

GRAIN, CATTLE, HOG, & MILK BFP FUTURES MARKETS

Markets Courtesy of Chicago Board and Mercantile Exchange
Closing Bids: Thursday, Aug. 2, 2001

Corn

217 1/2	218	213	213 1/4	213 3/4	213 1/2	-16
223 3/4	223 3/4	221	221		221	-20
229 1/4	230	224 1/4	224 3/4	225 1/4	225	-16
229 1/2	229 1/2	228 1/2	228 3/4		228 3/4	-16
239 1/4	240	234 3/4	235 1/4	235 1/2	235 1/2	-16
243	243	239 1/4	240	240 1/2	240 1/4	-14
247	247	243 3/4	244 1/2	244 3/4	244 3/4	-14
245 1/2	245 1/2	243	243 1/4		243 1/4	-14
250	250 1/2	247	247 3/4		247 3/4	-12
			263 a		263	-10
			261 a		261	-10

Soybeans

512 1/2	512 1/2	492	493 1/2	493	493 1/4	-156
510	512	492	494	495	494 1/2	-130
510	510 1/2	489	491	492 1/2	491 3/4	-144
513	514	494 1/2	496 1/2	497	496 3/4	-132
516	516	497 1/4	500	499	499 1/2	-120
511	512 1/2	494	498		498	-110
514	514	495	498		498	-114
498	498	498	498		498	-90
498	498	485	485		485	-80
498	498	498	498		498	-10

Soybean Meal

177.3	177.5	173.3	174.5	174.6	174.6	-16
171.7	172.0	167.1	168.5	168.8	168.7	-19
167.0	167.3	162.6	163.5 b	163.7 a	163.6	-25
166.3	167.0	161.5	163.0	162.7	162.9	-26
166.0	166.2	161.6	162.5	162.2	162.4	-27
163.9	163.9	159.0	161.0		161.0	-19
161.0	161.0	156.5	157.5	157.3	157.4	-26
160.5	160.5	156.5	157.0 b	157.3 a	157.2	-23
158.5	158.5	155.5	155.5		155.5	-25
157.0	157.0	153.5	152.5 b	153.5 a	153.5	-22
			152.5 b	153.5 a	153.0	-15
154.0	154.0	153.0	153.0 b	153.5 a	153.3	-22

Lean Hogs

Daily Prices As of :- Thursday, 2 August

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Prev. Volume	Prev. Open_Int	
08/02/01	Aug 01	7085	7120	7035	7065	-10	4948	11182
08/02/01	Oct 01	6055	6057	5905	5937	-95	4784	25903
08/02/01	Dec 01	5600	5605	5475	5500	-90	1467	10310
08/02/01	Feb 02	5695	5707	5590	5610	-95	177	3514
08/02/01	Apr 02	5740	5750	5660	5660	-87	71	906
08/02/01	May 02	6275	6287	6225	6225	-60	52	264
08/02/01	Jun 02	6505	6512	6445	6500	-42	8	204
08/02/01	Jul 02	6300	6305	6260	6297	-23	2	73
08/02/01	Aug 02	6000	6000	5985	5985	-57	0	22

Composite Volume Open_Int

08/01/01	11510	52378
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Live Cattle

Daily Prices As of :- Thursday, 2 August

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Prev. Volume	Prev. Open_Int	
08/02/01	Aug 01	7175	7187	7152	7165	+3	6456	20479
08/02/01	Oct 01	7370	7400	7352	7357	-15	5543	44279
08/02/01	Dec 01	7455	7485	7447	7455	-10	2686	22767
08/02/01	Feb 02	7642	7662	7625	7627	-5	1040	13717
08/02/01	Apr 02	7775	7805	7775	7792	+10	323	6080
08/02/01	Jun 02	7345	7375	7345	7347	unch	132	4480
08/02/01	Aug 02	0	7380	7380	7380	+3	1	10

Composite Volume Open_Int

08/01/01	16181	111812
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Pork Bellies

Daily Prices As of :- Thursday, 2 August

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Prev. Volume	Prev. Open_Int	
08/02/01	Aug 01	9740	9770	9560	9710	-22	440	203
08/02/01	Feb 02	7955	8000	7840	7940	-17	122	808
08/02/01	Mar 02	7850	7900	7800	7835	+55	0	40
08/02/01	May 02	0	8095	8095	8095	unch	0	13
08/02/01	Jul 02	0	8200	8200	8200	unch	0	1

Composite Volume Open_Int

08/01/01	562	2893
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Oats

138	138	127	129		129	-72
135 1/2	135 3/4	126	128 1/4	128 1/2	128 1/2	-54
136	136	129 1/2	132 b		132	-24
137 1/2	137 1/2	133	134 b		134	-30
			134 b		134	-30

Weekly Dairy Market Outlook

Ken Bailey
Penn State

July 27, 2001

Commercial Demand Mixed

- Butter use down.
- Cheese consumption weaker.
- The U.S. economy slows in the second quarter to 0.7 percent.

The USDA released consumption numbers today that suggest that demand for dairy products is slowing. During the months of January-April 2001, consumption of butter fell 5.7 percent and consumption of American and other cheese grew just 1.6 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively, on an annual basis.

Nonfat dry milk consumption grew an astonishing 39.2 percent during the months of January-April 2001. This was likely due to the fact that domestic prices for nonfat dry milk were closer to strong global powder prices. Fluid milk products grew just

0.1 percent from a year ago.

Butter consumption likely fell in response to higher retail prices. For example, The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that retail butter prices in major cities in April was \$3.01 per pound, up 30.8 percent from a year ago. Butter consumption is very sensitive to changes in retail prices. There are also reports that ice cream prices are higher because of the high cost of butterfat.

It is less clear what drove cheese consumption from levels of 2-7 percent growth last year to now lower growth rates. It was probably due to a combination of higher wholesale and retail cheese prices and a slowing U.S. economy. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the retail prices for natural cheese in major cities was \$3.97 per pound in June 2001, up 5.6 percent from a year ago. Wholesale cheese prices in June, however, rose 38.8 percent.

The U.S. Department of

Commerce reported yesterday that the U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of just 0.7 percent in the second quarter of this year. This growth rate, called the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), grew 1.3 percent in the first quarter. It represents a major slowdown in the U.S. economy relative to a year ago. The question is, what impact will this have on consumption of dairy products?

The dairy futures markets for Class III and IV at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange still looks very strong for the rest of the year. For example, the Class III price in December is up to \$13.25 per CWT. About three weeks ago, the December Class III futures was just over \$12.

Clearly the market is concerned that milk production will still be tight by year end. One caution, however — cow numbers and production per cow are rebounding. The next milk production report may provide greater guidance.

Jersey Shore Livestock Market, Inc.

Jersey Shore, Pa.
Report Supplied By Auction
Thursday, August 2, 2001
RETURN TO FARM CALF: 100.00-540.00.
GOOD VEAL: 70.00-99.00.
COMMON VEAL: 20.00-69.00.
CHOICE STEERS: 71.00-74.00.
SELECT STEERS: 68.00-70.00.
COMMON STEERS: 50.00-69.00.
COMMERCIAL COWS: 40.00-45.00.
CANNERS/CUTTERS: 37.00-44.00.
SHELLS: 30.00-38.00.
CHOICE HEIFERS: 70.00-73.50.
SELECT HEIFERS: 65.00-69.00.
COMMON HEIFERS: 62.00-64.00.
COMMON FEEDERS: 70.00-78.00.
BULLS: 53.00-58.50.

Average Farm Feed Costs for Handy Reference

To help farmers across the state to have handy reference of commodity input costs in their feeding operations for DHIA record sheets or to develop livestock feed cost data, here's last week's average costs of various ingredients as compiled from regional reports across the state of Pennsylvania.

Remember, these are averages, so you will need to adjust your figures up or down according to your location and the quality of your crop.

- Corn, No.2y — 2.27 bu., 4.06 cwt.
- Wheat, No.2 — 2.44 bu., 4.07 cwt.
- Barley, No.3 — 1.37 bu., 2.93 cwt.
- Oats, No.2 — 1.49 bu., 4.34 cwt.
- Soybeans, No.1 — 4.79 bu., 7.99 cwt.
- Ear Corn — 59.24 ton, 2.96 cwt.
- Alfalfa Hay — 115.25 ton, 5.76 cwt.
- Mixed Hay — 111.25 ton, 5.56 cwt.
- Timothy Hay — 96.25 ton, 4.81 cwt.

Greencastle Hay

Greencastle, Pa.
Report Supplied By Auction
August 2, 2001

TOTAL LOADS: 7.
ALFALFA: 55.00.
MIX HAY: 57.00-75.00. \$1.95/BALE.

