## CDE DAIRY MARKETS & MANAGEMENT UPDATE All prices - TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019 - except where noted

Crop Progress and DMC Margin Calculation Change: It has been a challenging spring for field work. Corn and soybean plantings are running behind the 5-year average, according to the latest USDA Crop Progress Report published on June 17. Time will tell what effect the late planting will have on yields and futures pricing. We do know that late planting is affecting how many acres of corn and soybeans will be planted this year. In the top 18 corn states, only 92% of 2018 acreage will be planted this year. Soybean planting is 94% of 2018 acreage.

Pennsylvania corn planting is on schedule with the 5-year average at 94% completed. However, 86% of the corn has emerged, which is 2% less than the 5-year average suggesting that more corn was planted in the last week relative to the third week of June in the previous five years. The 5-year average for the top 18 states is to be finished planting by this time of year; however, 92% of the corn in the top 18 states has been planted. Only three of the top 18 corn states (North Carolina, Tennessee and Texas) have completed planting corn. Midwest states have been the most severely affected by current weather patterns. Ohio farmers are typically finished by this time of year and have only planted 68% of their crop.

Pennsylvania is not one of the top 18 soybean producers but much of the Midwest is. Soybean planting is 77% completed. The 5-year average is 93%. Ohio is only 46% complete. Typically, Ohio farmers have 94% of their beans in the ground by the third week of June. Other Midwest states have similar statistics. Hopefully, the Midwest will get dried out and they can get caught up soon.

Last week I provided an update on Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) enrollment. Enrollment started on June 17. Prior to enrollment, a last-minute update was made to the margin calculation that benefits dairy farmers. The feed cost portion of the margin was changed to include a 50/50 percent blend of premium and supreme alfalfa hay prices. Previously, it

\*AVG =

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basis for

North-

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\*MARGIN

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was based from the premium price. Supreme alfalfa, the highest grade of alfalfa hay, is more expensive. The blend increases feed cost, which lowers the margin. January to April





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margins were recalculated and represent an average drop in the DMC margin of \$0.23 per hundredweight over the first four months of 2019.

New margins for January to April are \$7.71, \$7.91, \$8.66 and \$8.82 This represents an increase in the indemnity payment of over \$2,800 to nearly \$19,400 for the first 5 million pounds covered at the \$9.50 margin. Total premium for the first 5 million pounds is \$7,225 or a net payment of about \$12,000 realized for Jan. through April. Current margins (June 14, 2019) show October and November to be the only months for the margin to be above the \$9.50 margin coverage. If corn and soybean yields are reduced due to late planting, feed costs will increase, and Dairy Margin Coverage becomes even more appealing for a struggling milk market. The enrollment period for DMC ends on September 20, 2019.

Percent of Corn and Soybean Crop

