CDE DAIRY MARKETS & MANAGEMENT UPDATE

OCTOBER EXPORTS: There is no doubt 2020 has been a volatile year for dairy markets. The milk price swings we have seen are unprecedented, with domestic demand a rollercoaster ride. Restaurant closures led to a loss of nearly 50% of dairy product purchases in just two weeks. The resulting shift from eating out to eating at home caused a dramatic shift in retail sales that only partially offset food service sale declines. The result was the lowest Class III and IV milk prices in over 10 years followed by the highest Class III price since the record-setting year of 2014. However, during this volatility, there have been some positives that have helped dairy farmers across the country

Risk management opportunities like Dairy Margin Coverage and Dairy Revenue Protection helped program participants offset some of the drastic drops in milk price. The U.S. government also provided help to the dairy industry in direct payments to dairy farmers through the CFAP Program. In addition to direct support, USDA purchased hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of surplus dairy products to redistribute to increasing numbers of American families challenged by higher than normal unemployment caused by the pandemic

Another bright spot in 2020 has been dairy exports. According to the United States Dairy Export Council (USDEC), October exports finished as the 14th month in a row of year-over-year growth and set a new Oct. exports volume record. Export volume reached 201,902 metric tons (MT), a 14% increase over last Oct., and was the third month this year to exceed the 200,000-metric ton mark in a single month. The USDA valued Oct. exports at almost \$554 million.

USDEC reported that a rebound in whey sales to China and strong sales of skim milk powder to Southeast Asia offset sluggish demand in Mexico across all dairy product categories and decreased cheese sales to most other international markets. U.S. whey sales to China increased over 20,000 MT to hit an all-time high of 56,655 MT, 64% more than October 2019 and 3% more than the previous record set in December 2017. Southeast Asia was also a significant region of growth for whey exports. Exports to that geographical area

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

CL I ADV11 CL II11

13.86(NOV)

57.50

52.00

N/A

YEAR AGO

55.35

50.00

46.75

43.00

19.87(DEC)

increased 42% compared to last year thanks to substantial growth (+2,847 MT) in sales to Vietnam. Southeast Asia was also a destination of growth for nonfat dry milk (NDM) and skim milk pow-

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der (SMP). Total NDM/SMP exports were up an additional 6,056 MT (9%) driven by a 5,125 MT (5%) increase in volumes to Southeast Asia that offset a 3,195 MT (10%) decline in volumes to Mexico.

Record high cheese prices caught up with exports during October, reducing cheese exports by 13% to 24,646 MT. This was the lowest monthly cheese volume shipped across U.S. borders since September 2018. Cheese exports to Mexico, alone, plummeted 46% (-4,135 MT). The recent decrease in cheese prices over the last month puts the domestic cheese price in line with other international cheese suppliers and should help encourage cheese exports in the coming months.

Through Oct. 2020, total exports are up 16% compared to last year. With Oct. growth, the U.S. continues to be on pace to set a new export volume record in 2020. Total value of exports through Oct. was estimated at \$5.54 billion. This has certainly been a rough year, but with adversity sometimes comes opportunity. The U.S. currently

exports the equivalent about one day's national production each week. Where would milk prices be if that production had to stay at home?





9.81		13.09	CME SPOT CHEE
ED FEDER	RAL ORD	ER PRICES	(\$/CWT)
CL III11	CL IV↓↓	ALL-MILK-U.S	ALL-MILK-PA
23.34(NO)	/) 13.30(N	ov) 20.20(oct	11.80(OCT)

CURRENT FEDERAL ORDER VALUES (\$/LB) * = *NEW WEIGHTED AVG. 4-WK NOV 1-28, 2020 NOV. 2020 **PRODUCT** VALUE MAKE ALLOW NET **COMPONENTS** 18.80(oct) 11 CHEESE 2.4535 0.2003 2.2532 11 **PROT** 5.6226 BUTTER 1.4558 0.1715 1.2843 🔱 B.FAT 1.5553 NFDM 1.0816 0.1678 0.9138 N.FAT 0.1839 OTHER 0.1894

MONTH AGO -18.04 13.63 21.61 13.47 17.90 18.00 YEAR AGO DRYWHEY 0.3830 0.1991 16.85 16.60 20.00 20.20 20.45

CATTLE - DAIRY PURPOSES(\$/HD) NORTHEAST (Avg. DEC. 16, 2020 sale New Holland, PA)*PRICES MOSTLY HIGHER COWS:Fresh Bred Springing HEIFERS: Bred Beef x (bred) Springing Open: 300-600 lbs Beef X 600-900 lbs 800-1200 lbs BULLS(1100-1300 lb 1200 850 1035 N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A

AGO COMPARISON MONTH 1250 1275 1000 875 775 1075 225 N/A 450 N/A 1000 Avg. of prices reported by USDA Market News for FED HOLSTEIN STEERS (\$/CWT LIVEWEIGHT) CURRENT Beef X 2 WEEKS AGO

YR AGO Price Auction Markets Dec. 10-15, 2020 Ш 81 00 Choice & Prime 1250-1550 lbs light test 83 00 84 75 **CULL MARKET COWS** (\$/CWT LIVEWEIGHT) **BULL CALVES:** No. 1 & 2, 90-130 lbs 83.00 200.00 80.00 81.00 11 **Premium White** Breakers Boners Lean 70-85 lbs 80.00 175.00 80.00 28.00 **54.60 ↓↓ 47.10** ↑↑ 54.35 ↓↓ Average to high dressing brought to you by: 2 WEEKS AGO







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