

CDE DAIRY MARKETS & MANAGEMENT UPDATE

All prices — June 3, 2026 — except where noted

Margins, markets, and upcoming events

For the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program, the USDA announced April's margin to be \$10.54 per hundredweight (cwt), a high for program year 2026 so far. With the margin being \$1.04 per cwt above the \$9.50 trigger, no indemnities were paid out to participating dairies.

April's margin was 97 cents above the prior month's \$9.57 per cwt and 12 cents higher than \$10.42 per cwt from the same month the previous year. When compared to April 2021, the reported margin increased by \$3.77 from \$6.77 per cwt.

The widening margin from March to April was primarily driven by the increase in the all-milk price. Landing at \$20.80 per cwt, April's all-milk price rose by \$1.10 from March's \$19.70 per cwt. Year over year, the all-milk price dropped 20 cents from \$21.00 per cwt. However, from April 2021 to 2026, the milk price rose by \$2.40 from \$18.40 per cwt.

Of the 24-selected states in the Ag Price report, all of the states reported an increase in their milk prices. For April, Pennsylvania's milk price settled at \$21.20 per cwt, up \$1.10 from March but down 60 cents from April 2025.

For April, the total feed costs were \$10.26 per cwt, up 13 cents from the prior month. April's feed costs decreased by 32 cents and \$1.37 from the same month the prior year and from April 2021, respectively. Month over month, soybean meal (SBM) and premium alfalfa hay experienced modest gains of \$4.13 and \$4.00 per ton. April's corn price rose by 4 cents from March to \$4.31 per bu. From April 2025 to 2026, the SBM price was up \$35.25 per ton, while premium alfalfa hay and corn prices were down \$18 per ton and 31 cents per bu.

Looking ahead to the rest of program year 2026, current margin forecasts (updated May 29) climb to \$11.07 in June, fall to \$9.86 in August, rise to \$11.30 in November, then dip to \$11.05 per cwt in December. All-milk prices are projected to follow a similar path, rising to \$21.43, decreasing to \$20.36 in August, rebounding to \$21.65 in November, then dipping to \$21.44.

Prices change daily. This market information is an example for educational purposes. The market data shown below are compiled weekly by Farmshine, via CME & USDA reports.



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For the rest of the year, feed cost projections fluctuate between \$10.20 and \$10.50, averaging \$10.23 per cwt. SBM price forecasts average \$328.19 per ton and peak at \$349.32 in May. Premium alfalfa hay holds steady between \$223 and \$233 per ton for the next eight months. Current corn price forecasts reach a high of \$4.63 per bu. and average \$4.38. If the current projections are realized, there will be no indemnities paid out for the rest of the program year.

Tune in on Wednesday, June 11, from 1 to 2 p.m. for this month's "All Things Dairy" call via Zoom.

This call will feature several Penn State Extension dairy educators who will cover heat abatement strategies, tips for feeding through the summer, and tools to help maintain production through heat stress.

Dr. Hayley Springer with the Pennsylvania Dept. of Ag. will also join to give an update on highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry, as well as fair requirement updates for dairy cattle. To read more about the call and to add it to your calendar, visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/events.

Last chance to get your tickets before we sell out! On June 11, the Dairy Excellence Foundation will host their annual "A Toast to Dairy" event at Melhorn Manor in Mount Joy, PA, from 6 to 9 p.m.

All proceeds from the event directly support the Foundation's dairy education programs, scholarships, internships, and more.

This farm-to-fork event features food stations, tasting passports with samples from local wineries and breweries, guided cheese tasting experiences, a photo booth, caricature artists, and other fun surprises.

Tickets are \$85 per person with group discounts available.

Visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/toasttoday to purchase your tickets today.

CME DAILY FUTURES & OPTIONS TRADING — JUNE 3, 2026 AT THE CLOSE

	JUN-26	JUL-26	AUG-26	SEP-26	OCT-26	NOV-26	DEC-26	JAN-27	FEB-27	MAR-27	APR-27	MAY-27	TREND											
CLASS III MILK FUTURES (\$/CWT) vs. week ago: <i>Current month June came in 40¢ lower, with the rest of the board weak to 15¢ lower.</i>	16.13	16.71	17.20	17.72	18.30	18.41	17.97	17.60	17.60	17.50	17.50	17.47	↓											
CLASS IV MILK FUTURES (\$/CWT) vs. week ago: <i>Jun-Jul26 up 30 to 50¢; Aug26-Mar27 up 70¢ to \$1.00, Apr-May27 firm.</i>	22.01	20.64	19.41	18.91	18.93	18.89	18.67	18.43	18.28	18.74	18.40	18.40	↑											
MILK BASIS (MAILBOX minus CLASS 3 \$/CWT) 2018-23 AVG FOR NORTHEAST & MIDEAST STATES OF PA, NY, NEW ENGL., OH vs. NAT'L AVERAGE - YOUR INDIVIDUAL BASIS WILL VARY																								
Mailbox	18.68	18.38	18.65	18.35	18.62	18.41	19.27	18.75	20.20	19.76	20.58	20.17	20.25	19.64	19.22	18.75	18.82	18.25	18.96	18.48	18.64	18.27	18.52	18.15
Class III	18.16	18.16	18.16	18.16	17.59	17.59	17.60	17.60	18.72	18.72	19.07	19.07	17.30	17.30	16.81	16.81	16.03	16.03	16.98	16.98	17.31	17.31	17.33	17.33
BASIS	0.52	0.22	0.49	0.19	1.03	0.82	1.67	1.15	1.48	1.04	1.51	1.10	2.95	2.34	2.41	1.94	2.79	2.22	1.98	1.50	1.33	0.96	1.19	0.82

	JUL-26	SEP-26	DEC-26	MAR-27	MAY-27	JUL-27	SEP-27	DEC-27	MAR-28	MAY-28	JUL-28	SEP-28	DEC-28	TREND	
CORN FUTURES (\$/BU)	4.310	4.396	4.592	4.740	4.830	4.882	4.800	4.870	4.986	5.042	5.062	4.782	4.822	↓	
SOYMEAL FUTURES (\$/TON)	320.8	319.5	317.6	315.6	319.4	320.7	320.7	321.2	323.4	322.4	320.4	317.7	320.3	↓	
U.S. AVG PREMIUM ALFALFA & ALFALFA/GRASS HAY 20-22% CP - Source: USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report															
JAN-25	FEB-25	MAR-25	APR-25	MAY-25	JUN-25	JUL-25	AUG-25	SEP-25	OCT-25	NOV-25	DEC-25	JAN-26	FEB-26	MAR-26	*APR-26
184.49	189.60	195.30	195.50	187.01	188.00	195.00	202.00	179.00	192.00	202.00	206.60	208.60	215.90	193.75	*211.24

DMC OFFICIAL GROSS MARGINS per cwt(USDA All-Milk, com, alfalfa & Ill. soybean, feed for ALL CLASSES of dairy cattle on farm)																	
DMC	DEC-24	JAN-25	FEB-25	MAR-25	APR-25	MAY-25	JUN-25	JUL-25	AUG-25	SEP-25	OCT-25	NOV-25	DEC-25	JAN-26	FEB-26	MAR-26	*APR-26
MARGIN	13.38	13.85	13.12	11.55	10.42	10.40	11.10	10.94	11.52	10.87	10.52	10.04	9.42	7.81	8.46	9.57	*10.54
ALL MILK	23.30	24.10	23.60	22.00	21.00	21.30	21.30	20.80	20.90	20.40	20.00	19.70	19.00	17.50	18.30	19.70	20.80
FEED \$	9.92	10.25	10.48	10.45	10.58	10.90	10.20	9.86	9.38	9.53	9.48	9.66	9.58	9.69	9.84	10.31	10.26

DAIRY COMMODITIES - GLOBAL BIWEEKLY Internet Auction (\$/LB) 06/02/26										U.S. CME SPOT DAILY (\$/LB) 06/03/26				U.S. WEEKLY USDA NDPSR (\$/LB) WK ENDING 05/30/26*			
Weighted Avg. 1 to 6 mo. FORWARD CONTRACTS per metric ton converted to \$/LB										Prev. 5 day Dls				FMMO PROD			
NEXT GDT AUCTION 06/16/26										Spot price				MIL. LBS			
SKIM POWDER (SMP) 1.5685 ↑ 3.0%										Weekly Avg				WTD AVG \$			
ALL-PRODUCT INDEX 1.8244 ↓ 0.6%										NFDM 30 2.1450 ↑ 2.1417 ↑				17.4 2.1173 ↑			
BUTTER 2.5744 ↑ 2.5%										BUTTER 104 1.7100 ↑ 1.6975 ↑				BUTTER 4.7 1.5993 ↓			
MILKFAT (AMF) 3.0254 ↑ 5.3%										CHEDDAR-40 33 1.4625 ↓ 1.4725 ↓				CHEESE-40 10.1 1.6467 ↓			
CHEDDAR(BULK) 2.0966 ↑ 1.8%										CHEDDAR-500 2 1.4400NC 1.4400 ↓				CHEESE-500 REPORT ENDED			
MOZZARELLA (BULK) 1.7885 ↓ 4.6%										DRY WHEY 7 0.6750 ↓ 0.6825 ↓				DRY WHEY 7.1 0.6424 ↑			
WHOLE POWDER (WMP) 1.6815 ↓ 2.2%																	
LACTOSE 0.7295 ↑ 4.6%																	

ANNOUNCED FEDERAL ORDER PRICES (\$/CWT)										NASS ALL-MILK (\$/CWT)									
CL I ADV TT	CL I SKIM TT	*CL II TT	*CL III TT	*CL IV TT	*ALL-MILK-U.S.	*ALL-MILK-PA													
22.18(JUN)	16.75(JUN)	*20.28(MAY)	*16.92(MAY)	*22.32(MAY)	*20.80(APR) ↑	*21.20(APR)													
*JUNE CL I Skim ESL Adj. (-1.50) ↓ NEW RULE: ADJ BF 1.72 ↓ 4.34F 4.29F																			
MONTH AGO										YEAR AGO									
20.15	14.12	18.32	16.82	20.22	19.70	4.39F	20.10	4.38F											
17.26	8.55	18.72	18.57	18.13	21.10	4.32F	21.60	4.24F											

U.S. AVG. BRED COWS & HEIFERS (3rd trimester) per head as reported by USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report													
MAR-25	APR-25	MAY-25	JUN-25	JUL-25	AUG-25	SEP-25	OCT-25	NOV-25	DEC-25	JAN-26	FEB-26	MAR-26	*APR-26
N/A	N/A	2650	N/A	N/A	N/A	2600	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2750	N/A	N/A
U.S. AVG. FRESH/MILKING COWS per head as reported by USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report													
N/A	N/A	3021	N/A	3010	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2700	N/A	N/A

CATTLE - DAIRY PURPOSES(\$/HD) USDA and other auction reports combined 4-week rolling average as of MAY 27, 2026																			
MILK COWS (NASS) U.S. Avg.		MILKING HEIFERS: Springing		Bred		BxD		OPEN: 300-600 lbs		BxD		600-900 lbs		BxD		900-1100 lbs		BULLS(800-1300lbs)	
*\$3130 Q1-26	↑	*\$2890 Q4-25	3500	All Dairy	3950	small	3100	3300	3200	1800	N/A	2500	N/A	2800	2200				
\$2860 Q1-26	\$2660 Q4-24	3100	3400	2900	2500	1600	N/A	1900	N/A	2200	1800								

PA Auction Markets mixed May 28-June 2, 2026										FED STEERS (\$/CWT LIVELWEIGHT)									
CULL MARKET COWS (\$/CWT LIVELWEIGHT)										Holstein									
Premium White	Breakers	Boners	Lean							Beef-X-Dairy		WK AGO		YR AGO					
N/A	185.00 ↓	175.00 ↓	150.50 ↓							225.00 ↓		242.10 ↓		228.60		235.00			
WEEK AGO										1250.00 ↓									
YEAR AGO										1700.00 ↓									
										1450.00									
										1900.00									
										1610.00									
										2325.00									
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