

GRAIN, CATTLE, HOG, & MILK BFP FUTURES MARKETS

Markets Courtesy of Chicago Board and Mercantile Exchange
Closing Bids: Thursday, February 28, 2002

Corn

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
02Mar	200	202 1/2	199	200 3/4	200 1/4	+6
02May	206	209 1/4	206	207 1/4	207 3/4	+4
02Jul	213	216 1/4	213	214 1/2	214 1/4	+4
02Sep	220	222 3/4	219 3/4	220 1/2	220 3/4	Unch
02Dec	229	231 1/2	228 1/2	230	229 1/2	+4
03Mar	236	239 1/2	236 3/4	237 3/4	238	+2
03May	241	243 3/4	241 1/4	243 1/4	243 1/4	+6
03Jul	245	247 1/2	245	247	247 1/2	+14
03Dec	244	247 1/2	244 1/2	247	247 1/2	+22
04Jul	255	258	255 1/2	256 1/2	256 1/2	+24
04Dec	252	253 1/2	252	253	253	+36

Soybeans

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
02Mar	443	443 1/2	434 1/2	436	435 1/2	-70
02May	448	448 3/4	438 1/2	440 1/2	440 1/4	-72
02Jul	452	453 1/2	443 1/2	445	445 1/2	-60
02Aug	453	453 1/2	444 1/2	445 1/2	445 1/4	-64
02Sep	453	454	446	446	446	-80
02Nov	458	459 1/4	448	450 1/2	451 1/2	-74
03Jan	465	465	458	458	458	-74
03Mar				463 n	463	-74
03May				468 n	468	-80
03Jul				468 n	468	-80
03Nov				470 n	470	-70

Soybean Meal

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
02Mar	154.4	155.5	151.9	153.1	153.0	-15
02May	153.5	154.0	150.1	151.2	151.0	-25
02Jul	153.6	153.9	150.0	151.3	151.2	-22
02Aug	153.3	153.5	150.0	150.2	150.4	-26
02Sep	152.5	152.7	149.2	149.5	149.2	-27
02Oct	151.5	151.7	148.5	149.0	148.5	-23
02Dec	152.5	152.5	149.1	149.7	149.5	-27
03Jan	152.5	152.5	149.8	150.3	150.3	-23
03Mar	150.5	150.5	150.5	150.5	150.5	-5
03May	152.0	152.0	148.0	148.0	148.0	-20
03Jul	152.0	152.0	147.5	147.5	147.5	-15
03Oct				153.0 b	155.0 a	Unch
03Dec				153.0 b	155.0 a	Unch

Weekly Dairy Market Outlook

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Cow Numbers Shifting Around

- USDA 2001 Milk Production Report.
- Some gain, others lose.
- California gained the most.
- Wisconsin lost the most.

USDA recently published their summary of milk production for 2001. The results of this report present a dramatic statement about structural change in the U.S. dairy industry.

Some states lost thousands of dairy cattle, whereas others gained thousands. In general, cow numbers fell 1 percent in 2001 from the previous year, by about 91,000 head. This reduction from one year to the next is

normal. However, it was the reduction in average annual production per cow (down 62 pounds) that was the real cause for the 1.3 percent drop in U.S. milk production.

The reduction in cow numbers was not equal across all 50 states. Again, some gained dairy cows and some lost. Also, some of the cows that left some states ended up being transported and milked to other states.

The top five states in terms of loss of dairy cows were as follows:

- Wisconsin, down 52,000 head
- Minnesota, down 24,000 head
- Texas, down 23,000 head
- Pennsylvania, down 18,000 head

• New York, down 14,000 head.

These five states combined represented a loss of 131,000 head of dairy cows. This loss, surprisingly, occurred during a year of near-record high milk prices.

One reason may have been that higher milk prices resulted in high prices for dairy replacements. Some farmers may have used the higher prices for replacements to pay off debt or retire from the dairy industry.

The top five states in terms of gains in dairy cows were as follows:

- California, up 64,000 head
- Idaho, up 19,000 head
- New Mexico, up 18,000 head
- Indiana, up 7,000 head
- Oregon, up 5,000 head.

It is interesting to note that California gained more cows in 2001 than were lost by Wisconsin. Also, the gain in California was almost equivalent to the entire loss from Minnesota, Texas, and Pennsylvania. The total gain for these five dairy states was equal to 113,000 head.

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 — 2.32 bu., 4.16 cwt.
- Wheat, No.2 — 2.66 bu., 4.44 cwt.
- Barley, No.3 — 1.73 bu., 3.70 cwt.
- Oats, No.2 — 1.70 bu., 5.30 cwt.
- Soybeans, No.1 — 4.07 bu., 6.79 cwt.
- Ear Corn — 64.94 ton, 3.25 cwt.
- Alfalfa Hay — 120.00 ton, 6.0 cwt.
- Mixed Hay — 117.50 ton, 5.88 cwt.
- Timothy Hay — 101.25 ton, 5.06 cwt.

Lean Hogs

Date	Open	High	Low	Last Chg	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
02/27/02	*CASH*	0.5191	0.5191	0.5191	-29	0
02/28/02	Apr 02	5975	6042	5952	6035	+63
02/28/02	May 02	6680	6700	6652	6697	+30
02/28/02	Jun 02	6675	6697	6640	6692	+27
02/28/02	Jul 02	6315	6320	6280	6317	+22
02/28/02	Aug 02	6065	6120	6055	6117	+37
02/28/02	Oct 02	5200	5225	5180	5222	+22
02/28/02	Dec 02	4950	4975	4950	4975	+35
02/28/02	Feb 03	5135	5135	5135	5135	+15

Composite Volume Open_Int
02/27/02 5496 29901

Live Cattle

Date	Open	High	Low	Last Chg	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
02/27/02	*CASH*	0.7000	0.7000	0.7000	-49	0
02/28/02	Feb 02	7120	7140	7025	7037	-48
02/28/02	Apr 02	7470	7482	7415	7420	-27
02/28/02	Jun 02	6995	7010	6955	6962	-25
02/28/02	Aug 02	6982	6992	6950	6955	-22
02/28/02	Oct 02	7185	7197	7150	7152	-23
02/28/02	Dec 02	7255	7255	7220	7220	-10
02/28/02	Feb 03	7330	7340	7330	7330	-5

Composite Volume Open_Int
02/27/02 17402 91294

Pork Bellies

Date	Open	High	Low	Last Chg	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
02/27/02	*CASH*	0.7100	0.7100	0.7100	+400	0
02/28/02	Mar 02	7997	8210	7997	8205	+193
02/28/02	May 02	8185	8390	8180	8375	+165
02/28/02	Jul 02	8265	8440	8265	8435	+170
02/28/02	Aug 02	8070	8200	8070	8200	+180
02/28/02	Feb 03	7260	7390	7260	7390	+240
02/28/02	Mar 03	7280	7280	7280	7280	+230

Composite Volume Open_Int
02/27/02 1084 3015

Oats

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
02Mar	230	230 1/2	223	225 1/2	226	225 3/4
02May	203	204	198 1/2	202	202	-20
02Jul	174	175 1/4	171	172 1/2	172 1/2	-24
02Sep	145	145 1/4	145	145	145	-6
02Dec	144	145 1/2	143 1/4	144	144	-10
03Mar				146 b	146	Unch

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