

GRAIN, CATTLE, HOG, & MILK BFP FUTURES MARKETS

Markets Courtesy of Chicago Board and Mercantile Exchange
Closing Bids: Thursday, October 10, 2002

Corn

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
10/10/02 *CASH*		2574	2574	2574	-44
10/10/02 DEC 02	2550	2556	2512	2514	-44
10/10/02 MAR 03	2616	2624	2580	2582	-42
10/10/02 MAY 03	2660	2664	2622	2624	-42
10/10/02 JUL 03	2670	2676	2634	2636	-42
10/10/02 SEP 03	2564	2564	2530	2530	-40
10/10/02 DEC 03	2464	2464	2430	2432	-36
10/10/02 MAR 04	2520	2520	2490	2494	-34
10/10/02 MAY 04	2500	2500	2500	2500	-30
10/10/02 JUL 04	2510	2514	2504	2504	-24
10/10/02 DEC 04	2350	2350	2334	2334	-2

Total	Volume	Open_Int
10/09/02	49402	487919

Soybeans

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
10/10/02 *CASH*		5025	5025	5025	+15
10/10/02 NOV 02	5240	5290	5230	5246	+12
10/10/02 JAN 03	5284	5336	5284	5296	+6
10/10/02 MAR 03	5316	5364	5316	5322	+4
10/10/02 MAY 03	5320	5364	5320	5326	-2
10/10/02 JUL 03	5334	5370	5324	5324	+4
10/10/02 AUG 03	5300	5320	5280	5282	+12
10/10/02 SEP 03	5150	5150	5150	5150	-4
10/10/02 NOV 03	5024	5030	4980	4982	-24
10/10/02 JAN 04	5024	5024	5024	5024	-24
10/10/02 NOV 04	4900	4900	4860	4860	-60

Total	Volume	Open_Int
10/09/02	69070	202391

Soybean Meal

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
10/10/02 *CASH*		16350	16350	16350	-200
10/10/02 OCT 02	1620	1630	1619	1623	+5
10/10/02 DEC 02	1650	1670	1650	1657	+9
10/10/02 JAN 03	1665	1682	1663	1668	+5
10/10/02 MAR 03	1676	1694	1673	1680	+7
10/10/02 MAY 03	1668	1690	1667	1674	+7
10/10/02 JUL 03	1672	1690	1672	1676	+6
10/10/02 AUG 03	1661	1674	1661	1662	+7
10/10/02 SEP 03	1638	1650	1638	1638	+6
10/10/02 OCT 03	1585	1600	1575	1575	unch
10/10/02 DEC 03	1590	1595	1573	1574	-6
10/10/02 JAN 04	1590	1590	1576	1576	-4
10/10/02 DEC 04	1600	1600	1600	1600	unch

Total	Volume	Open_Int
10/09/02	32122	129912

Lean Hogs

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
10/09/02 *CASH*	0	4459	4459	4459	+17	0	0
10/10/02 Oct 02	4480	4545	4475	4500	+73	1522	2784
10/10/02 Dec 02	4100	4145	4007	4095	+45	4865	23150
10/10/02 Feb 03	4670	4700	4590	4657	+2	736	4983
10/10/02 Apr 03	5120	5142	5052	5095	unch	150	1358
10/10/02 May 03	5800	5835	5800	5812	+12	10	721
10/10/02 Jun 03	6100	6120	6075	6085	-7	77	1200
10/10/02 Jul 03	5900	5930	5875	5887	-25	12	291
10/10/02 Aug 03	5657	5670	5657	5657	-5	7	183
10/10/02 Oct 03	5182	5182	5182	5182	+2	0	24

Composite Volume	Open_Int
10/09/02	7379 34694

Live Cattle

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
10/09/02 *CASH*	0	6300	6300	6300	unch	0	0
10/10/02 Oct 02	6732	6825	6732	6812	+102	3800	10126
10/10/02 Dec 02	7055	7130	7050	7120	+58	7592	52215
10/10/02 Feb 03	7207	7265	7205	7257	+50	1952	24323
10/10/02 Apr 03	7232	7290	7232	7287	+55	1392	13578
10/10/02 Jun 03	6780	6830	6780	6825	+45	872	8484
10/10/02 Aug 03	6790	6850	6790	6850	+60	151	887
10/10/02 Oct 03	6885	6915	6885	6915	+30	2	60

Composite Volume	Open_Int
10/09/02	15761 109673

Pork Bellies

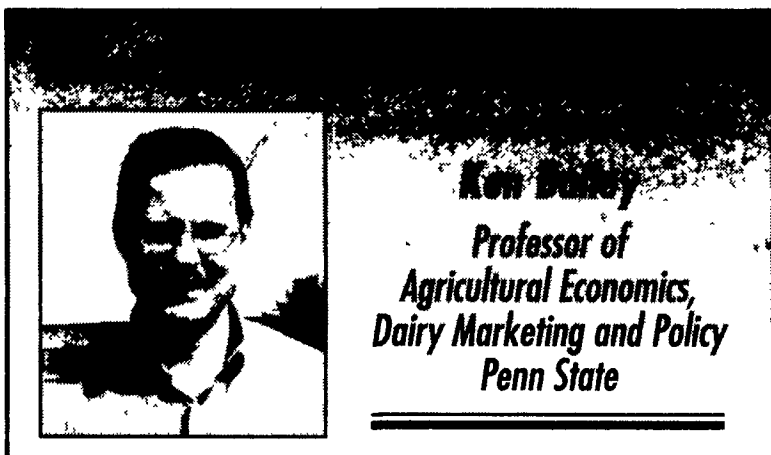
Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
10/09/02 *CASH*	0	8100	8100	8100	unch	0	0
10/10/02 Feb 03	7645	7675	7440	7555	-77	359	1113
10/10/02 Mar 03	7595	7595	7400	7490	-90	9	46
10/10/02 May 03	7630	7650	7620	7650	-100	6	16
10/10/02 Jul 03	7600	7640	7525	7525	unch	0	12
10/10/02 Aug 03	7400	7400	7400	7400	unch	0	5

Composite Volume	Open_Int
10/09/02	374 1192

Oats

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
10/10/02 *CASH*		2246	2246	2246	-26
10/10/02 DEC 02	2124	2140	2100	2102	-26
10/10/02 MAR 03	2054	2066	2044	2044	-16
10/10/02 MAY 03	2004	2004	1976	1976	-20
10/10/02 JUL 03	1860	1860	1850	1850	-30
10/10/02 SEP 03	1680	1680	1680	1680	-50
10/10/02 DEC 03	1560	1560	1560	1560	-50
10/10/02 MAR 04	1610	1610	1610	1610	unch

Total	Volume	Open_Int
10/09/02	650	10301



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SEPTEMBER CLASS III IS NEW FALL LOW
• USDA announces a \$9.92 Class III.
• Cheese prices still strong.
• August cheese and butter production strong.
What a strange week regarding market signals. One report showed high cheese prices in Chicago, but others pointed to con-

tinued weakness. Everyone at World Dairy Expo in Madison was discussing the current low milk prices. The question everyone had was: when will they get higher? It appears the market is rebounding, but only marginally. The overwhelming data at this point is that cheese and butter production are strong, demand lackluster, and market prices weak. USDA's dairy products re-

port indicated that for the month of August, butter production was up 17.2 percent, American cheese was up 8.2 percent, and mozzarella cheese production was up 0.7 percent. Excess milk is moving away from mozzarella vats and into American-style cheeses. USDA announced last week that the September Class III price in all federal orders is \$9.92 per CWT (the Class IV is \$10.22). The Chicago futures last Friday indicated that Class III prices will rise to \$10.67 per CWT in October, but then decline to \$10.45 by December. What's going on? Well, the answer is not good. The folks I spoke with at World Dairy Expo are convinced that the recent rise in cheese prices will not be sustained. There were lots of rumors why cheese prices spiked in recent weeks, none of them suggesting that this had anything to do with market fundamentals. The pessimistic outlook for cheese would explain

why the futures market expects Class III prices to fall back to lower levels in November and December. That said, most observers point out that cheddar production in the Upper Midwest is pretty tight at the moment, and that we are in the fall period when prices are normally bid up. We'll just have to wait and see. The market will be looking very carefully for the upcoming milk production report (to be released Oct. 17). That will possibly show production responding to low milk prices. If there is a response, look for Chicago cheese prices and hence Class III prices to be bid up. Also, two important crop reports will be released this week. You will recall that grain futures prices have moderated in recent weeks, making the cost of those weekly grain deliveries more reasonable. Producers considering locking

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 — 3.06 bu., 5.47 cwt.
Wheat, No.2 — 3.78 bu., 6.30 cwt.
Barley, No.3 — 1.90 bu., 4.06 cwt.
Oats, No.2 — 1.86 bu., 5.81 cwt.
Soybeans, No.1 — 5.53 bu., 9.24 cwt.
Ear Corn — 76.56 ton, 3.84 cwt.
Alfalfa Hay — 136.25 ton, 6.81 cwt.
Mixed Hay — 125.00 ton, 6.25 cwt.
Timothy Hay — 135.50 ton, 6.78 cwt.