

GRAIN, CATTLE, HOG, & MILK BFP FUTURES MARKETS

Markets Courtesy of Chicago Board and Mercantile Exchange
Closing Bids: Thursday, November 2, 2000

Corn

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
00Nov	208	209	208	208 1/2	209	208 3/4 +64
00Dec	211	213	210 1/2	212	212 1/4	212 +60
01Jan	215 1/2	216 3/4	215	216	216 1/2	216 1/4 +62
01Mar	222 1/4	224 1/4	221 3/4	223 1/2	223 3/4	223 1/2 +60
01May	230 1/2	231 3/4	229 1/4	231	231 1/4	231 +62
01Jul	237 1/2	239	236 3/4	238	238 3/4	238 1/4 +56
01Sep	243 1/2	245	243 1/4	244		244 +52
01Nov	252 1/2	253 3/4	252	253 1/4	253 3/4	253 1/2 +54
01Dec	268	272	268	270	272	271 +40
02Jan	269	269	266 3/4	269		269 +30

Soybeans

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
00Nov	472	476	470 1/2	473	473 1/2	473 1/4 +104
01Jan	482 1/2	486 1/2	481	483	483 1/2	483 1/4 +96
01Mar	492	495 1/2	490 3/4	492 1/4	492 3/4	492 1/2 +96
01May	498 1/2	502 1/2	498 1/2	499 1/2	500	499 3/4 +94
01Jul	506	510	506	508 1/2	507 1/2	508 +96
01Aug	506	510	506	508		508 +90
01Sep	509	509	508 1/2	508 1/2		508 1/2 +86
01Nov	510	514 1/2	510	512 1/2	513 1/2	513 +80

Oats

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
00Dec	108 1/4	109 1/2	108 1/4	108 3/4	108 3/4	+14
01Mar	117 3/4	118 3/4	117 1/2	118	118	+12
01May	122	123	122	122 1/2 a	122 1/2	+12
01Jul	127 1/2	127 1/2	127	127 a	127	+6
01Sep	129	129 1/2	129	129 1/2	129 1/2	+20
01Dec	134	134	132 1/2	133	133	+4

Soybean Meal

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
00Dec	172.2	172.5	170.6	171.2	171.5	171.3 +20
01Jan	169.2	170.7	169.0	169.9	169.7	169.8 +25
01Mar	168.0	169.5	168.0	168.8	168.8	+27
01May	168.0	169.0	167.5	168.0 b	168.2 a	168.1 +24
01Jul	169.0	169.5	168.0	168.5	168.6	168.5 +22
01Aug	168.5	169.0	167.5	167.8		167.8 +18
01Sep	168.0	169.0	167.0	167.0 b	167.2 a	167.1 +15
01Oct	167.0	167.0	166.0	166.5		166.5 +13
01Dec	168.1	168.3	167.5	167.5 b	168.0 a	167.7 +17

Table 1. Chicago Mercantile Exchange Prices, Weekly Averages

	27-Oct-00	20-Oct-00	13-Oct-00	6-Oct-00	29-Sep-00
Cheese.					
500 lb barrels	1.0000	1.0000	0.9975	1.0255	1.1555
40-lb blocks	1.0200	1.0395	1.0505	1.0855	1.2175
Nonfat dry milk					
Extra Grade	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300
Grade A	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300	1.0300
Butter					
Grade AA	1.1425	1.1433	1.1392	1.1533	1.1817

Source Dairy Market News, AMS, USDA

(http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/mncs/weekly.htm)

Table 2. NASS Weekly US Average Survey Prices

	21-Oct-00	14-Oct-00	7-Oct-00	30-Sep-00	23-Sep-00
Cheese					
500 lb Barrels 1/	1.0145	1.0964	1.2096	1.2472	1.2365
40-lb blocks	1.1126	1.1993	1.2629	1.2976	1.2906
Butter	1.1118	1.1238	1.1473	1.1706	1.1600
Nonfat dry milk	1.0087	1.0138	1.0148	1.0134	1.0129
Dry whey	0.1805	0.1823	0.1817	0.1834	0.1837

Source Dairy Product Prices, NASS, USDA

(http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/reports/nassr/price/dairy/1999/)

1/ Adjusted to 39% moisture.

Lean Hogs

Daily Prices As of :- Thursday, 2 November

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Prev. Volume	Prev. Open_Int	
11/02/00	Dec 00	5120	5170	5120	5127	-18	3809	20659
11/02/00	Feb 01	5360	5407	5360	5370	-10	1770	8103
11/02/00	Apr 01	5250	5305	5250	5280	+13	427	3472
11/02/00	Jun 01	5950	5995	5950	5972	+20	123	1394
11/02/00	Jul 01	5800	5810	5780	5785	+8	6	382
11/02/00	Aug 01	5597	5630	5595	5600	+3	10	307
11/02/00	Oct 01	4820	4840	4802	4830	+13	6	356
11/02/00	Dec 01	4590	4595	4560	4560	-25	5	286

Composite Volume Open_Int

11/01/00 6158 34959

Live Cattle

Daily Prices As of :- Thursday, 2 November

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Prev. Volume	Prev. Open_Int	
11/02/00	Dec 00	7217	7235	7167	7172	-45	6980	62362
11/02/00	Feb 01	7385	7392	7335	7340	-37	4053	31395
11/02/00	Apr 01	7455	7475	7425	7442	-20	1792	18690
11/02/00	Jun 01	7135	7165	7120	7125	-17	330	6892
11/02/00	Aug 01	7130	7165	7130	7135	unch	295	4620
11/02/00	Oct 01	7305	7330	7302	7317	+2	55	954
11/02/00	Dec 01	7420	7420	7400	7415	-10	21	21

Composite Volume Open_Int

11/01/00 13569 125054

Pork Bellies

Daily Prices As of :- Thursday, 2 November

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Prev. Volume	Prev. Open_Int	
11/02/00	Feb 01	5970	6072	5960	6027	unch	553	2166
11/02/00	Mar 01	5980	6060	5970	6015	-27	30	101
11/02/00	May 01	0	6150	6100	6100	unch	1	58
11/02/00	Jul 01	6150	6152	6110	6152	+95	3	30
11/02/00	Aug 01	6180	6180	6080	6080	-120	0	5

Composite Volume Open_Int

11/01/00 587 2361

Weekly Dairy Market Outlook

By Ken Bailey
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October 27, 2000
U.S. Economy Slows in Third Quarter

- GDP rose just 2.7 percent
- Blocks end the week at \$1.02/lb
- Barrels steady at \$1.00/lb
- November Class III futures below \$9/cwt

The government announced today that the U.S. economy slowed in the third quarter of this year (July - September). The Gross Domestic Product (GDP), an overall measure of the U.S. economy, fell from 5.6 percent growth in the second quarter (April 96 June) to 2.7 percent in the third quarter. Many were expecting a growth rate of 3.5 percent.

A general slowing of the economy is not good news for a dairy economy with surplus milk production. Demand for cheese and other dairy products is linked to growth in the general economy. However, higher interest rates would also slow down sales of dairy products. Consumers would have less money in their pockets for eating out if interest rates went up again. A general slowdown in the economy makes it less likely that the Federal Reserve will raise

interest rates again this year. So the GDP announcement is generally mixed news for the nation's dairy economy.

Market activity this week at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) has been slow. Both block and barrel cheese prices have remained below support levels. Block cheese prices remained at \$1.02 per pound, and barrel cheese held steady at \$1.00 per pound.

Only 316,800 pounds of process cheese entered the dairy price support program this week. In my discussions with industry officials, it is no easy task to move cheese into the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) via the dairy price support program. You have to have special packaging and you need a USDA inspector. It has been a long time since many cheese processors sold to the government. My guess is that we'll start seeing large quantities of cheese move into the CCC by November.

Last week's Cold Storage report may have contributed to a weak outlook for dairy commodity prices. USDA reported that butter stocks as of September 30, 2000 were at 84.8 million pounds, up 19 percent