

CASH DAIRY PRODUCT MARKETS

For Week Ending:	Weekly Average for Week Ending:							Friday's Close
	11/17/23	11/22/23	12/01/23	12/08/23	12/15/23	12/22/23	12/29/23	
CME Cheddar 40# Blocks	\$ 1.6220	\$ 1.5933	\$ 1.5740	\$ 1.5975	\$ 1.5740	\$ 1.4280	\$ 1.4263	\$ 1.4700
CME Cheddar Barrels	\$ 1.6530	\$ 1.4817	\$ 1.4825	\$ 1.5780	\$ 1.5010	\$ 1.3980	\$ 1.4313	\$ 1.4000
CME Grade "AA" Butter	\$ 2.6225	\$ 2.5158	\$ 2.6000	\$ 2.6725	\$ 2.4970	\$ 2.5795	\$ 2.6225	\$ 2.6650
USDA Western NFDM (Mostly)	\$ 1.2100	\$ 1.2050	\$ 1.2000	\$ 1.2000	\$ 1.1900	\$ 1.1850	\$ 1.1875	
USDA Western Whey (Mostly)	\$ 0.4000	\$ 0.4000	\$ 0.4100	\$ 0.4400	\$ 0.4250	\$ 0.4350	\$ 0.4350	
USDA Central Whey (Mostly)	\$ 0.3900	\$ 0.3750	\$ 0.3950	\$ 0.4000	\$ 0.4000	\$ 0.3975	\$ 0.3975	
NDPSR Survey For Week Ending:	11/03/23	11/10/23	11/17/23	11/22/23	12/01/23	12/08/23	12/15/23	12/22/23
Cheddar 40# Blocks:	\$ 1.7780	\$ 1.7709	\$ 1.7522	\$ 1.7040	\$ 1.6740	\$ 1.6578	\$ 1.6349	\$ 1.6418
Cheddar Barrels (38% Moisture):	\$ 1.7168	\$ 1.7244	\$ 1.6924	\$ 1.6838	\$ 1.6255	\$ 1.5739	\$ 1.5863	\$ 1.5785
Butter	\$ 3.2554	\$ 3.1516	\$ 2.8544	\$ 2.7570	\$ 2.6235	\$ 2.6206	\$ 2.6959	\$ 2.6097
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$ 1.1756	\$ 1.1816	\$ 1.1925	\$ 1.1925	\$ 1.2088	\$ 1.1946	\$ 1.2127	\$ 1.1996
Whey	\$ 0.3551	\$ 0.3829	\$ 0.3906	\$ 0.4045	\$ 0.4123	\$ 0.4183	\$ 0.4188	\$ 0.4201
Class III Estimator	\$ 17.13	\$ 17.26	\$ 16.93	\$ 16.70	\$ 16.26	\$ 15.97	\$ 15.95	\$ 15.92
Class IV Estimator	\$ 21.74	\$ 21.35	\$ 20.18	\$ 19.77	\$ 19.34	\$ 19.21	\$ 19.68	\$ 19.21

MONTHLY MILK AND MILK COMPONENT PRICES

For Month:	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23
FMMO Prices, 3.5% Fat, 2.99% True Protein								
FMMO Class I Base Price	\$ 18.85	\$ 19.57	\$ 18.01	\$ 17.32	\$ 16.62	\$ 18.90	\$ 19.47	\$ 19.75
FMMO Class II Price	\$ 19.20	\$ 19.11	\$ 18.83	\$ 19.12	\$ 19.91	\$ 19.98	\$ 21.95	\$ 21.21
FMMO Class III	\$ 18.52	\$ 16.11	\$ 14.91	\$ 13.77	\$ 17.19	\$ 18.39	\$ 16.84	\$ 17.15
FMMO Class IV	\$ 17.95	\$ 18.10	\$ 18.26	\$ 18.26	\$ 18.91	\$ 19.09	\$ 21.49	\$ 20.87
FMMO Producer Component Prices Per Pound								
Milkfat	\$ 2.7009	\$ 2.7572	\$ 2.7605	\$ 2.7986	\$ 3.0218	\$ 3.1264	\$ 3.7144	\$ 3.4608
True Protein	\$ 2.5603	\$ 1.8002	\$ 1.5144	\$ 1.1991	\$ 2.0851	\$ 2.3027	\$ 1.0468	\$ 1.3238
Other Solids	\$ 0.2479	\$ 0.1877	\$ 0.1266	\$ 0.0689	\$ 0.0648	\$ 0.0992	\$ 0.1243	\$ 0.1895

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE (CME) FUTURES MARKETS

Closing Prices	DEC23	JAN24	FEB24	MAR24	APR24	MAY24	JUN24	JUL24
Cash Settled Butter (¢ / lb.):	262.000	259.475	255.000	257.250	258.725	258.725	260.000	261.000
Change from last week (¢ / lb.):	-	6.975	2.775	3.225	1.225	1.225	1.975	2.975
Cash Settled Cheese (\$ / lb.):	\$ 1.6270	\$ 1.5580	\$ 1.5990	\$ 1.6690	\$ 1.8010	\$ 1.8010	\$ 1.8380	\$ 1.8720
Change from last week:	\$ (0.001)	\$ (0.010)	\$ 0.012	\$ 0.008	\$ (0.003)	\$ (0.003)	\$ (0.007)	\$ 0.006
Class III Milk Contract, 3.5% Fat	\$ 16.10	\$ 15.43	\$ 15.74	\$ 16.41	\$ 17.14	\$ 17.81	\$ 18.15	\$ 18.33
Change from last week:	\$ 0.01	\$ -	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.14	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.03
Open Interest	4692	5796	6341	3113	1715	1359	1339	868
Change from last week:	-13	-827	1325	242	163	78	49	53

DAIRY NEWS OF INTEREST

Market Update

The CME cash cheese market was very active this shortened trading week. Forty loads of blocks sold along with 35 loads of barrels. Blocks fared better pricewise, gaining eight cents per pound from last Friday, settling today at \$1.47. Barrels inched up three-quarters of a cent to \$1.40/lb. Butter reversed its recent slump, jumping up 12.5 cents to \$2.6650 with only four trades. Nonfat dry milk gained one cent to \$1.17 with three loads sold. Dry whey increased one-half cent to \$0.3850 with a single trade.

In futures markets, Class III contracts for the next six months average \$16.44/cwt. and Class IV contracts average \$19.17.

Global Milk Production

The U.S. isn't the only dairy country experiencing declining production. Of the five major dairy exporting regions only Australia saw increased output (2.1%) in October. European Union and United Kingdom production dipped 1.7%. Argentina plunged 4.7%, and New Zealand fell 0.3%.

November Ag Prices Report

The November Agricultural Prices report released today calculated the income over feed costs for the Dairy Margin Coverage program to be \$9.58/cwt. There will be no indemnity payments this month for the first time during 2023. The all milk price was \$21.70, an increase of 10 cents from October. Hay cost fell \$7/ton to \$271, and corn dropped \$0.27/bu. to \$4.66. Soybean meal jumped \$48.11/ton to \$464.27.

The DMC program was extended for another year as part of the one-year Farm Bill extension agreed to last month. However, USDA has not yet released the details for producer enrollment.

U.S. Dairy Markets at a Glance

USDA's weekly publication reported that retail butter demand is steady to strong to finish the year. However, cream inventories are strong and finding homes for spot loads can be problematic. Fluid demand is down in conjunction with school holidays. Subsequently milk is readily available for cheese plants, and spot loads are selling for \$2 to \$8 below class price.