

East Fluid Milk And Cream Review

Madison, Wis.

May 15, 2002

Report Supplied by USDA

Spot prices of class II cream, dollars per lb. butterfat: F.O.B. producing plants: Northeast: 1.2667-1.3913 Delivered Equivalent: Atlanta: 1.2563-1.3809 mostly 1.2875-1.3083.

PRICES OF CONDENSED SKIM, dollars per lb. wet solids, F.O.B. producing plants: Northeast: Class II, includes monthly formula prices: .9200-1.0250; Class III - spot prices - .7500-9600.

SPOT SHIPMENTS OF GRADE A MILK: FLORIDA: This week - In 0, Out 80; last week - In 0, Out 82; last year - In 0, Out 186. SOUTHEAST STATES: This week - In 0, Out 0; last week - In 0, Out 0; last year - In 0, Out 0.

Regional Milk Market Administrators announced the following, April 2002 uniform prices: Northeast \$12.94, Mideast \$11.92, Southeast \$13.23, Florida \$14.93, and Western New York (a state order) \$12.46 at the base city or county in the orders. (For the Northeast, Mideast, and Western New York orders, statistical uniform prices are reported.)

Milk production in the East ranges from lower in the Deep South to slightly higher in the Northeast. The weather is more winter-like than spring-like in some of the far northern areas. Heavy rainfall and localized flooding has been reported in some areas of the Middle Atlantic and Mid-South. This did cause some power outages and transportation problems. Hot weather in Florida and other Gulf Coast

states has caused the milk flow to decline from peak levels and milk volumes are in better balance. However, most Southeastern schools will be recessing during the next two weeks and manufacturers who got a slight break this week, feel that they will be back to capacity operating schedules very soon. Currently, a few Southern operations are down to just weekend milk, but they are ready for more when it is available.

In the Northeast, bottled milk sales are still slow and surplus milk volumes remain moderate to heavy. The strike continues and surplus milk volumes are heavy in the Middle Atlantic area. The strike is causing milk to "back up" into more plants that are helping the milk supplying plant as best they can. Some of the "displaced" loads are moving at distressed prices.

Condensed skim sales are mixed, ranging from slow to fair. Class II prices are steady to lower as some suppliers are trying to move more wet solids than send them through dryers. Class III sales are steady at best and prices are unchanged, although more producers are trying to increase prices. Higher prices are meeting quite a bit of buyer resistance.

The fluid cream market is mostly steady, but suppliers report improved Class II demand this week. Despite the improved demand, heavy volumes continue to move to local and Midwestern butter manufacturers. Spot prices are often lower as the weekly CME butter average did move lower last week, despite the butter price moving higher since May 8. Multiples did creep a little higher this week as

demand picked up. Ice cream production is seasonal, but cooler than normal weather is having an impact on consumption, particularly soft serve. Cream cheese and sour cream output is fairly steady. Bottled cream and aerosol whipping cream production is improved as strawberries are coming in season. Churning activity is steady at heavy levels.

New Holland Dairy Sale

New Holland Sales Stables

Report Supplied by Auction

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

230 DAIRY COWS, 283 HEIFERS, 16 BULLS. MARKET LOWER.

LOCAL FRESH COWS

925.00-1400.00, FEW 1675.00-1725.00.

LOCAL SPRINGER 875.00-1550.00, 1

AT 1825.00.

BETTER FRESH COWS

1700.00-2050.00.

LARGE HEIFERS 1625.00-1875.00, 1

AT 1925.00.

SHORT BRED HEIFERS

850.00-1510.00.

OPEN BREEDING AGE HEIFERS

1285.00-1375.00.

BULLS: 250.00-660.00, PUREBREDS

785.00-900.00.

HERD ALL STAGES 450.00-1550.00.

UPSTATE LOADS FRESH

1100.00-1775.00.

2 CANADIAN LOADS FRESH

725.00-2050.00, SPRINGERS

1400.00-1575.00.

FRESH HEIFERS 700.00-1525.00.

REGISTERED HEIFERS

1200.00-2025.00.

SMALL HEIFERS 950.00-1575.00.

SMALL OPEN HEIFERS

575.00-1150.00.

Corn Belt Feedstuff

St. Joseph, Mo.

May 14, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

Feedstuffs prices were mixed this week, mostly steady. The Corn Belt received heavy rains over the weekend, causing major planting delays. Pastures are lush after receiving ample moisture, which is placing pressure on feed ingredients.

SOYBEAN MEAL: 48 percent rail mixed from .50 lower to .50 higher at 160.50-163.50. 48 percent truck .50 to 3.00 higher from 163.50-174.50 per ton.

CORN BY-PRODUCTS: Gluten Feed 21 percent, Interior Points, steady at 48.00-56.00; Chicago steady to 1.00 lower from 51.00-60.00. 60 percent Gluten Meal, Interior Points, steady at 205.00-225.00; Chicago steady at 205.00-220.00 per ton. Rail Hominy Feed, Central Illinois Points, steady to 3.00 higher from 53.00-64.00; truck steady to 3.00 higher from 55.00-63.00. Crude Corn Oil was steady from 16.50-17.50 cents per pound.

MIDLINGS: Northwest steady to 5.00 lower from 45.00-67.00; Buffalo not available.

ALFALFA PELLETS: Toledo, Ohio 17 percent dehydrated, steady at 149.00-183.00; meal steady at 152.00-186.00. 15 percent steady at 134.00-160.00 per ton; meal steady at 137.00-163.00.

DISTILLER'S DRIED GRAINS: Central Illinois steady from 69.00-75.00; Chicago steady to 2.00 higher from 73.00-84.00; Lawrenceburg, IL steady at 72.00. Kansas and Nebraska 5.00 lower from 95.00-100.00; Minneapolis 5.00 higher from 85.00-90.00.

BREWER'S DRIED GRAINS: Newark, NJ steady at 83.00; Williamsburg, VA steady at 73.00 per ton.

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Summary

Springfield, Ill.

May 10, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Report (includes lambs sold in IL., IN., OH., MI.) — Compared to last week slaughter lambs were mostly steady. Slaughter ewes were steady to firm. Demand for lambs was light after the Greek Easter holiday. Carcass lamb prices 45-75 lb were unevenly steady this week. Confirmed sales this week about 41% slaughter lambs, and 59% slaughter ewes, with an additional 819 head of goats Total sheep and lambs sales: 1150 last week: 2800; last year: 1800.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice old crop 2-3m Shorn 120-140 lb 60.00, Woolled: 110-140 lb 55.00; new crop 95-120 lb 62-65.00, few up to 72.00; 120-140 lb 60-62.00; few lambs 65-80 lb 75.00.

Slaughter Ewes: Utility to Good 22-29.00; Cull to Utility 20-25.00

Slaughter Goats (cwt.): Kids: Selection 2: 20-40 lb 95.00-104.00; 40-60 lb 90-93.00. Selection 3: 20-60 lb 60.00. Does/Nannies and Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lb 50-54.00.

This report covers sheep and lambs sold direct off the farm through local country stations. Note: receipts do not cover total movement in the area.

Dairy Products Prices Highlights

Washington, D. C.

May 10, 2002

Report Supplied By NASS/USDA

DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES HIGHLIGHTS: CHEDDAR CHEESE prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.23 per pound for the week ending May 4. The price per pound increased 0.3 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.23 per pound, up 0.6 cents from the previous week.

BUTTER prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.11 per pound for the week ending May 4. The U.S. price per pound decreased 2.0 cents from the previous week.

NONFAT DRY MILK prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged 89.3 cents per pound for the week ending May 4. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.3 cents from the previous week.

DRY WHEY prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 18.1 cents per pound for the week ending May 4. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.6 cents from the previous week.

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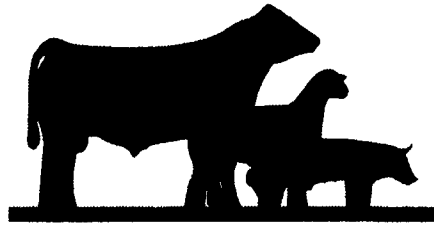


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Livestock Evaluation Center



Livestock Stakeholders

One of my goals when I became Secretary of Agriculture was to build a new Livestock Evaluation Center. And, I wanted the new PDA facility to be a leader in the nation. Good News! It is time for the Groundbreaking Ceremony!

Very Important. Due to the rainy weather we have been having, and due to the site work that is being contemplated, there will not be general parking at the Groundbreaking Ceremony. Persons wanting to attend the PDA ceremony on Friday, May 24, 2002 should park and meet at the Special Events Building at the Ag Progress Days Site. Please be at the Special Events Building no later than 10:30 AM next Friday (May 24). Group transportation will take you to the PDA Groundbreaking Ceremony. There will be return transportation. It is very important to follow this plan. There will not be general parking on the PDA construction site or along Route 45. Thank you for your helpful cooperation.

While the PA Department of Agriculture operates the Livestock Evaluation Center and its programs, we appreciate the professional association and friendship we share with Penn State and the livestock organizations. In addition to the test performances PDA conducts as a service to the livestock industry, the new Livestock Evaluation Center offers the opportunity for other research, student instruction, industry outreach, and professional collaboration. The new Livestock Evaluation Center will greatly enhance our opportunity to work together in pursuit of livestock excellence.

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Secretary of Agriculture

PS. I appreciate the support the PA Department of Agriculture has received from the Governor, State Lawmakers, and the Department of General Services.

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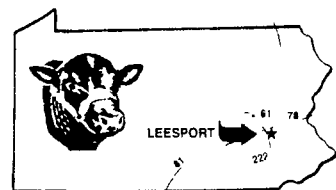
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