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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
Class III Milk Price (July)	\$19.88/cwt.	▲ 0.6 %	—	▲ 44.3 %
Class IV Milk Price (July)	\$21.43/cwt.	—	▲ 1.3 %	▲ 17.1 %
Corn (July)	\$ 4.02/bushel	▲ 1.8 %	▼ 5.5 %	▼ 26.0 %
SBean Meal (July)	\$ 342.7/ton	▲ 2.2 %	▼ 6.4 %	▼ 26.3 %
DMC Margin (May)*	\$ 10.52/cwt.	—	▲ 9.6 %	▲ 117.7 %

**Each issue of "Dairy Week in Review" will report on the most recent Milk Margin published through USDA's Dairy Margin Coverage Program. This margin is published each month after the USDA Ag Prices Report is released.*

- USDA's Milk Production shows June milk production down 1 percent from a year ago to 18.8 billion pounds, with 62,000 fewer cows than were in the herd a year ago. Cow numbers are down 9,000 head from last month to 9.335 million head. Milk production per cow is six pounds behind where it was a year ago, with prolonged heat waves and the rippling effects of HPAI in dairy thought to play a role in the decline. With six months of 2024 behind us, US milk production year-to-date is 0.9 percent behind 2023 production levels.
- All but six of the top 24 dairy states were down in total milk production. California, Idaho, New York, Michigan, Minnesota, and Pennsylvania all posted declines. Wisconsin and Texas were the only two in the top eight with increases, up 0.9 and 3.1 percent, respectively. New Mexico's production was down 12.5 percent, with excessive heat playing a role. Idaho and Michigan's drops, at 1 percent and 0.9 percent, respectively, was attributed partly to avian influenza in those states. Pennsylvania's 2.2 percent drop in milk production was the result of a 35-pound drop in milk production and 1,000 fewer cows than a year ago. The significant drop in milk production per cow could be attributed to excessive heat and a lack of adequate cooling measures for dairy cows across the Commonwealth.
- In contrast, milk production in the European Union and United Kingdom increased by 0.6 percent in May from a year ago, according to recent data, with total milk production in that region now at 32.8 billion pounds. Germany and France, the top two producing states, were up 0.4 and 0.34 percent, respectively.
- USDA announced the Class I base price for August at \$21.32 per cwt., up 21 cents from July and \$4.70 above year-ago levels. In early July, the USDA announced plans to return to a "higher of" pricing formula for the Class I mover with its FMMO proposed changes.

Government/Industry:

- The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is encouraging all Pennsylvania dairy farms to enroll in the voluntary Lactating Dairy Cow Health Monitoring Program. Enrolled farms will benefit by no longer being required to individually test cattle prior to interstate movement. Testing will be performed at no cost to producers, and the Department or USDA will provide necessary sampling supplies after enrollment. To ask questions or request an enrollment form, please contact the Department at 717-307-3259 or RA-ahds@pa.gov.
- The Pennsylvania Department of Ag is also encouraging dairies to submit biosecurity plans for evaluation. Approved plans will be necessary for obtaining permits to move milk and dairy animals off a farm in the event that avian influenza has been detected on that farm. An approved plan is also required for enrollment in the PA Lactating Dairy Cow Health Monitoring Program. Biosecurity plans and questions about the plans can be submitted by email to: RA-AGBioplans@pa.gov.