

GRAIN, CATTLE, HOG, & MILK BFP

FUTURES MARKETS

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Closing Bids: Thursday, March 9, 2000

Corn

Daily Prices As of :- Thursday, 9 March

Symbol: C

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
03/09/00 MAR 00	2194	2222	2192	2204	-12
03/09/00 MAY 00	2262	2292	2262	2272	+10
03/09/00 JUL 00	2342	2376	2342	2356	+12
03/09/00 SEP 00	2422	2452	2422	2432	+16
03/09/00 NOV 00	2504	2504	2490	2490	+14
03/09/00 DEC 00	2500	2540	2500	2522	+20
03/09/00 JAN 01	2550	2550	2550	2550	+14
03/09/00 MAR 01	2606	2616	2600	2602	+20
03/09/00 MAY 01	2650	2656	2650	2650	+20
03/09/00 JUL 01	2692	2700	2684	2686	+20
03/09/00 DEC 01	2644	2656	2640	2652	+20
03/09/00 DEC 02	2630	2640	2630	2636	+6

Total	Volume	Open_Int
03/08/00	64559	452359

Soybeans

Daily Prices As of :- Thursday, 9 March

Symbol: S

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
03/09/00 MAR 00	5090	5100	5062	5070	+14
03/09/00 MAY 00	5154	5200	5154	5164	+10
03/09/00 JUL 00	5246	5294	5246	5254	+6
03/09/00 AUG 00	5300	5320	5270	5270	+10
03/09/00 SEP 00	5320	5324	5280	5282	+2
03/09/00 NOV 00	5360	5380	5334	5340	+10
03/09/00 JAN 01	5424	5440	5414	5414	+14
03/09/00 MAR 01	5500	5500	5480	5480	+14
03/09/00 MAY 01	5540	5540	5534	5534	+12
03/09/00 JUL 01	5560	5560	5560	5560	+4
03/09/00 NOV 01	5550	5550	5540	5540	+20

Total	Volume	Open_Int
03/08/00	49265	164475

Oats

Daily Prices As of :- Thursday, 9 March

Symbol: O

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
03/09/00 MAR 00	1134	1134	1124	1124	unch
03/09/00 MAY 00	1184	1186	1170	1174	-2
03/09/00 JUL 00	1170	1170	1152	1154	-2
03/09/00 SEP 00	1186	1186	1184	1184	unch
03/09/00 DEC 00	1256	1260	1254	1254	+2
03/09/00 MAR 01		1314	1314	1314	unch

Total	Volume	Open_Int
03/08/00	638	17749

Weekly Dairy Market Outlook

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March 3, 2000

-Government Buys Cheese
396,000 lbs process cheese entered the CCC

-Cheese production seasonally heavy
-1999 commercial disappearance up 3.1 percent

-USDA announces round II of the Dairy Options Pilot Program

The market received mixed information this week. On the one hand, process cheese entered the dairy price support program for the first time since July 1997 and cheese production is seasonally heavy. On the other hand, Grade AA butter prices were relatively strong (\$0.97-\$0.98 per pound) this week, and block cheese prices gained a penny a pound to \$1.12. Also, USDA reported this week that demand for milk and dairy products in 1999 was relatively strong

January milk production in 2000 was up 4.7 percent in 20 major dairy states. Not

surprisingly, so also was dairy product production. American-type cheese production in January was 312.7 million pounds, up 7.9 percent from a year ago. Mozzarella cheese production was 214.5 million pounds, up 5.3 percent. And, total cheese production was 680.3 million pounds, up 6.5 percent. Butter production was 140.6 million pounds, up 14.0 percent.

These are very strong rates of gain. Remember, these are estimates for January numbers; they will be revised next month when the real January numbers are released.

According to USDA, process cheese entered the dairy price support program for the first time since July 1997. For the week February 28 - March 31, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) had net purchases of 15.0 million pounds of nonfortified nonfat dry milk from the West and Midwest, and 396,000 pounds of process cheese from the Midwest.

Under this program, the CCC stands ready to purchase unlimited quantities of dairy

products at CCC purchase prices. These prices are linked to the manufacturing support price for milk at \$9.80 per cwt at 3.5 percent milkfat. Currently, the CCC purchase prices are \$0.65 per pound for bulk butter, \$0.68 per pound for no. 1 print butter, \$1.10 per pound for 40- and 60-pound block cheese, \$1.07 per pound for 500-pound barrel cheese, \$1.1525 per pound for no. 5 process American cheese, \$1.1925 per pound for no. 2 process American cheese, and

\$1.01 per pound for nonfortified, \$1.02 per pound for fortified, and \$1.1675 for instant nonfat dry milk

USDA reported commercial disappearance for milk and dairy products for 1999. This represents a proxy for demand. The numbers are revealing in that they suggest a favorable demand picture.

Milk production in 1999 grew 3.3 percent and imports grew 3.4 percent. =

Beginning commercial stocks for January 1, 1999 were up 7.9 percent over a

year ago. Consumption for the year grew 3.1 percent on a butterfat basis (this includes commercial export sales). Ending commercial stocks were up 16.4 percent by December 31, 1999. Consumption for individual dairy products was mostly favorable: butter up 4.8 percent, American cheese up 7.4 percent, other

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Lean Hogs

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Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Prev. Volume	Prev. Open_Int
03/09/00 Apr 00	5950	6090	5930	6075	+130	5384	20475
03/09/00 Jun 00	6880	7000	6865	6995	+103	5039	17119
03/09/00 Jul 00	6660	6745	6660	6742	+35	719	5497
03/09/00 Aug 00	6425	6490	6410	6490	+38	442	5205
03/09/00 Oct 00	5780	5810	5770	5790	-15	152	2522
03/09/00 Dec 00	5560	5600	5560	5567	-13	162	1269
03/09/00 Feb 01	5630	5650	5630	5650	-5	1	214
03/09/00 Apr 01	5560	5600	5560	5595	-5	2	48
03/09/00 Jun 01	0	6295	6280	6290	-20	4	9

Composite	Volume	Open_Int
03/08/00	11905	52358

Live Cattle

Daily Prices As of :- Thursday, 9 March

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Prev. Volume	Prev. Open_Int
03/09/00 Apr 00	7250	7275	7220	7255	+23	18606	48335
03/09/00 Jun 00	6935	6942	6895	6932	+10	6450	33946
03/09/00 Aug 00	6990	6997	6965	6982	+2	4005	19362
03/09/00 Oct 00	7267	7267	7237	7257	+2	799	10323
03/09/00 Dec 00	7370	7377	7355	7367	-3	292	4467
03/09/00 Feb 01	7490	7500	7477	7485	+5	186	2782
03/09/00 Apr 01	7690	7710	7690	7705	+10	598	1129

Composite	Volume	Open_Int
03/08/00	30936	120344

Lumber

Daily Prices As of :- Thursday, 9 March

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Prev. Volume	Prev. Open_Int
03/09/00 Mar 00	32880	33230	32510	32620	-230	248	648
03/09/00 May 00	33580	34280	33570	33990	+320	380	1404
03/09/00 Jul 00	33900	34380	33890	34360	+370	56	438
03/09/00 Sep 00	33660	33780	33570	33750	+150	6	108
03/09/00 Nov 00	32990	33150	32940	33150	+170	3	28
03/09/00 Jan 01	0	33500	33500	33500	unch	0	0

Composite	Volume	Open_Int
03/08/00	693	2626

Table 1. Chicago Mercantile Exchange Prices, Weekly Averages

	3-Mar-00	25-Feb-00	18-Feb-00	11-Feb-00
Cheese:				
500 lb. barrels	1.1020	1.1000	1.0960	1.0800
40-lb. blocks	1.1160	1.1063	1.1080	1.1100
Nonfat dry milk:				
Extra Grade	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300
Grade A	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300
Butter:				
Grade AA	0.9733	0.9363	0.8933	0.9050

Source: Dairy Market News, AMS, USDA
(<http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/mncs/weekly.htm>).

Table 2. NASS Weekly U.S. Average Survey Prices

	26-Feb-00	19-Feb-00	12-Feb-00	5-Feb-00
Cheese:				
500 lb. Barrels /	1.0799	1.0758	1.0769	1.0842
40-lb. blocks	1.0963	1.1036	1.1013	1.1106
Butter	0.8926	0.8810	0.9119	0.9096
Nonfat dry milk	1.0088	1.0117	1.0101	1.0112
Dry whey	0.1751	0.1783	0.1806	0.1809

Source: Dairy Product Prices, NASS, USDA
(<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/reports/nassr/price/dairy/1999/>).
// Adjusted to 39% moisture.