

**Philadelphia Herbs**

Philadelphia Terminal

Prices as of February 26, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

MISC HERBS -ANISE: 3/4 ctns CA 24s 12.00 -ARRUGULA: 4/5 bucrts bchd FL 24s 7.00-8.00 ctns bchd FL 24s 8.00 TX 24s few 13.00 4 lb ctns CA Baby type 14.00 -BASIL: crts bchd FL 15s 12.00 ctns bchd FL 15s few 10.00-12.00 1 kg ctns bchd IS 12s 11.00-13.00 -CELERICAC (CELERY ROOT): OFFERINGS INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE -CHIVES: 1 kg ctns bchd IS 12s 18.00 -CILANTRO: 4/5 bucrts bchd FL 30s 7.00-9.00 few 10.00 ctns approx 20 lbs TX 30s 14.00 ctns bchd MX 60s 12.00 TX 30s 9.00 -DILL: ctns bchd TX 24s 9.00 crts bchd FL 24s few 8.00-9.00 ctns approx 20 lb AZ 24s 12.00 TX 24s 12.00 -DRY ESCHALLOT: 10 lb sks NL 7.00-8.00 mostly 7.50 -LEMON GRASS: 30 lb ctns FL 30.00 -MARJORAM: 1 kg ctns bchd IS 12s 13.00 -MINT: crts bchd FL 12s few 8.00 1 kg ctns bchd IS 12s 10.00 -OREGANO: 1 kg ctns bchd IS 12s 13.00 -ROSEMARY 1 kg ctns bchd IS 12s 13.00 -SAGE: 1 kg ctns bchd IS 12s 13.00 -TARRAGON: 1 kg ctns bchd IS 12s 10.00 -THYME: 1 kg ctns bchd IS 12s 13.00 -WATERCRESS ctns bchd FL 12s 7.50 24s 11.50-12.00 mostly 12.00

**Corn Belt Feedstuff**

St. Joseph, Mo.

February 25, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

CORN BELT FEEDSTUFF Feedstuff prices were steady to firm for the week as supplies tightened in some places after the holiday shutdowns. Demand wasn't all that active this week but export sales showed some improvement for soybeans. Cold weather has returned to the Midwest with many areas receiving up to a foot or more of snow. This was a blessing in overly dry areas where weather concerns are starting to affect the futures markets. SOYBEAN MEAL 48 percent rail was 2.00 higher from 180.50-181.50 48 percent truck was steady to 3.00 higher from 180.50-189.50 per ton. CORN BY-PRODUCTS Gluten Feed 21 percent, Interior Points was steady from 62.00-72.00, Chicago was steady to 1.00 higher from 62.00-73.00 60 percent Gluten Meal, Interior Points was steady to 1.00 higher from 230.00-235.00, Chicago steady from 235.00-242.00 per ton Rail Hominy Feed, Central Illinois Points

was steady from 75.00-80.00; truck was 3.00 lower to 5.00 higher from 80.00-87.00. Crude Corn Oil was 50 points lower from 28.00-29.00 cents per pound

MILLFEEDS: Northwest was 4.00 higher to 6.00 lower from 64.00-68.00, Buffalo 2.00 to 5.00 higher from 68.00-75.00 per ton.

ALFALFA PELLETS: Toledo, Ohio 17 percent dehydrated was steady at 179.00-180.00; meal steady from 182.50-183.50. 15 percent pellets steady from 172.00-180.00 per ton; meal steady from 175.50-183.50.

DISTILLER'S DRIED GRAINS: Central Illinois steady to 4.00 higher from 90.00-92.00; Chicago steady to 6.00 higher from 92.00-97.00; Lawrenceburg, Il, 3.00 higher at 85.00. Kansas and Nebraska steady to 5.00 higher from 110.00-120.00 with continued tight supplies; Minneapolis was steady at 90.00 per ton.

BREWER'S DRIED GRAINS: Newark, NJ was steady at 88.00; Williamsburg, VA was steady at 78.00 per ton

**Dairy Products Prices Highlights**

Washington, D. C.

February 21, 2003

Report Supplied By NASS/USDA DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES HIGHLIGHTS

CHEDDAR prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.16 per pound for the week ending February 15. 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 \$1.07 per pound, down 2.4 cents from the previous week.

BUTTER prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.04 per pound for the week ending February 15. The U.S. price per pound decreased 1.2 cents from the previous week.

NONFAT MILK prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged 81.0 cents per pound for the week ending February 15. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.1 cents from the previous week.

DRY WHEY prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 16.4 cents per pound for the week ending February 15. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.1 cents from the previous week.

**East Fluid Milk And Cream Review**

Madison, Wis.

February 26, 2003

Report Supplied by USDA

Spot prices of class II cream, dollars per lb. butterfat: F.O.B. producing plants: Northeast: 1.2180-1.3195 Delivered Equivalent, Atlanta. 1.2180-1.3398 mostly 1.2383-1.2688.

PRICES OF CONDENSED SKIM, dollars per lb. wet solids, F.O.B. producing plants: Northeast: Class II, includes monthly formula prices: 9000-9800; Class III - spot prices - .7200-.8400.

SPOT SHIPMENTS OF GRADE A MILK: FLORIDA: This week: In 0, Out 38; last week: In 0, Out 16; last year: In 0, Out 33. SOUTHEAST STATES: This week: In 0, Out 0; last week: In 0, Out 0; last year: In 0, Out 0

The base price for Class I milk for March 2003 is \$9.81 per cwt., down \$0.42 from February. A Class I differential specific to each pricing point (county) is added to the base price to determine the applicable Class I price. The Class II skim milk price for March is \$6.74, down \$0.16 from February.

Yet again, weather is the major story this week. Rain, sleet, and snow are covering a large portion of the mid-South and Middle Atlantic areas. School and business closings are common in the urban areas, but travel in outlying areas is hampered by ice and snow covered roads. Though not as bad as last week's storms, plant receipts and farm pick-ups were delayed in a large portion of the East. Bottled milk sales were good in most areas where forecasts of snow did cause some retail panic buying.

Milk production is steady to slightly higher in the southern-most areas. Florida's output is increasing slowly and handlers did have to move milk out of state for processing. Some handlers in the Mid-South were busy with the logistics of milk movement in the storm-affected areas. Surplus milk volumes are reported in the range of lighter to heavier this week. Reports of a cheese plant shutting down two or three days this week because of the depressed price and demand for cheese pushed increased surplus milk volumes back to supplying plants. Other plants have little or no receipts on some days and only moderate amounts on others.

Milk from the parts of the Northeast has been and is clearing to Canadian cheese makers. This need for milk began to develop after the recent WTO ruling against Canada and its dairy product exporting programs. This milk moving north is helping ease processing schedules at some plants. Reports indicate that Canada's need or desire for U.S. milk will be ongoing.

The condensed skim market is steady, but some plants did have more than desired. Demand was steady to slower. Reports of some distressed loads clearing to the Midwest were noted.

The fluid cream market is mixed, mostly weak. Offerings are heavy and spot demand is lackluster. A few spot loads were reported, but most deliveries were contractual. Excess volumes continue to move to local and Midwestern butter makers, but the actual number of loads shipped seem to be lighter than a few weeks ago. Cream prices are often lower. The multiples used to determine price are little changed this week, but the CME butter average decreased nearly five cents. Ice cream production is back to more normal levels after being disrupted by last week's storm. Cream cheese output is steady and also getting back to regular schedules. With the current, low price for butterfat, some users are building, as best they can, inventories of finished products. Churning activity remains heavy at those plants that are producing.

**Wytheville Weekly Feeder Cattle**

Richmond, Va.

February 26, 2003

Report Supplied by USDA

WEEKLY AUCTION at Wytheville, Feb. 25 — FEEDER CATTLE: 114 head. Prices per hundredweight, based on live weights.

STEERS: 25 head. Med./Lge. 1. 200-300 lb 88-111.0000; 300-400 lb 104.00; 400-500 lb 86-93.00; 500-600 lb 69-76.00; 600-700 lb 74.50; 700-800 lb 70.00. Med./Lge. 2: 400-500 lb 88.00; 500-600 lb 75.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: 25 head. Med./Lge. 1: 200-300 lb 50.00; 300-400 lb 50-67.00; 400-500 lb 59-66.00; 500-600 lb 54-55.00; 600-700 lb 54-55.00; 700-800 lb 55.00.

HEIFERS: 44 head. Med./Lge. 1.200-300 lb 88-103.00; 300-400 lb 85-88.00; 400-500 lb 82.50-83.50; 500-600 lb 65-75.00; 600-700 lb 65-70.50; 700-800 lb 65-68.00 Med./Lge. 2: 200-300 lb 95.00; 300-400 lb 78.50-85.00; 400-500 lb 78-82.00; 500-600 lb 72.50.

BULLS 20 head Med./Lge 1: 200-300 lb 81.00; 300-400 lb 99-102.00; 400-500 lb 83-84.50, 500-600 lb 69-85.00; 600-700 lb 55-58.00.



**Staunton Weekly Feeder Cattle Sale**

Richmond, Va.

February 24, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

WEEKLY AUCTION at Staunton, Feb 21 — FEEDER CATTLE 380 head

Prices per hundredweight, based on live weights

FFFD STERS 300 head Med./Lge 1: 400-500 lb 85-95.50, 500-600 lb 85-93.35, 600-700 lb 70-80.65; 700-800 lb 70-80.75

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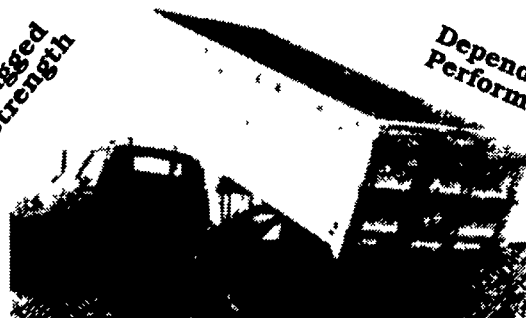
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