

# GRAIN, CATTLE, HOG, & MILK BFP

## FUTURES MARKETS

Markets Courtesy of Chicago Board and Mercantile Exchange  
Closing Bids: Thursday, March 22, 2001

### Corn

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg	
01May	208 1/2	208 1/2	205	205	205 1/2	205 1/4	-50
01Jul	215 1/2	215 3/4	213	213	213 1/2	213 1/4	-50
01Sep	223 3/4	223 3/4	220 3/4	220 3/4	221	221	-50
01Nov	229 1/2	229 1/2	228 1/4	228 1/2		228 1/2	-50
01Dec	233 1/2	234	231	231	231 3/4	231 1/2	-46
02Mar	243	243	240 1/4	240 1/2	241	240 3/4	-50
02May	247 1/4	248 1/4	247	247 1/2		247 1/2	-50
02Jul	253	253 3/4	251 1/2	252		252	-50
02Dec	256	256	254 1/2	255		255	-40
03Dec				258 1/2 n		258 1/2	-34
Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg	

### Soybeans

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg	
01May	438 1/2	439 1/2	433 1/2	434	434 1/2	434 1/4	-90
01Jul	444	445	439 1/2	439 1/2	440	439 3/4	-96
01Aug	445 1/2	445 1/2	438 1/2	439	438 1/2	438 3/4	-96
01Sep	443	443	437	437		437	-90
01Nov	446	446	441 1/2	442 3/4	442	442 1/2	-80
02Jan	454	454	451	451 b	451 1/2 a	451 1/4	-76
02Mar	460 1/2	461	460 1/2	461		461	-80
02May				468 1/2 n		468 1/2	-84
02Jul	478	478	474 1/2	474 1/2		474 1/2	-84
02Nov	483	483	483	483		483	-64
Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg	

### Soybean Meal

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg	
01May	149.3	149.6	147.8	149.1	149.3	149.2	-17
01Jul	148.0	148.2	146.5	147.3	147.5	147.4	-25
01Aug	146.5	146.5	145.5	145.9 b	146.0 a	146.0	-23
01Sep	146.0	146.0	144.3	144.6 b	144.8 a	144.7	-24
01Oct	145.0	145.0	143.5	143.6 b	143.7 a	143.7	-26
01Dec	145.3	145.3	143.6	144.1	144.4	144.3	-24
02Jan	145.8	145.8	144.6	144.7		144.7	-20
02Mar	148.0	148.0	146.1	146.0 b	146.1 a	146.1	-15
02May	149.0	149.0	146.5	146.8	147.0	146.9	-12
02Jul	149.5	149.5	147.0	147.0 b	147.2 a	147.1	-20
Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg	

## Weekly Dairy Market Outlook

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March 16, 2001

### February Milk Production Down 0.9 Percent

- February production was adjusted for an extra day in 2000.
- Class III peaks at \$13 in September.
- Class IV peaks at \$14.10 in May

USDA released the February milk production report today. Adjusted for an extra day for leap year in 2000, February 2001 milk production for 20 select dairy states was 11.2 billion pounds, down 0.9 percent.

January revised milk production, at 12.1 billion pounds, was down 1.6 percent. Production per cow in February for 20 select states averaged 1,440 pounds, down 66 pounds from a year ago. And, cow numbers for these states in February was 7.77 million head, 10,000 head less than January 2001.

The market is feeling the pinch. Buyers, commodity trad-

ers, and speculators are all betting that the milk supply will be tight this year and commodity prices will be much higher. That sentiment is reflected in the dairy futures prices released today by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME).

The CME Milk Futures, or Class III futures prices, rose today to \$11.38 per CWT for March and peaking at \$13 per CWT in September. The futures market is expecting Class III prices to rise quickly through the spring to \$12.90 per CWT as early as July. There is expectation that cheese production will be rationed.

The CME Class IV futures had even more price strength. Class IV futures prices are expected to rise from \$13.40 per CWT in March 2001 to \$14.10 in May. Prices thereafter will fall to \$13.80 per CWT in June and rise to \$13.90 by the fall months.

Butter is the main driver of Class IV prices. The market is expecting butter to be tighter than cheese.

Cash prices for cheese and  
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## Lean Hogs

Daily Prices As of :- Thursday, 22 March

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Prev. Volume	Prev. Open_Int	
03/22/01	Apr 01	6375	6440	6337	6415	+23	4455	17953
03/22/01	Jun 01	6840	6950	6820	6947	+100	4612	15530
03/22/01	Jul 01	6405	6540	6395	6530	+113	913	3921
03/22/01	Aug 01	6055	6190	6040	6152	+97	411	3904
03/22/01	Oct 01	5355	5432	5340	5430	+70	324	3609
03/22/01	Dec 01	5130	5210	5130	5205	+65	176	2532
03/22/01	Feb 02	5310	5325	5295	5325	+28	32	222
03/22/01	Apr 02	0	5210	5210	5210	+20	15	67

Composite Volume Open\_Int  
03/21/01 10938 47738

## Live Cattle

Daily Prices As of :- Thursday, 22 March

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Prev. Volume	Prev. Open_Int	
03/22/01	Apr 01	7715	7835	7702	7812	+80	11829	44509
03/22/01	Jun 01	7215	7295	7210	7255	+25	4128	32818
03/22/01	Aug 01	7220	7240	7210	7235	+3	2035	24701
03/22/01	Oct 01	7415	7440	7405	7422	+5	1106	16417
03/22/01	Dec 01	7505	7525	7500	7515	unch	297	7014
03/22/01	Feb 02	7600	7615	7600	7615	+13	60	1434
03/22/01	Apr 02	7700	7730	7700	7730	+10	17	531

Composite Volume Open\_Int  
03/21/01 19472 127424

## Pork Bellies

Daily Prices As of :- Thursday, 22 March

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Prev. Volume	Prev. Open_Int	
03/22/01	Mar 01	8900	9010	8750	8995	+125	12	34
03/22/01	May 01	8920	9160	8800	9147	+210	595	2088
03/22/01	Jul 01	8987	9180	8845	9180	+193	111	517
03/22/01	Aug 01	8850	9030	8800	9030	+178	11	151
03/22/01	Feb 02	8075	8100	8050	8100	+10	7	19
03/22/01	Mar 02	0	8100	8100	8100	+50	0	2
03/22/01	Aug 02	7910	7920	7910	7920		0	0

## Oats

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
01May	105 3/4	105 3/4	103 1/2	103 3/4	103 3/4	-24
01Jul	109	109 1/4	107 1/4	108	108	-16
01Sep	112	112	110 1/2	111	111	-16
01Dec	118 1/2	118 1/2	117 1/2	117 3/4 b	117 3/4	-14
02Mar	124 1/4	124 1/4	124 1/4	124 1/4	124 1/4	-6
Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg

Table 1. Chicago Mercantile Exchange Prices, Weekly Averages

	16-Mar-01	9-Mar-01	2-Mar-01	23-Feb-01	16-Feb-01
Cheese					
500 lb barrels	1.2710	1.2685	1.2850	1.2600	1.2220
40-lb blocks	1.3120	1.2800	1.3180	1.2900	1.2190
Butter					
Grade AA	1.5183	1.5050	1.5008	1.4663	1.3533

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

Table 2. NASS Weekly US Average Survey Prices

	10-Mar-01	3-Mar-01	24-Feb-01	17-Feb-01	10-Feb-01
Cheese					
500 lb Barrels 1/	1.2671	1.2408	1.1958	1.1647	1.1207
40-lb blocks	1.2343	1.1968	1.1458	1.1064	1.0853
Butter	1.4832	1.4644	1.3416	1.3071	1.2972
Nonfat Dry Milk	1.0130	1.0131	1.0125	1.0127	1.0144
Dry whey	0.2460	0.2408	0.2476	0.2559	0.2645

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