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Dairy Week In Review

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Markets:

Dairy Prices	Price	Chge. from Week Ago	Chge. from Month Ago	Chge. from Year Ago
Milk Price (Mar) **	\$16.66/cwt.	▼ 1.4 %	▼ 7.0 %	▲ 12.6 %
Com (Mar)	\$3.63/bushel	▼ 0.6 %	▼ 4.0 %	▼ 1.4 %
SBean Meal (Mar)	\$327.6/ton	▼ 0.3 %	▼ 5.5 %	▲ 22.0 %
Milk Margin (Jan)*	\$ 13.22/cwt.	—	▲ 5.9 %	▲ 26.7%

*Each issue of "Dairy Week in Review" will report on current "Milk Margin," or the dollars remaining per one hundred lbs. of milk after feed is paid for, based on data for a 65-pound herd in the latest "PA Dairy Industry Performance Scorecard." Milk margin is affected by both milk & feed prices. ** The milk price reported is the Class III futures price for the next month plus a basis of \$1.00, an estimate of what could be on your milk check next month.

- Milk production in Australia fell 5.9 percent below last year in January, with 754.4 million liters in total production and a shortfall of 107.5 million pounds. Spring rainfalls are good, though, which is expected to lessen the shortfall in February. Overall, Dairy Australia expects that the full-season production will be 6 – 8 percent lower than the 2015-16 season, according to *Daily Dairy Report*.
- With high beginning stocks and higher expected milk production in 2017, this month's *USDA Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Outlook* has lowered butter and cheese prices from last month's forecast. However, dry whey price forecasts have been raised significantly due to recent price movements and higher demand expectations. The all-milk price forecast for 2017 is \$17.70- \$18.40 per cwt, 10 cents higher than last month's forecast at the lower end of the range.

Government & Industry:

- The Pennsylvania Beef Council will host Stockmanship Workshops on March 24 and 25 in eastern and western Pennsylvania. The Dairy Stockmanship Workshop is being held in partnership with the Center for Dairy Excellence and will be held on Friday, March 23, from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. at Star Rock Farms in Conestoga, Pa. For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Beef Council at 888-423-3372 or visit pa-bqa.org.
- The National Milk Producers Federation Board of Directors unanimously approved a series of recommended changes to the dairy Margin Protection Program (MPP) that will restore several key elements first proposed by NMPF during development of the 2014 Farm Bill. These changes to the MPP will ensure an effective safety net for the nation's dairy farmers – if the recommendations are adopted by Congress.