

GRAIN, CATTLE, HOG, & MILK BFP FUTURES MARKETS

Markets Courtesy of Chicago Board and Mercantile Exchange
Closing Bids: Thursday, May 30, 2002

Corn

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
05/29/02 *CASH*		2144	2144	2144	+50
05/30/02 JUL 02	2114	2130	2092	2124	+10
05/30/02 SEP 02	2180	2196	2162	2192	+12
05/30/02 DEC 02	2282	2296	2260	2294	+14
05/30/02 MAR 03	2356	2372	2336	2370	+12
05/30/02 MAY 03	2390	2404	2374	2402	+12
05/30/02 JUL 03	2414	2434	2402	2434	+10
05/30/02 SEP 03	2380	2384	2374	2376	+2
05/30/02 DEC 03	2406	2420	2394	2416	+4
05/30/02 MAR 04	2462	2482	2460	2482	+6
05/30/02 JUL 04	2526	2526	2514	2514	unch
05/30/02 DEC 04	2420	2434	2420	2430	+6

Total	Volume	Open_Int
05/29/02	72344	423103

Soybeans

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
05/29/02 *CASH*		4910	4910	4910	-15
05/30/02 JUL 02	4960	5032	4942	5012	+50
05/30/02 AUG 02	4900	4970	4892	4952	+42
05/30/02 SEP 02	4796	4870	4790	4852	+54
05/30/02 NOV 02	4724	4800	4720	4792	+62
05/30/02 JAN 03	4764	4834	4764	4822	+62
05/30/02 MAR 03	4810	4840	4794	4836	+62
05/30/02 MAY 03	4780	4840	4780	4840	+60
05/30/02 JUL 03	4840	4860	4840	4852	+64
05/30/02 SEP 03	4790	4790	4790	4790	+60
05/30/02 NOV 03	4790	4830	4784	4830	+66

Total	Volume	Open_Int
05/29/02	59525	168894

Soybean Meal

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
05/29/02 *CASH*		16700	16700	16700	+150
05/30/02 JUL 02	1648	1680	1645	1671	+18
05/30/02 AUG 02	1615	1647	1611	1636	+18
05/30/02 SEP 02	1583	1613	1580	1605	+20
05/30/02 OCT 02	1550	1579	1550	1569	+19
05/30/02 DEC 02	1533	1560	1530	1553	+22
05/30/02 JAN 03	1528	1550	1524	1546	+21
05/30/02 MAR 03	1513	1533	1512	1531	+23
05/30/02 MAY 03	1490	1510	1490	1499	+17
05/30/02 JUL 03	1500	1510	1495	1497	+15
05/30/02 AUG 03	1510	1510	1495	1495	+9
05/30/02 SEP 03	1510	1510	1495	1495	+9
05/30/02 OCT 03	1505	1505	1490	1490	+5
05/30/02 DEC 03	1500	1500	1495	1500	+14

Total	Volume	Open_Int
05/29/02	31065	137672

Lean Hogs

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
05/29/02 *CASH*	0	4877	4877	4877	-53	0	0
05/30/02 Jun 02	4620	4707	4572	4615	-27	4924	8756
05/30/02 Jul 02	4695	4815	4640	4667	-38	4055	11431
05/30/02 Aug 02	4595	4717	4565	4592	-5	2353	5170
05/30/02 Oct 02	3845	3960	3810	3932	+87	197	3145
05/30/02 Dec 02	3705	3792	3675	3717	+30	378	3430
05/30/02 Feb 03	3985	4080	3980	4022	+42	4	490
05/30/02 Apr 03	4100	4150	4100	4120	+50	3	9
05/30/02 May 03	4500	4500	4500	4500	+60	0	1
05/30/02 Jun 03	5120	5150	5117	5117	+17	1	3

Composite Volume	Open_Int
05/29/02	11915 32435

Live Cattle

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
05/29/02 *CASH*	0	6400	6400	6400	unch	0	0
05/30/02 Jun 02	6210	6210	6077	6077	-150	5160	24060
05/30/02 Aug 02	6197	6205	6080	6080	-150	4165	31101
05/30/02 Oct 02	6502	6502	6390	6395	-125	1712	26645
05/30/02 Dec 02	6652	6657	6570	6577	-95	1332	11364
05/30/02 Feb 03	6740	6740	6650	6662	-83	241	3248
05/30/02 Apr 03	6860	6875	6800	6820	-82	25	1521
05/30/02 Jun 03	6610	6610	6610	6610	+30	0	0

Composite Volume	Open_Int
05/29/02	12636 97940

Pork Bellies

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
05/29/02 *CASH*	0	5250	5250	5250	unch	0	0
05/30/02 Jul 02	5620	5730	5505	5622	+25	641	2368
05/30/02 Aug 02	5565	5677	5475	5580	+25	89	682
05/30/02 Feb 03	5950	6000	5950	6000	+40	2	74
05/30/02 Mar 03	5970	5970	5970	5970	unch	0	2
05/30/02 May 03	6005	6005	6005	6005	+75	0	1

Composite Volume	Open_Int
05/29/02	732 3127

Oats

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
05/29/02 *CASH*		2324	2324	2324	+84
05/30/02 JUL 02	1730	1850	1724	1846	+62
05/30/02 SEP 02	1364	1450	1364	1446	+66
05/30/02 DEC 02	1352	1374	1350	1372	+14
05/30/02 MAR 03	1400	1400	1400	1400	+14
05/30/02 MAY 03	1400	1400	1400	1400	unch

Total	Volume	Open_Int
05/29/02	2215	9288

Weekly Dairy Market Outlook

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Dairy Markets Weakening

- April milk up 2.9 percent.
- Dairy commodity inventory growing.
- Cool spring dampening ice cream demand.
- Fall futures prices down \$1 per CWT.

Unlike last spring, there's plenty of milk to go around. In fact, there are enough milk trucks running down the interstate that butter prices are hitting new spring lows.

The market is experiencing a classic spring flush. The bigger questions are, will the milk supply begin to slow down with the summer heat, and will consumer demand be strong enough to push up fall milk prices?

Let's begin with the April milk production report.

April milk production for 20 select states last year fell 2 percent relative to the year before. The spring flush last year just did not materialize. Thus, an increase of 2.9 percent this April represents only a slight recovery relative to production in 2000.

The number that caught my eye was the growth in cow numbers. The number of milking cows on farms rose 8,000 head from March to April of this year. That is not a lot of cows and may just reflect a boost in spring calving. The concern, however, is that this trend will continue through the summer. That would mean farmers are expanding despite paying relatively high prices for dairy replacements.

Dairy commodity inventories

are also on the rise. There is 1.05 billion pounds of nonfat dry milk in government warehouses. That is up 83 percent relative to a year ago. Anyway you look at it, we've got a powder problem. Clearly USDA will be forced to lower the support price of nonfat dry milk from current levels. There is so much product in government warehouses that USDA is offering to sell nonfat dry milk for manufacture into casein or caseinates. And the global market has made export opportunities nonexistent. The world price of non-

fat dry milk continues to remain depressed at \$0.57 per pound. That compares to our domestic price of \$0.89-\$0.90 per pound in Western markets.

Butter inventories at the end of April were up 76 percent relative to a year ago. There is a lot of cream out there and it's not finding its way into ice cream production yet. A cool spring is holding back consumer demand. Excess cream and no place to use it has sent butter prices plunging.

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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 — 2.35 bu., 4.20 cwt.
- Wheat, No.2 — 2.56 bu., 4.28 cwt.
- Barley, No.3 — 1.78 bu., 3.82 cwt.
- Oats, No.2 — 1.93 bu., 6.03 cwt.
- Soybeans, No.1 — 4.41 bu., 7.36 cwt.
- Ear Corn — 66.85 ton, 3.34 cwt.
- Alfalfa Hay — 130.50 ton, 6.53 cwt.
- Mixed Hay — 129.25 ton, 6.46 cwt.
- Timothy Hay — 116.75 ton, 5.84 cwt.

Agricultural Technology News
Lancaster Farming has introduced a new department of interest to farmers, **AgriTech: Emerging Technologies in Agribusiness**. The business news-related department focuses on technologies emerging with agri-industry, including new products and systems for production agriculture. See pages B34, C3.