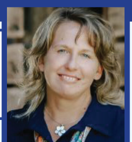
CDE DAIRY MARKETS & MANAGEMENT UPDATE

All prices — **June 17, 2026** — except where noted



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Change is the only constant: The one thing that is inevitable in commodity markets is what goes up must come down, and what comes down will go up again. That is holding true as 2026 continues to unfold. In January, we saw Class III and IV milk prices fall dramatically, with the all-milk price dropping to $17.50 per hundredweight (cwt) and dairy margins through the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) Program falling to below $8 per cwt. In April, prices started to regain momentum, despite year-over-year milk production, with the all-milk price moving to $20.80 per cwt and the DMC margin above $10.50.

Now, as we move into the summer months, uncertainty is creeping back in as the markets struggle to find a direction. A month ago, May Class IV milk futures were approaching $22.50 per cwt., with Class III futures prices increasing to just above $17. Fast forward to this week, Class III and IV futures prices for June have slipped back again, with June's Class III falling to below $16. June's Class IV futures price is still above $20.75 per cwt, but it quickly slips back down, falling to below $18 in August.

Corn and soybean prices are following a similar trend, starting out the year at $4.10 per bushel for corn and $299.25 a ton for soybean meal before increasing to $4.31 per bushel for corn and $330.28 a ton for soybean meal in April. May brought some momentum to the market with the drought creating concerns around the growing season. Corn futures quickly moved to $4.75 per bushel. With the latest USDA Crop Progress report showing the growing season off to a solid start in most parts of the US, corn futures slid back down to $4.11 per bushel late last week.

Uncertainty in both the supply and demand sides of the equation for all commodities is influencing most commodity markets right now. Even beef markets, which have continued to move to all-time highs throughout the past year, showed some vulnerabilities this week after JBS announced plans to close its Souderton, Pennsylvania packing plant by mid-August. In the past year, Cargill, Tyson and now JBS have all announced reductions in plant capacity, working to realign manufacturing capacity with supply.

Continued year-over-year increases in milk production weigh on momentum in the dairy markets. The May production report is due out next week, but April's production across the US was still up 2.7% year over year, marking the 13th consecutive month of year-over-year production gains above 2%. Fifty percent of the nation's milk production is now coming from the top five dairy producing states. Only five states, including Pennsylvania, in the top 24 milk producing states are showing year-over-year declines.

On the demand side, dairy exports continue to be strong, with April being the 7th month in a row of growth in the dairy export sector. Dairy export volumes were up 15% in April, with total milk solids year to date up 12% from 2025 and dairy export values up 10%. Cheese exports set a new monthly record in April, up 30% from 2025, while butterfat exports were up 74% year-over-year. Nonfat and skim milk powder sales were also up 9%, while low-protein whey exports were up 39%. Domestic sales of dairy are also strong, with America's quest for a healthier lifestyle driving up dairy protein sales.

The next USDA Cold Storage report comes out next week, but April's highlights show cheese stocks down 1% despite the significant increase in milk production. Butter stocks are down 9%, while manufacturer's stocks of dry whey are down 4%. On the flip side, other powder stocks are building, with the latest USDA Dairy Products report showing nonfat dry milk stocks up 10.8%. Corresponding with that, dry milk powder prices have slipped back from a month ago, falling from $2.29 per pound in early May to $1.89 per pound this week.

As we head into the growing season, the other unknown is how this year's harvest will weigh into the equation. Perfect growing conditions could mean abundant supplies come September, which could pressure corn and bean markets, which could lead to lower feed costs and continued strong milk production. Conversely, droughty conditions or prolonged wet weather could lead to poor quality or reduced quantities of feed, which could challenge production going into the new year.

One thing certain amid the volatility: The only constant is change.

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.

CME DAILY FUTURES & OPTIONS TRADING — JUNE 17, 2026 AT THE CLOSE

CLASS III MILK FUTURES ($/CWT) vs. week ago: *Jun26 steady; Jul-Dec26 25 to 35¢ lower, 2027 down 10 to 20¢.* *12-Month Avg. 17.17*↓↓

CLASS IV MILK FUTURES ($/CWT) vs. week ago: *2026 dn $0.50-$1.00, July $1.50 lower; 2027 unevenly steady to 15¢ lower, except Feb up 10¢.* *12-Month Avg. 18.02*↓↓

	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	16.02	16.20	16.60	17.15	17.74	18.00	17.70	17.47	17.30	17.30	17.30	17.30	↓↓
Class IV	20.74	17.75	17.06	17.15	17.30	17.40	17.78	18.04	18.22	18.10	18.40	18.35	↓↓

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

CORN FUTURES ($/BU)

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
4.210	4.294	4.486	4.630	4.720	4.782	4.714	4.782	4.894	4.946	4.972	4.704	4.750	↑↑

SOYMEAL FUTURES ($/TON)

JUL-26	AUG-26	SEP-26	OCT-26	DEC-26	JAN-27	MAR-27	MAY-27	JUL-27	AUG-27	SEP-27	OCT-27	DEC-27	TREND
304.8	305.0	304.1	302.9	306.1	308.2	311.8	315.1	319.1	317.9	315.4	318.0	319.1	↑↑

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, corn, 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) 06/16/26
Weighted Avg. 1 to 6 mo. FORWARD CONTRACTS per metric ton converted to $/LB
NEXT GDT AUCTION 07/07/26

ALL-PRODUCT INDEX	1.8054↓↓	2.8%	SKIM POWDER (SMP)	1.5281↓↓	3.6%
MILKFAT (AMF)	2.9950↓↓	1.0%	BUTTER	2.5027↓↓	2.4%
BUTTERMILK POWDER	N/A	N/A	CHEDDAR(BULK)	2.0286↓↓	3.4%
LACTOSE	0.7722↑↑	4.2%	MOZZARELLA (BULK)	1.7015↓↓	5.0%
			WHOLE POWDER (WMP	1.6284↓↓	3.1%

U.S. CME SPOT DAILY ($/LB) 06/17/26

	Prev. 5 day Lds	Spot price	Weekly Avg
NFDM	39	1.6350↓↓	1.6833↓↓
BUTTER	110	1.5550↓↓	1.5933↓↓
CHEDDAR-40	33	1.4575↓↓	1.4675↓↓
CHEDDAR-500	3	1.4200↓↓	1.4200↓↓
DRY WHEY	4	0.6775NC	0.6842↑↑

U.S. WEEKLY USDA NDPSR ($/LB) WK ENDING 06/13/26*

FMMO PROD	MIL. LBS	WTED AVG $
NFDM	24.5	1.9682↑↑
BUTTER	6.9	1.6637↑↑
CHEESE-40	10.2	1.5806↓↓
CHEESE-500	REPORT ENDED	
DRY WHEY	6.2	0.6440↑↑

***U.S. Weekly NDPSR is averaged for the Month & used in FMMO formulas.*

***NEW* USDA $/CWT* FEB-26**

	ALL-MILK	BF	*MAILBOX
*FL	$21.50	4.00	$21.21
*SE	$22.50	4.10	$20.64
*PAwestern PA only			$19.62
*APP	$21.90	4.35	$19.38
*OH	$20.10	4.43	$19.11
*N.ENG	$19.30	4.60	$18.84
*NY	$19.00	4.56	$18.54
*IL	$18.30	4.46	$18.42
*PAeast	$18.60	4.49	$18.41
*IN	$19.50	4.30	$18.37
*MN	$18.10	4.69	$17.66
*WI	$17.70	4.44	$17.48
*U.S.	$18.30	4.47	$17.45
*MI	$18.30	4.46	$17.35
*IA	$17.90	4.59	$17.03
*MO	N/A	N/A	$16.74
*CA	$17.80	4.36	$16.68
*WA/OR	$19.80	4.52	$16.59
*NE/KS	$16.80	4.59	$16.28
*TX	$18.30	4.62	$16.07
*SD	$17.90	4.78	N/A
*ID	$18.90	4.50	N/A
*NM	$16.90	4.36	$15.69

ANNOUNCED FEDERAL ORDER PRICES ($/CWT) NASS ALL-MILK ($/CWT)

	*CL I ADV↓↓	*CL I SKIM↓↓	CL II↑↑	CL III↑↑	CL IV↑↑	ALL-MILK-U.S	ALL-MILK-PA
	*21.33(JUL)	*15.91(JUL)	20.28(MAY)	16.92(MAY)	22.32(MAY)	20.80(APR)↑↑ 4.34F	21.20(APR) 4.29F
MONTH AGO	22.18	16.75	18.32	16.82	20.22	19.70 4.39F	20.10 4.38F
YEAR AGO	18.82	9.66	18.72	18.57	18.13	21.10 4.32F	21.60 4.24F

**JULY CL I Skim ESL Adj. (-1.46)↑↑ *NEW RULE; *ADV BF $1.71↓↓*

CURRENT FEDERAL ORDER VALUES ($/LB) * = *NEW

WEIGHTED AVG. 2-WK JUNE 1-13, 2026

PRODUCT	VALUE	*(New Make Allow	vs Old)	NET VALUE
*CHEESE	1.5975↓↓	*(0.2519)	0.2003	1.3456↓↓
*BUTTER	1.6372↑↑	*(0.2272)	0.1715	1.4100↑↑
*NFDM	1.9669↓↓	*(0.2393)	0.1678	1.7276↓↓
*DRYWHEY	0.6422↑↑	*(0.2668)	0.1991	0.37254↑↑

***MAY 2026 COMPONENTS**

PROT	2.7477↑↑
B.FAT	1.7001↓↓
N.FAT	1.8232↑↑
OS	0.3840↓↓

U.S. AVG. BRED COWS & HEIFERS (3rd trimester) *per head as reported by USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report*

U.S. AVG. FRESH/MILKING COWS *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
Bred cows & heifers	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
Fresh/milking cows	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
YEAR AGO											
$2860 Q1-26	$2660 Q4-24	3100	3400	2900	2500	1600	N/A	1900	N/A	2200	1800

Price averages do not include lower-end 'common'

PA/NY Auction Markets lower; June 11-16, 2026

CULL MARKET COWS ($/CWT LIVEWEIGHT

	Premium White	Breakers	Boners	Lean
Average to high dressing	N/A	173.50↓↓	165.50↓↓	141.85↓↓
WEEK AGO	N/A	177.50	167.50	147.85
YEAR AGO	N/A	155.25	150.10	139.75

		Holstein	Beef-X-Dairy	WK AGO		YR AGO	
FED STEERS ($/CWT LIVEWEIGHT) Choice & Prime	1250-1550 lb	207.60LTD	227.85↓↓	207.60	244.25	185.00	229.50
BULL CALVES: No. 1 & 2, ($/cwt liveweight)	90-130 lbs	1175.00↓↓	1625.00↓↓	1200.00	1650.00	900.00	1300.00
	70- 85 lbs	1250.00↓↓	1650.00↓↓	1400.00	1925.00	950.00	1550.00

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