.8/ton	—	▼ 3.2 %	▼ 1.3 %
DMC Margin (Oct.)*	\$ 10.52/cwt.	—	▼ 8.7 %	▼ 30.7 %

**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 most recent USDA Milk Production report, U.S. milk production totaled 18.8 billion pounds, surging 4.5 percent upward from November 2024. This follows a revised 19.5 million pounds, up 3.6 percent from the same month the prior year. However, the revised milk production was down 0.1 percent from October's preliminary estimates. Production per cow averaged 1,963 pounds, up 41 pounds year over year. The nation's milking herd increased by 211,000 head from November 2024 to 9.57 million head in November 2025.
- For November, Pennsylvania's milk production fell 1.1 percent from 786 million to 777 million pounds from November 2024 to November 2025. Over the same timeframe, the Keystone State's production per cow held fast at 1,690 pounds. Pennsylvania's milk cow numbers dropped by 5,000 head year over year to 460,000 head in November 2025.

Government/Industry:

- Stop by our booth at the Keystone Farm Show from January 6-8 to vote on our "Farmer-Made Ingenuity" Contest winner and check out all the innovative solutions from dairy farmers. Also, the Center will have a Biosecurity Resource Center set up in Building 3's meeting room on January 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dairy farmers can stop in and leave with a completed and approved biosecurity plan with help from PDA and CDE staff. Participants will also receive a free boot wash kit complete with a long-handled scrub brush, Lysol concentrate, and a wash tub. Even though cases of HPAI have slowed down across the U.S., it's still important to have a biosecurity plan in place in the event of an outbreak. No appointment is needed.
- Hosted by the Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania and Center for Dairy Excellence, we hope to see you at the PA Dairy Summit on February 4 -5 in Grantville, PA. The Summit program is packed with speakers that will help you and your farm to find your True North. With producer-led sessions on relevant, real-time issues, attendees can drill down their strengths, network with peers, and discover their passion. Dairy producers can attend the full, two-day Dairy Summit for a discounted rate of \$100, with one-day rates available. To register or check out the program, visit www.padairysummit.org.
- Penn State Extension will be hosting a series of "Milk Matters" workshops January through March in several locations throughout the state on utilizing DHIA records, troubleshooting common milk quality issues, interpreting culture results, and more. These workshops are designed to equip dairy farm owners and employees with the knowledge to better guide culling decisions, treatment protocols, and best practices. The next workshop will be January 20 in Mercer County, PA. Registration is \$10 per person. Visit www.extension.psu.edu to register or for more details.
- The Center is now accepting applications for their new Dairy Productivity Grant that is focused on first-time investments in milking efficiency, feeding, and activity monitoring technologies. Covered projects could include, but are not limited to, pipelines, robotic milking technology, TMR mixers, feed tracking, boluses, and collars. If approved, you will receive up to \$10,000 for your project with a 25 percent match. Applications will be accepted through January 5, 2026. For more information or to apply, scan the QR code.

