

**Dairy Products
Prices Highlights**

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DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES HIGHLIGHTS

CHFDAR CHEESE prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.10 per pound for the week ending March 1. The price per pound decreased 4.6 cents

from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.06 per pound, down 0.6 cents from the previous week.

BUTTER prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.02 per pound for the week ending March 1. The U.S. price per pound decreased 2.3 cents from the previous week.

NONFAT DRY MILK prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting

USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged 80.8 cents per pound for the week ending March 1. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.2 cents from the previous week.

DRY WHEY prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 16.3 cents per pound for the week ending March 1. The U.S. price per pound increased 0.1 cents from the previous week.

**Grantsville
Livestock**

Grantsville, Maryland
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Saturday, March 8, 2003

STOCK STEERS AND BULLS
200-500 lbs. 45.00-87.00.

STOCK HEIFERS. 35.00-77.00.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Good to Choice 63.00-72.75, Medium to Good 52.00-62.50

HOLSTEIN STEERS Good 50.00-61.00, Light 45.00-52.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS Good to Choice 70.50-74.75, Medium to Good 50.00-70.00.

BULLS: Heavy 43.00-54.50, Light 40.00-47.00

COWS Utility Holsteins 32.00-42.00, Canners 28.00-34.50, Culls 25.00 and down

BOB CALVES 40.00 and down

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM 90-120 lbs. Up to 112.00

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM Up to 230.00

BEEF CROSS CALVES RETURN TO FARM Up to 195.00

HOGS: Top Quality up to 40.00, Heavy up to 38.00, Light 25.00-39.00, FEEDER PIGS, BY HEAD Up to 24.00.

SOWS 20.00-32.00.

MALE HOGS 3.00-9.00.
LAMBS. 70-85 lbs. up to 129.00, 85-125 lbs. up to 120.00, 30-60 lbs. up to 140.00, Culls up to 60.00.

SHEEP Up to 42.00.

GOATS Large 55.00-116.00, Medium 25.00-70.00, Small 10.00-44.00, all by the head, kid 3.00-50.00

Feeder sale every second Sat per month

**What has the Vegetable Marketing & Research Program
done for Pennsylvania Growers?**

FUNDED RESEARCH

In the last 15 years the Program has helped fund over 150 research projects with over \$290,000. Those research projects have:

- developed a disease forecasting system for tomato early and late blight, enabling growers to more effectively time their fungicide sprays;
- established a statewide trapping network to monitor the emergence of sweet corn insect pest populations;
- enabled growers to fine-tune their tomato fertility programs;
- supported the development of disease resistant tomatoes, snap beans and pumpkins;
- evaluated vegetable cultivars for adaptation to Pennsylvania conditions;
- trialed various disease control methods for snap beans;
- developed biocontrol strategies for greenhouse insect pests;
- evaluated plasticulture and high-tunnel production systems for vegetables;
- tested no-till pumpkin production methods;
- evaluated atrazine alternatives for sweet corn;
- and much more besides.

PRODUCED POINT-OF-PURCHASE MATERIALS

The Program has produced thousands and thousands of colorful posters, banners, binwrap, decals, price cards, price paddles, stickers, brochures, recipes cards, hats, shirts and aprons for use by growers who retail their produce. These point-of-purchase materials, some of which won design awards, are all designed to identify in a sharp, professional manner local produce as being proudly grown by Pennsylvania growers. Most of these materials have been distributed to growers free of charge through an annual credit system.

ADVERTISED PENNSYLVANIA VEGETABLES

For the last seven years, the Program has posted billboards across the state promoting Pennsylvania vegetables during the season. The first year the Program worked on its own with a matching grant from the Department of Agriculture. Since then the Program and Department have worked together to post billboards.

PUT PENNSYLVANIA VEGETABLES IN THE NEWS

Since 1990, the Program has kept Pennsylvania newspapers supplied with press releases about Pennsylvania vegetables throughout the growing season. As a result, hundreds of articles have been printed in newspapers read by 24 million readers. The Program also sponsors the "Simply Delicious" Vegetable Quick Bread Contest at many local fairs and the State Farm Show.

BROUGHT BUYERS AND GROWERS TOGETHER

The Program has developed directories of growers to distribute to wholesale buyers and lists of buyers for growers as well as publishing grading and packaging guidelines. The Program has also represented the industry at the Produce Marketing Association Expo in 2001 and 2002 and various other events.



- Vote YES to Fund Practical Vegetable Research
- Vote YES to Promote "Simply Delicious" Vegetables
- Vote YES to Strengthen the PA Vegetable Industry
- Vote YES to Continue to the Progress of the Last 15 Years

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