

CASH DAIRY PRODUCT MARKETS

For Week Ending:	Weekly Average for Week Ending:							Friday's
	02/17/23	02/24/23	03/03/23	03/10/23	03/17/23	03/24/23	03/31/23	Close
CME Cheddar 40# Blocks	\$ 1.8805	\$ 1.9375	\$ 1.9160	\$ 1.8325	\$ 1.9290	\$ 2.0290	\$ 1.9685	\$ 1.8500
CME Cheddar Barrels	\$ 1.5525	\$ 1.5725	\$ 1.5675	\$ 1.7015	\$ 1.8740	\$ 1.9535	\$ 1.9000	\$ 1.8075
CME Grade "AA" Butter	\$ 2.4215	\$ 2.3925	\$ 2.3940	\$ 2.3370	\$ 2.3880	\$ 2.3780	\$ 2.3815	\$ 2.3975
USDA Western NFD (Mostly)	\$ 1.2650	\$ 1.2513	\$ 1.2450	\$ 1.2250	\$ 1.2075	\$ 1.1650	\$ 1.1550	
USDA Western Whey (Mostly)	\$ 0.4025	\$ 0.4188	\$ 0.4300	\$ 0.4300	\$ 0.4400	\$ 0.4400	\$ 0.4350	
USDA Central Whey (Mostly)	\$ 0.3825	\$ 0.4050	\$ 0.4150	\$ 0.4200	\$ 0.4300	\$ 0.4300	\$ 0.4400	
NDPSR Survey For Week Ending:	02/03/22	02/10/22	02/17/22	02/24/22	03/03/22	03/10/22	03/17/22	03/24/22
Cheddar 40# Blocks:	\$ 2.0623	\$ 2.0046	\$ 1.9524	\$ 1.9285	\$ 1.9426	\$ 1.9559	\$ 1.9404	\$ 1.9255
Cheddar Barrels (38% Moisture):	\$ 1.7063	\$ 1.6760	\$ 1.6440	\$ 1.6172	\$ 1.6202	\$ 1.6174	\$ 1.6855	\$ 1.7865
Butter	\$ 2.3798	\$ 2.4101	\$ 2.4378	\$ 2.4417	\$ 2.4427	\$ 2.4364	\$ 2.4055	\$ 2.4235
Nonfat Dry Milk	\$ 1.3069	\$ 1.2423	\$ 1.2475	\$ 0.4032	\$ 0.4086	\$ 0.4245	\$ 0.4195	\$ 0.4375
Whey	\$ 0.4165	\$ 0.3997	\$ 0.3990	\$ 1.2298	\$ 1.2028	\$ 1.2144	\$ 1.2220	\$ 1.2204
Class III Estimator	\$ 18.44	\$ 17.93	\$ 17.54	\$ 22.16	\$ 22.09	\$ 22.21	\$ 22.49	\$ 22.90
Class IV Estimator	\$ 19.15	\$ 18.73	\$ 18.89	\$ 11.65	\$ 11.70	\$ 11.81	\$ 11.63	\$ 11.86

MONTHLY MILK AND MILK COMPONENT PRICES

For Month:	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23
FMMO Prices, 3.5% Fat, 2.99% True Protein								
FMMO Class I Base Price	\$ 25.87	\$ 25.13	\$ 23.62	\$ 22.71	\$ 24.09	\$ 22.58	\$ 22.41	\$ 20.78
FMMO Class II Price	\$ 26.66	\$ 26.91	\$ 26.51	\$ 25.73	\$ 24.67	\$ 23.11	\$ 21.61	\$ 20.83
FMMO Class III	\$ 22.52	\$ 20.10	\$ 19.82	\$ 21.81	\$ 21.01	\$ 20.50	\$ 19.43	\$ 17.78
FMMO Class IV	\$ 25.79	\$ 24.81	\$ 24.63	\$ 24.96	\$ 23.30	\$ 22.12	\$ 20.01	\$ 18.86
FMMO Producer Component Prices Per Pound								
Milkfat	\$ 3.3600	\$ 3.4001	\$ 3.5653	\$ 3.6567	\$ 3.3720	\$ 3.1539	\$ 2.7713	\$ 2.3650
True Protein	\$ 2.9116	\$ 2.1417	\$ 1.8847	\$ 2.4512	\$ 2.5374	\$ 2.6568	\$ 2.8058	\$ 2.7178
Other Solids	\$ 0.3596	\$ 0.3146	\$ 0.2998	\$ 0.2952	\$ 0.2837	\$ 0.2652	\$ 0.2343	\$ 0.2101

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE (CME) FUTURES MARKETS

Closing Prices	MAR23	APR23	MAY23	JUN23	JUL23	AUG23	SEP23	OCT23
Cash Settled Butter (¢ / lb.):	242.250	240.000	239.250	242.000	245.000	247.000	248.900	250.000
Change from last week (¢ / lb.):	(0.150)	4.400	2.500	1.000	1.250	1.000	1.625	3.925
Cash Settled Cheese (\$ / lb.):	\$ 1.8400	\$ 1.9450	\$ 1.9050	\$ 1.9170	\$ 1.9660	\$ 2.0000	\$ 2.0240	\$ 2.0240
Change from last week:	\$ (0.006)	\$ (0.094)	\$ (0.066)	\$ (0.0340)	\$ 0.0090	\$ 0.0050	\$ 0.005	\$ 0.006
Class III Milk Contract, 3.5% Fat	\$ 18.06	\$ 19.10	\$ 18.47	\$ 18.47	\$ 19.00	\$ 19.40	\$ 19.63	\$ 19.71
Change from last week:	\$ (0.04)	\$ (0.83)	\$ (0.65)	\$ (0.30)	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.08
Open Interest	4979	4682	4432	3187	1724	1240	1330	995
Change from last week:	(67)	(530)	1,138	760	36	65	82	39

DAIRY NEWS OF INTEREST

Market Update

Trading activity was light during this last week of March. Block cheese plummeted a quarter on just 3 loads traded before settling at \$1.85, and barrels dropped 15.5 cents to \$1.8075 on 8 loads. The block barrel spread now sits at 4.25 cents after a 9.5 cent decline. On a more positive note, butter picked up a nickel at \$2.3975 on 18 loads traded. Non fat dry milk gained a penny at \$1.16 on 4 trades.

In futures markets, Class III contracts average \$18.75/cwt. for the next six months while Class IV contracts average \$18.35.

China's Dairy Imports

China's 2023 dairy imports through February total 1.17 billion pounds, down 512.8 million pounds (-30.3%) from 2022. Whole milk powder (-68.1%), fluid milk (-46.7%), and butter (-22.2%) experienced significant declines to 211.6 million pounds, 176.4 million pounds, and 46.3 million pounds, respectively. Whey powder imports grew by 62.9% to 251.3 million pounds. The United States was their top supplier of whey powder.

Agricultural Prices

The USDA's Ag Prices Report showed the all-milk price to be \$21.60, down \$1.50 from last month. On the feed costs side: Alfalfa was down \$4 a ton to \$324, corn was up 16 cents a bushel to \$6.80, and soybean meal was up \$18.13 a ton at \$500.53. Income over feed cost was calculated to be \$6.19 cents, down \$1.75.

February milk covered at the \$9.50 level will receive indemnity payments of \$2,622.59 for every million pounds insured.

Australian Milk Production

According to Dairy Australia, February milk production neared 1.3 billion pounds, a 70 million pound (-5.3%) decline from 2022.

New Zealand Milk Production

According to Dairy Companies Association of New Zealand, Kiwi milk production in February totaled 4 billion pounds, an increase of 90 million pounds (2.3%) from 2022.