CDE DAIRY MARKETS & MANAGEMENT UPDATE
All prices — JUNE 7, 2023 — except where noted

Margins continue to decline: During the last half of 2022, dairy economists were already warning the industry that milk price was going to fall and feed prices were going to be lower but stay historically high in 2023. Predictions were for margins to be tight and perhaps negative for many dairy farmers this year. Unfortunately, these predictions are becoming reality and margins are even lower than predicted late last year and earlier this year.

The April Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) margin was announced late last week as \$5.84 per cwt. This is the lowest it has been since August of 2021 when the DMC margin set a record low at \$5.03 per cwt. The April margin represents the third lowest margin in program history. The DMC margin is calculated each month by summing the total announced corn, soybean meal, and superior alfalfa hay prices on a per cwt basis and subtracting that from the announced U.S. all-milk price. Even though the total DMC feed cost has declined for two consecutive months, the U.S. milk price has been declining since last October 2022. The April milk price of \$20.70 per cwt is \$5.20 less than what it was last October, while April's \$14.86 per cwt feed price is only 33 cents less than what it was then. This combination makes for a current DMC margin that is much lower. The April margin is \$4.87 per cwt less than it was last October.

According to the June 5 dated online DMC Decision Tool, there is not any relief soon. The milk price is expected to continue to decline through this month to a low of \$18.58 per cwt. Beginning in July, milk price is projected to increase every month through the end of the year, but it is only expected to increase to \$21.90 by November. This is still \$1.20 less than the expected 2023 milk price high that occurred in January. Feed prices are supposed to continue to decrease through the year, reaching \$12.40 per cwt. This would be the lowest feed price since it was \$12.27 per cwt in December 2021. Milk price is currently not projected to increase enough to offset feed costs to push the margin above the maximum \$9.50 margin coverage for the rest of the year. The May margin is projected to be a record low, dropping below \$5 for

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

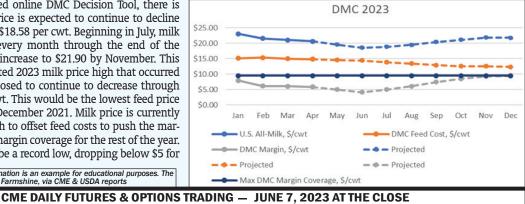
the first time in program history, to \$4.99 per cwt followed by a new record low of \$4.14 per cwt projected for June. The margin is expected to surpass the \$5 mark again in July and

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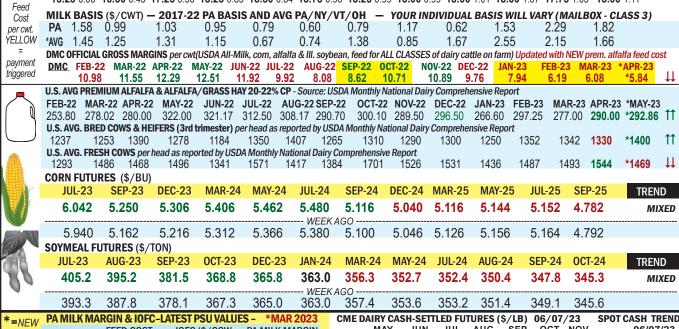


increase to \$9.43 per cwt in December, still seven cents shy of the max-

At the maximum margin coverage, the April margin triggers an indemnity of \$3.66 per cwt on 1/12 of enrolled production history up to the Tier 1, 5-million-pound cap. This is a net payment of \$2,876 per 1 million enrolled pounds. An operation that maximizes Tier 1 production can expect to receive a payment of about \$14,381. The April indemnity adds an additional 29 cents to DMC's net benefit, bringing the total 2023 net benefit, after premiums and fees, to 79 cents per cwt so far. If June 5 projections were to become reality, the \$9.50 DMC margin coverage will provide enrolled Tier 1 dairy farmers a net payment of \$24,293 per 1 million pounds of enrolled production history, or \$129,466 for a Tier 1 operation that caps out the Tier 1 maximum production during 2023. This would be a net benefit of \$2.44 per cwt for the year.







AUG 1.220 FEED COST IOFC (\$/COW PA MILK MARGIN MAY JUN JUL SEP OCT NOV 06/07/23 FEED 1.161 1.167 1.190 1.242 1.257 1.162511 (\$/CWT milk) 1.270 (\$/CWT milk) \$/CWT \*9.6711 WHEY 0.338 0.315 0.300 0.308 0.330 0.335 0.340 MIXED 0.275011 # †† BUTTER 2.402 2.402 2.412 2.440 2.425 IOFC = PREV MO 9.38 9 99 17 03 2.450 2.470 2.3600↓↓ YR AGO GO 8.59 13.76 17.81 ONLY lactating feed, based on 75 lb herd avg, Buff., NY soy price 1 602 1.745 1 845 1.920 1 953 1 966 1.920 CME SPOT CHEESE: BARRELS 1.6525 / 40 LB BLOCKS 1.5225 11 / 11 \*=NEW ANNOUNCED FEDERAL ORDER PRICES (\$/CWT) \*CURRENT FEDERAL ORDER VALUES (\$/LB) \* = \*NEW CL I ADV↓↓ \*CL III↓↓ \*CL IV11 \*ALL-MILK-U.S \*ALL-MILK-PA WEIGHTED AVG. 4-WK MAY 1-27, 2023 \*CL II↓↓ \*19.11(MAY) \*16.11(MAY) \*18.10(MAY) \*20.70(APR) \$\frac{1}{4}\$ \*21.10(APR) \$\frac{1}{4}\$ PRODUCT VALUE MAKE ALLOW 18.01(JUN)

**MONTH AGO** 19.57 19.20 18.52 17.95 21.10 4.19F 21.70 4.14 YEAR AGO 25.87 25.87 25.21 24.99 27.50 4.01F 27.00 4.08F CATTLE - DAIRY PURPOSES(\$/HD) NORTHEAST (Avg May 31, 2023 New Holland, PA) \*Receipts down 68% from year ago levels

99.5011 93.8511

87 75

72.25

97 35

84.50

107.6011

106 75

88.35

WEEK AGO

YEAR AGO

Price averages do not include lower-end 'common'

Average to high dressing

N/A

N/A

\*CHEESE 1.6600 0.2003 1.4597 1.8002↓↓ PROT \*BUTTER 2.4483 0.1715 2.2768 \*B.FAT 2.7572 11 1.1505 0.9827 \*NFDM 0.1678 \*N.FAT 0.9729↓↓ \*DRYWHEY0.3813 0.1991 0.1822 BULLS(800-1300) 900-1100 lbs

Fresh Springing \*HEIFERS: Bred Springing Open: 300-600 lbs Beef X 600-900 lbs Beef X Bred Beef x 1800LTD 1740LTD 1500LTD 1750LTD 550 825 N/A 1000LTD WEEK AGO COMPARISON 1550 N/A 1810 LTD N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A 1250 IND Avg. of prices reported by USDA Maket News for FED HOLSTEIN STEERS (\$/CWT LIVEWEIGHT) CURRENT Beef X WEEK AGO YR AGO PA Auction Markets June 1-6, 2023
CULL MARKET COWS (\$/CWT LIVEWEIGHT Choice & Prime 1250-1550 lbs light test **137.00** LTD 132.00 118.00 **BULL CALVES:** No. 1 & 2, 90-130 lbs 300.00 485 119.00 300.00 485.00 **Premium White Breakers Boners** Lean

**Dairy** EXCELLENCE



285.00

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