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Dairy Prices	Price	Chge. from Week Ago	Chge. from Month Ago	Chge. from Year Ago
Class III Milk Price (Sept)	\$22.57/cwt.	▲ 9.4 %	▲ 11.3 %	▲ 21.9 %
Class IV Milk Price (Sept)	\$22.38/cwt.	▲ 3.3 %	▲ 2.9 %	▲ 20.1 %
Corn (Sept)	\$ 3.86/bushel	▲ 5.2%	▼ 0.3 %	▼ 18.0 %
SBean Meal (Sept)	\$ 319.70/ton	▲ 0.8 %	▼ 7.9 %	▼ 21.7 %
DMC Margin (July)*	\$ 12.33/cwt.	—	▲ 5.7 %	▲ 250.3 %

*\*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.*

- Three Central Valley, California dairy farms have reported positive cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in their herds. After cows from the affected farms began exhibiting HPAI-related symptoms from Aug. 23 to Aug. 25, samples from these sites were submitted to the California Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) laboratories and the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL). The tests were confirmed positive on Aug. 30. Affected farms were placed under quarantine and sick cows have been separated and are being treated. Healthy cows are allowed to ship milk for pasteurization. Animal transportation continues to be tracked.
- No HPAI-related human cases have been confirmed in relation to the CA farms with positive cases. California's pasteurized milk supply and dairy foods remain safe for consumption. California's HPAI in poultry experience has allowed them to respond quickly to these recent positive cases, as well as take preventative measures to remain proactive.
- Over 190 herds, across 14 states have reported positive HPAI since March 2024. Pennsylvania still has not experienced a confirmed positive case of HPAI in dairy yet.
- State and Federal agencies, such as USDA, FDA, and CDC, urge dairy farmers, even in unaffected states, to implement biosecurity plans and on-farm protocols. Additionally, they encourage dairy farmers to limit cattle movement and off-farm visitors.

## 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](mailto:RA-AGBioplans@pa.gov).