

GRAIN, CATTLE, HOG, & MILK BFP

FUTURES MARKETS

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Closing Bids: Thursday, August 29, 2002

Corn

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
08/28/02 *CASH*		2644	2644	2644	-16
08/29/02 SEP 02	2580	2584	2560	2564	-30
08/29/02 DEC 02	2680	2690	2662	2666	-34
08/29/02 MAR 03	2750	2750	2722	2730	-32
08/29/02 MAY 03	2774	2774	2750	2756	-30
08/29/02 JUL 03	2770	2772	2742	2746	-36
08/29/02 SEP 03	2622	2622	2600	2600	-24
08/29/02 DEC 03	2520	2520	2492	2496	-20
08/29/02 MAR 04	2554	2554	2552	2552	-20
08/29/02 JUL 04	2576	2580	2576	2580	-14
08/29/02 DEC 04	2390	2390	2370	2374	-14

Total	Volume	Open_Int
08/28/02	97418	491172

Soybeans

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
08/28/02 *CASH*		5600	5600	5600	-30
08/29/02 SEP 02	5604	5614	5552	5552	-42
08/29/02 NOV 02	5434	5454	5382	5390	-36
08/29/02 JAN 03	5454	5464	5392	5396	-46
08/29/02 MAR 03	5454	5454	5390	5392	-50
08/29/02 MAY 03	5450	5450	5370	5380	-52
08/29/02 JUL 03	5440	5440	5364	5366	-52
08/29/02 AUG 03	5380	5380	5320	5320	-80
08/29/02 SEP 03	5250	5250	5240	5240	-30
08/29/02 NOV 03	5170	5170	5120	5124	-34
08/29/02 JAN 04	5170	5170	5170	5170	-30
08/29/02 NOV 04	5070	5070	5070	5070	-4

Total	Volume	Open_Int
08/28/02	46351	193085

Soybean Meal

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
08/28/02 *CASH*		18600	18600	18600	+250
08/29/02 SEP 02	1810	1817	1792	1802	-2
08/29/02 OCT 02	1730	1738	1716	1717	-8
08/29/02 DEC 02	1707	1713	1690	1692	-11
08/29/02 JAN 03	1702	1705	1683	1688	-10
08/29/02 MAR 03	1677	1685	1667	1670	-11
08/29/02 MAY 03	1657	1660	1645	1646	-15
08/29/02 JUL 03	1654	1655	1643	1644	-14
08/29/02 AUG 03	1635	1645	1625	1625	-16
08/29/02 SEP 03	1621	1628	1615	1615	-13
08/29/02 OCT 03	1598	1598	1585	1585	-13
08/29/02 DEC 03	1595	1595	1580	1580	-20

Total	Volume	Open_Int
08/28/02	36337	139038

Lean Hogs

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
08/28/02 *CASH*	0	4067	4067	4067	-101	0	0
08/29/02 Oct 02	3015	3085	2977	3065	+43	3411	17988
08/29/02 Dec 02	3315	3445	3315	3432	+95	2892	12171
08/29/02 Feb 03	4120	4225	4120	4217	+72	638	3099
08/29/02 Apr 03	4780	4825	4765	4815	+33	268	934
08/29/02 May 03	5710	5720	5690	5720	+10	66	264
08/29/02 Jun 03	5900	5915	5875	5910	+20	35	306
08/29/02 Jul 03	5840	5880	5840	5875	+15	38	148
08/29/02 Aug 03	5550	5555	5550	5555	+15	5	45
08/29/02 Oct 03	5115	5115	5115	5115	+15	0	6

Composite Volume Open_Int

08/28/02	7353	34961
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Live Cattle

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
08/28/02 *CASH*	0	6100	6100	6100	unch	0	0
08/29/02 Aug 02	6490	6522	6487	6517	+17	650	756
08/29/02 Oct 02	6727	6740	6707	6710	-27	5559	41067
08/29/02 Dec 02	6995	7015	6980	6985	-20	2475	25763
08/29/02 Feb 03	7155	7160	7130	7145	-25	610	15799
08/29/02 Apr 03	7235	7240	7205	7232	-13	437	7569
08/29/02 Jun 03	6722	6760	6722	6757	-8	287	3052
08/29/02 Aug 03	6770	6780	6770	6780	+10	5	103

Composite Volume Open_Int

08/28/02	10023	94110
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Pork Bellies

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
08/28/02 *CASH*	0	7200	7200	7200	unch	0	0
08/29/02 Feb 03	6030	6200	6030	6182	+152	316	957
08/29/02 Mar 03	6095	6115	6090	6095	+100	0	31
08/29/02 May 03	6220	6325	6220	6325	+195	1	2
08/29/02 Jul 03	6265	6300	6265	6300	+70	3	14
08/29/02 Aug 03	6135	6135	6135	6135	+25	0	3

Composite Volume Open_Int

08/28/02	320	1007
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Oats

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
08/28/02 *CASH*		2070	2070	2070	+10
08/29/02 SEP 02	1862	1876	1802	1810	-54
08/29/02 DEC 02	1914	1920	1846	1860	-44
08/29/02 MAR 03	1854	1866	1810	1814	-30
08/29/02 MAY 03	1800	1800	1790	1790	-12
08/29/02 JUL 03	1760	1760	1760	1760	unch

Total	Volume	Open_Int
08/28/02	1624	9957

Weekly Dairy Market Outlook

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MILC.htm.

• Step 2. Fill out the form. This requires the producer to make two decisions:

For the current federal fiscal year 2002 (October 2001-September 2002), the producer must elect to either receive or not receive the transition payment. If you elect not to receive the transition payment, elect a start month for FY-2002. Elect a start month for FY-2003 if you do not want to receive payments starting in October.

Most producers in Pennsylvania, those with less than 700 cows, will likely elect to receive the transition payment (see below).

• Step 3. Review and/or sign form AD-1026, Highly Erodible Land and Conservation (HELIC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification.

If you go down to the FSA office and fill out form CCC-580 during August and elect to receive your transition payment, your start month will be August. That means you will begin to receive monthly payments from USDA beginning in October. As it turns out, this is the earliest date that USDA's FSA offices will be able to get the money in your hands. They must still receive all the necessary regulations and computer software. Again, the payments will be made only on eligible production and only in a month when the MILC payment is available (the Boston Class I price is below \$16.64 per CWT).

The start month also sets the period of time for the transition payment. If your start month is officially September 2002, you may elect to receive a transition payment for the months of De-

ember 2001 through August 2002. The transition payment will equal the MILC payment rate times eligible production.

As stated earlier, most Pennsylvania dairy producers will likely elect to receive the transition payment. To see why, let's provide an example.

Suppose you have 60 cows and ship 100,000 pounds of milk per month. You sign up for MILC payments in August. Your start date is for the month of September.

The known payment rates are as follows:

Year	Month	MILC Payment Rates
2001	December	\$0.77
2002	January	\$0.78
2002	February	\$0.78
2002	March	\$0.93
2002	April	\$1.00
2002	May	\$1.09
2002	June	\$1.20
2002	July	\$1.38
2002	August	\$1.44
2002	September	\$1.45
10 Month Avg.	---	\$1.08

That means our producer will be eligible for a total payment of \$9,370 for the months of December 2001 through August 2002.

That said, our producer has the option to NOT receive the transition payment. This option only makes sense, however, if you are a large producer with 700 cows or more.

For example, suppose you market 1.2 million pounds of milk each month from 720 cows.

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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 — 2.95 bu., 5.28 cwt.
Wheat, No.2 — 3.23 bu., 5.40 cwt.
Barley, No.3 — 1.71 bu., 3.66 cwt.
Oats, No.2 — 1.73 bu., 5.40 cwt.
Soybeans, No.1 — 5.63 bu., 9.41 cwt.
Ear Corn — 77.67 ton, 3.88 cwt.
Alfalfa Hay — 129.25 ton, 6.46 cwt.
Mixed Hay — 122.50 ton, 6.13 cwt.
Timothy Hay — 125.00 ton, 6.25 cwt.