

# GRAIN, CATTLE, HOG, & MILK BFP FUTURES MARKETS

Markets Courtesy of Chicago Board and Mercantile Exchange  
Closing Bids: Thursday, October 24, 2002

## Corn

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
10/23/02 *CASH*		2602	2602	2602	-50
10/24/02 DEC 02	2496	2516	2476	2502	unch
10/24/02 MAR 03	2544	2566	2530	2546	-2
10/24/02 MAY 03	2570	2590	2556	2572	-2
10/24/02 JUL 03	2572	2596	2570	2584	+2
10/24/02 SEP 03	2492	2502	2484	2490	unch
10/24/02 DEC 03	2426	2440	2422	2426	+2
10/24/02 MAR 04	2494	2494	2484	2484	unch
10/24/02 MAY 04	2500	2504	2494	2494	+4
10/24/02 JUL 04	2500	2504	2494	2494	+4
10/24/02 DEC 04	2340	2344	2340	2342	+10

Total	Volume	Open_Int
10/23/02	65950	485444

## Soybeans

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
10/23/02 *CASH*		5365	5365	5365	+80
10/24/02 NOV 02	5564	5594	5492	5574	+30
10/24/02 JAN 03	5580	5604	5504	5586	+40
10/24/02 MAR 03	5574	5594	5504	5580	+36
10/24/02 MAY 03	5544	5560	5484	5550	+32
10/24/02 JUL 03	5530	5550	5464	5536	+32
10/24/02 AUG 03	5460	5460	5400	5454	+30
10/24/02 SEP 03	5250	5250	5250	5250	+30
10/24/02 NOV 03	5080	5090	5034	5084	+32
10/24/02 JAN 04	5100	5100	5100	5100	+14
10/24/02 JUL 04	90	90	90	90	
10/24/02 NOV 04	4944	4944	4944	4944	+14

Total	Volume	Open_Int
10/23/02	71945	219234

## Soybean Meal

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
10/23/02 *CASH*		17000	17000	17000	+100
10/24/02 DEC 02	1719	1720	1687	1708	-1
10/24/02 JAN 03	1720	1723	1693	1714	+4
10/24/02 MAR 03	1720	1724	1692	1718	+7
10/24/02 MAY 03	1710	1710	1677	1703	+2
10/24/02 JUL 03	1703	1703	1669	1697	+4
10/24/02 AUG 03	1678	1680	1655	1680	+9
10/24/02 SEP 03	1648	1648	1625	1640	+4
10/24/02 OCT 03	1577	1590	1577	1585	+11
10/24/02 DEC 03	1578	1585	1570	1582	+12
10/24/02 JAN 04	1570	1575	1570	1575	+4
10/24/02 DEC 04	1600	1600	1600	1600	unch

Total	Volume	Open_Int
10/23/02	26861	131098

## Lean Hogs

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
10/23/02 *CASH*	0	4189	4189	4189	-170	0	0
10/24/02 Dec 02	4160	4180	4010	4027	-168	6579	25200
10/24/02 Feb 03	4790	4800	4677	4685	-130	2151	5973
10/24/02 Apr 03	5155	5165	5100	5105	-85	278	1589
10/24/02 May 03	5775	5805	5757	5757	-48	63	776
10/24/02 Jun 03	6070	6070	6050	6050	-45	71	1317
10/24/02 Jul 03	5860	5860	5850	5850	-32	30	326
10/24/02 Aug 03	5625	5625	5615	5622	-3	30	211
10/24/02 Oct 03	5172	5172	5172	5172	-3	0	34
10/24/02 Dec 03	5002	5005	5002	5002	unch	1	3

## Composite Volume Open\_Int

10/23/02	9203	35430
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## Live Cattle

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
10/23/02 *CASH*	0	6600	6600	6600	-7	0	0
10/24/02 Oct 02	6890	6900	6835	6877	-45	1267	2574
10/24/02 Dec 02	7250	7255	7192	7240	-10	4673	54296
10/24/02 Feb 03	7455	7465	7420	7452	-15	2347	25885
10/24/02 Apr 03	7455	7457	7420	7447	-20	992	17421
10/24/02 Jun 03	6942	6975	6940	6970	-7	821	10293
10/24/02 Aug 03	6880	6935	6875	6930	-10	76	1150
10/24/02 Oct 03	6980	6995	6980	6985	-40	1	181

## Composite Volume Open\_Int

10/23/02	10177	111801
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## Pork Bellies

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
10/23/02 *CASH*	0	7300	7300	7300	+400	0	0
10/24/02 Feb 03	7635	7775	7630	7687	+37	187	1273
10/24/02 Mar 03	7655	7660	7625	7637	+77	4	75
10/24/02 May 03	7650	7750	7650	7715	+75	3	21
10/24/02 Jul 03	7650	7650	7650	7650	+50	2	16
10/24/02 Aug 03	7450	7450	7400	7400	+80	0	8

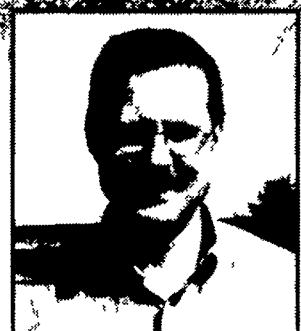
## Composite Volume Open\_Int

10/23/02	196	1393
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## Oats

	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge
10/23/02 *CASH*		2056	2056	2056	+24
10/24/02 DEC 02	1906	1914	1872	1912	+4
10/24/02 MAR 03	1902	1910	1872	1904	+4
10/24/02 MAY 03	1882	1882	1860	1872	-6
10/24/02 JUL 03	1750	1750	1750	1750	unch
10/24/02 SEP 03	1554	1554	1554	1554	unch
10/24/02 DEC 03	1580	1580	1580	1580	-20
10/24/02 MAR 04	1574	1574	1574	1574	-24

Total	Volume	Open_Int
10/23/02	1267	9183



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**Oct. 18, 2002  
MILK PRODUCTION  
REPORT: GOOD  
NEWS, BAD NEWS**

- September milk up 3.3 percent.
- Each cow producing more milk.
- Cow numbers, however, are down.

USDA issued a much-anticipat-

ed September milk production report. The news was mixed. Milk production continues ahead of market needs. September milk production for 20 select states was up 3.3 percent. That is bad as far as milk prices are concerned. That said, a much closer inspection offers some good news, that cow numbers in the nation's dairy herd have peaked out and are trending lower. In fact, that is good news!

September milk production was at 11.8 billion pounds. Although this figure is much lower than earlier in the year (it was 13 billion pounds in May), it is still ahead of year-ago figures. In addition, milk production in the third quarter of the year (July-September) was up 3.4 percent from the same period a year ago.

States with the highest positive rates of growth in September were Arizona (15.7 percent), New Mexico (13.1 percent), Texas (9.3 percent), Idaho (6.1 percent), and California (5.9 percent). With the exception of Texas, all of these states saw growth in cow numbers.

So, where is the good news in all of this?

Cow numbers have actually peaked out for the year and are headed down. This was anticipated since replacement values fell about \$200-\$300 per head a month or two ago. This shows economic adjustment and is exactly what the market is expecting.

In 2001, cow numbers for 20 major states fell 0.44 percent,

which is considered normal. Cow numbers in 2002, however, grew from 7.744 million head in February to 7.790 million head by August. It declined to 7.786 in September. This trend will likely continue until spring 2003.

The market conditions are very painful for dairy producers who cannot cash flow under current milk and feed prices. The marketplace is expecting an adjustment to occur that will better match supply and demand. In fact, milk prices won't rise until this happens. Thus, the September milk production report is the first real evidence that suggest this adjustment has begun.

The next bit of market adjustment that needs to occur is reduction in inventories of dairy products, particularly butter, cheese, and nonfat dry milk. Retailers will likely offer specials this holiday season on butter and cheese. This should help allow the U.S. dairy industry to enter the new year with a better balance between supply, demand, and inventories.

## 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 — 3.01 bu., 5.39 cwt.
- Wheat, No.2 — 3.51 bu., 5.87 cwt.
- Barley, No.3 — 1.91 bu., 4.08 cwt.
- Oats, No.2 — 1.85 bu., 5.77 cwt.
- Soybeans, No.1 — 5.35 bu., 8.93 cwt.
- Ear Corn — 76.73 ton, 3.84 cwt.
- Alfalfa Hay — 131.75 ton, 6.59 cwt.
- Mixed Hay — 129.25 ton, 6.46 cwt.
- Timothy Hay — 128.75 ton, 6.44 cwt.