## **CDE DAIRY MARKETS** & MANAGEMENT UPDATE

**DECEMBER:** November Class III and IV prices were announced earlier this month at \$21.01 and \$23.30, respectively. The Class III price represents an eighty cents per cwt drop compared to October, and the Class IV price is \$1.66 per cwt less than October. With the main holiday buying season over and continued improvement in domestic and world milk supply, Class III and IV milk futures prices continued to decline through December. Based on December 16 closing prices, both Class III and Class IV continue to decline but remain well above the five-year averages. The 12-month Class III average is \$19.95 per cwt, \$1.07 less than it was at the end of November. The Class IV, 12-month average drops more drastically to \$20.39 per cwt, \$2.96 less than last month's average futures price. The five-year averages for Class III and IV are \$17.66 and \$16.78 per cwt, respectively.

Milk production across the U.S. increased year-over-year (YOY) by 1.3%, mainly aided by increased cow numbers but also production efficiency. Milk production totaled 18.766 billion pounds. The national herd size increased by 38,000 (+0.4%) to 9.420 million head, while production per cow increased by 17 pounds (+0.9%) to 1,937 pounds per cow. The average lactating cow (assuming 87% of the total herd size is lactating at any given time) was 74.2 pounds per cow per day during November – 0.6 pounds more than last year. Total Pennsylvania milk production during November was the same

as last year at 801 million pounds. After maintaining the same herd size for three months, the Commonwealth's cow numbers fell by 1,000 head compared to August through October. This represents a total reduction of 3,000 head (-1.1%) compared to November 2021. In order to maintain total milk production, Pennsylvania's cows had to be more efficient than they were last year. Milk production per cow rose slightly by 10 pounds per cow during November compared to one year ago. The average lactating cow in Pennsylvania produced 65.7 pounds of milk per day compared to 65.0 pounds last year.

October dairy exports continued a seven-month streak of YOY increases, rising 9% on a milk solids equivalent basis relative to October 2021 to

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

\*AVG =

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Price

Average to high dressing

N/A

63.50

202,833 metric tons (MT). Most major dairy product export categories experienced growth. Most notably, nonfat dry milk

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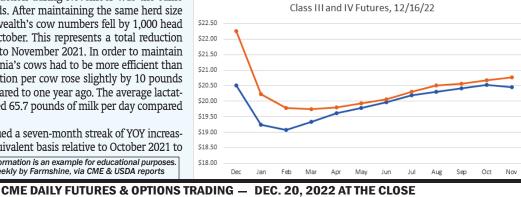
(NDM)/skim milk powder (SMP) posted its first YOY gains

since November 2021. NDM/SMP exports grew by 11%, or 6,975 MT, with a 37% increase to Mexico driving the gain. With dairy product prices still higher than last year, export value continued its upward march and climbed 24% YOY to an estimated \$818.7 million. Until this year, dairy exports had never surpassed the \$800 million value threshold. However, seven out of 10 reported months show

over \$900 million in estimated value. Through the first 10 months of the year, total volume is up 4% YOY to 2.592 million MT and value is up 25% YOY to \$8.1 billion. Exports remain on track to break both volume and value records for the second straight year. I know the holidays can be extra busy on the farm with normal chores and perhaps additional chores to allow employees or other family mem-

exports valued at over that threshold this year. May was a record high at

bers some time off. I hope each of you can take some extra time to enjoy yourself with family and/or friends over the coming days. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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**TREND** 

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## Average basis for FEB-23 MAR-23 APR-23 MAY-23 JUN-23 JUL-23 AUG-23 SEP-23 NOV-23 **JAN-23** OCT-23 **TREND** CLASS III MILK FUTURES (\$/CWT) vs. wk ago: Dec22 steady, Jan-Apr23 \$0.45 to mostly \$0.75 lower; May-Nov23 down \$0.10-0.35. North-12-Month Avg. 19.6 East and 18.73 18.52 18.74 19.20 19.50 19.79 19.98 20.12 20.22 20.25 20.22 20.52 Mid-East CWT) vs. wk ago: Dec22-Jan23 up \$0.05-0.25, Feb-Sep23 weak to \$0.15 lower; Oct-Nov23 firm to \$0.10 higher. **CLASS IV MILK FUTURES (\$/** 12-Month Avg. 20.33↓↓ \*MARGIN 19.67 19.55 19.69 20.04 20.29 20.46 20.69 20.79 22.26 20.16 19.75 20.59 = Milk Price CLASS III MILK (\$/CWT) OPTIONS - PUTS - Daily Strike Price / Premium over Feed 20.50 0.06 18.75 0.43 18.50 0.66 18.75 0.89 19.00 0.89 19.50 1.10 19.75 1.19 20.00 1.33 20.00 1.34 20.25 1.51 20.25 1.55 20.25 1.59 MILK BASIS (\$/CWT) PA 0.79 1.17 PA BASIS & 2016-19 AVG OF PA/NY/VT/OH YOUR INDIVIDUAL BASIS WILL VARY (MAILBOX - CLASS 3) Cost 0.62 2.29 1.58 1.53 0.991.03 0.95 0.790.60 YELLOW 2.15 1.25 1.38 0.85 1.67 2.55 1.66 1.45 1.31 1.15 0.67 0.74

DMC OFFICIAL GROSS MARGINS per cwt(USDA All-Milk, com, alfalfa & III. soybean, feed for ALL CLASSES of dairy cattle on farm) Updated with NEW prem. alfalfa feed cost **MAY-22** MAR-22 APR-22 NOV-21 DEC-21 **JAN-22** FEB-22 JUN-22 JUL-22 SEP-22 \*0CT-22 \*10.71 8.54 9.14 9.53 11.54 10.98 11.55 12.29 12.51 11.92 9.92

U.S. AVG PREMIUM ALFALFA & ALFALFA/GRASS HAY 20-22% CP - Source: USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report **OCT-21** NOV-21 **DEC-21** JAN-22 FEB-22 MAR-22 APR-22 MAY-22 JUN-22 JUL-22 AUG-22 SEP-22 235.20 246.10 256.09 262.84 242.90 270.34 253.80 278.02 280.00 322.00 321.17 312.50 308.17 290.70

U.S. AVG. BRED COWS & HEIFERS (3rd trimester) per head as reported by USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report 1062 1152 1151 1237 1253 1390 1278 1184 1350 1407 CORN FUTURES (\$/BU)

MAR-23 **MAY-23** JUL-23 SEP-23 DEC-23 **MAR-24** MAY-24 JUL-24 SEP-24 DEC-24 MAR-25 **MAY-25** 6.520 6.520 6.462 6.092 5.962 6.044 6.080 6.070 5.580 5.654 5.684 5.642

6.462 6.086 5.962 6.036 5.700 5.706 6.504 6.510 6.056 5.602 5.676 SOYMEAL FUTURES (\$/TON)

JAN-23 MAR-23 **MAY-23** JUL-23

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YEAR AGO

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AUG-23 SEP-23 OCT-23 DEC-23 JAN-24 MAR-24 MAY-24 JUL-24 TREND 452.4 419.7 408.1 406.1 399.8 449.3 442.0 437.5 430.2 404.0 396.4 394.7 WEEK AGO 427.3 460.1 456.2 450.0 445.4 437.5 416.2 414.8 412.8 408.5 405.0 403.0

PA MILK MARGIN & IOFC-LATEST PSU VALUES \*0CT 2022 CME DAIRY CASH-SETTLED FUTURES (\$/LB) 12/20/22 SPOT CASH TREND <sup>k</sup>=NEW DEC JAN23 FEB23 MAR23 APR23 MAY23 JUN23 12/20/22 MILK MARGIN

1.450 FEED NFDM 1.375 1.340 1.327 1.340 1.355 1.3600 11 (\$/CWT milk) 1.370 (\$/CWT milk) @ 75 lbs milk) \$/CWT WHEY 0.461 0.420 0.405 0.407 0.409 0.425 0.435 11 0.3725 \*13.2611 BUTTER 2.796 2.478 2.400 2.420 2.435 2.6000↓↓ PREV MO 9.25 12.63 \*19.58 2.405 2.455 Mixea 2 050 1 911 1 890 1.926 1.965 1 990 2.010 ee Below O 7.64 9.19 12.26 DNLY lactating feed, based on 75 lb herd avg, Buff., NY soy price 12.26 YR AGO CME SPOT CHEESE: BARRELS .6550 / 40 LB BLOCKS 2.000 \* = NEW ANNOUNCED FEDERAL ORDER PRICES (\$/CWT) \*CURRENT FEDERAL ORDER VALUES (\$/LB) \* = \* NEW

CL I ADV<sup>↓↓</sup> CL II↓↓ CL III↓↓ WEIGHTED AVG. 4-WK NOV 1-26, 2022 CL IV↓↓ ALL-MILK-U.S ALL-MILK-PA **PRODUCT** VALUE MAKE ALLOW COMPONENTS 21.01(NOV) 23.30(NOV) 25.90(OCT) 11 26.90(OCT) 11 22.58(DEC) 24.67(NOV) CHEESE 2.0897 0.2003 1.8894 2.5374 PROT **MONTH AGO** 2.9560 0.1715 2.7845  $\downarrow\downarrow$ 3.3720 BUTTER B.FAT 24.09 25.73 21.81 24.96 24.40 4.02F 26.10 3.97F 1.3367 1.5045 **↓**↓ N.FAT NFDM 0.1678 1.3233 YEAR AGO 18.40 18.03 19.90 з.99 19.17 19.70 4.05F DRYWHEY 0.4745 0.2754 0.2837 0.1991 OTHER

CATTLE - DAIRY PURPOSES(\$/HD) NORTHEAST (Avg. Dec. 14, 2022 sale New Holland, PA) Fresh 600-900 lbs Beef X 900-1300 lbs Bred Springing \*HEIFERS: Bred Springing Beef x Open: 300-600 lbs Beef X BULLS(900+ lbs) 1635 1200 1200 1275 1450 N/A N/A N/A N/A 1260 WEEK AGO COMPARISON

1685 1400 1700 1350 1475 N/A N/A N/A 600 N/A 975 N/A Avg. of prices reported by USDA Maket Ne FED HOLSTEIN STEERS (\$/CWT LIVEWEIGHT) **CURRENT Beef X WEEK AGO** YR AGO PA Auction Markets Dec. 15-19, 2022

CULL MARKET COWS (\$/CWT LIVEWEIGHT Choice & Prime 1250-1550 lbs light test 111.00 128.00 LTD 133.00 190.00 350.00 135.00 300 100.00 11 BULL CALVES: No. 1 & 2, 90-130 lbs **Premium White Breakers Boners** Lean 150.00 180.00

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