

GRAIN, CATTLE, HOG, & MILK BFP FUTURES MARKETS

Markets Courtesy of Chicago Board and Mercantile Exchange
Closing Bids: Thursday, August 14, 2003

Corn

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
03Aug	220 1/4	222	218 1/4	219 1/2	220 3/4	220 Unch
03Sep	230 1/4	231 3/4	227 3/4	229 1/4	230	229 1/2 Unch
03Oct	238	239 1/4	235 1/2	237	237 1/2	237 1/4 +2
03Nov	242 1/4	243 1/2	240	242	242	242 +2
03Dec	244	246	242 1/4	244 1/4	244 1/2	244 1/4 +2
04Jan	240 1/2	241	239 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2	240 1/2 +2
04Feb	242 3/4	243 3/4	242 1/4	243 1/4	243 1/2	243 1/2 Unch
04Mar	247 1/4	249	247 1/4	249	249	249 Unch
05Jul	253 1/4	254	253	254	254	254 Unch
05Dec			239 1/4 n	239 1/4	239 1/4	+6

Soybeans

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
03Aug	570	583	564	583	583	+184
03Sep	548 1/2	554	546	551	552 1/2	551 3/4 +44
03Nov	546	551	543	548	549 1/2	548 3/4 +50
04Jan	549	554 1/2	547 1/2	552	553	552 1/2 +52
04Mar	551	555 1/2	549	552	553 1/2	552 3/4 +46
04May	548 1/2	552 1/2	547	549 3/4	551	550 1/4 +30
04Jul	550 1/2	555	550	552	553	552 1/2 +24
04Aug				551 n	551	+10
04Sep				539 n	539	-30
04Oct	541	543	537	538	537	537 1/2 -42

Soybean Meal

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
03Aug	180.5	183.6	176.5	177.0	176.8	176.9 -38
03Sep	174.2	175.6	173.0	174.4	174.7	174.5 +3
03Oct	170.8	172.2	169.8	171.0	170.8	170.9 -1
03Dec	170.6	171.5	169.2	170.6	170.3	170.5 -1
04Jan	171.5	172.0	170.1	171.2	171.0	171.1 -3
04Mar	171.8	172.2	170.7	171.7	171.7	171.7 +1
04May	171.5	172.0	170.5	171.5	171.5	171.5 +2
04Jul	173.0	173.2	172.0	172.5 b	172.7 a	172.6 -5
04Aug	172.5	172.5	171.0	171.0 b	171.1 a	171.1 -5
04Sep	171.0	172.0	170.0	170.5	170.5	170.5 -5
04Oct	169.0	169.0	167.5	167.0 b	167.5 a	167.5 -13
04Nov	171.0	171.0	168.5	168.5 b	168.7 a	168.6 -12

Lean Hogs

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
08/13/03	*CASH*	0	5857	5857	5857	+157	0
08/14/03	Aug 03	6010	6025	5987	6012	+32	809
08/14/03	Oct 03	5280	5285	5205	5215	-92	2985
08/14/03	Dec 03	5117	5125	5065	5087	-45	606
08/14/03	Feb 04	5480	5490	5420	5430	-72	193
08/14/03	Apr 04	5822	5822	5770	5790	-45	80
08/14/03	May 04	6100	6100	6040	6070	-47	7
08/14/03	Jun 04	6225	6270	6220	6222	-33	8
08/14/03	Jul 04	6035	6035	6007	6007	-23	2
08/14/03	Aug 04	5852	5870	5850	5870	-15	0

Composite Volume Open_Int

08/13/03 4690 38102

Live Cattle

Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
08/13/03	*CASH*	0	7871	7871	7871	unch	0
08/14/03	Aug 03	7765	7800	7740	7772	-15	1131
08/14/03	Sep 03	7800	7850	7775	7830	-5	50
08/14/03	Oct 03	7675	7730	7655	7717	+25	4302
08/14/03	Nov 03	7750	7750	7750	7750	unch	0
08/14/03	Dec 03	7777	7795	7745	7790	+3	1712
08/14/03	Feb 04	7762	7785	7750	7775	-2	649
08/14/03	Apr 04	7630	7645	7610	7627	-3	294
08/14/03	Jun 04	7150	7170	7140	7150	unch	37
08/14/03	Aug 04	7150	7150	7130	7130	+30	1

Composite Volume Open_Int

08/13/03 8177 112374

Pork Bellies

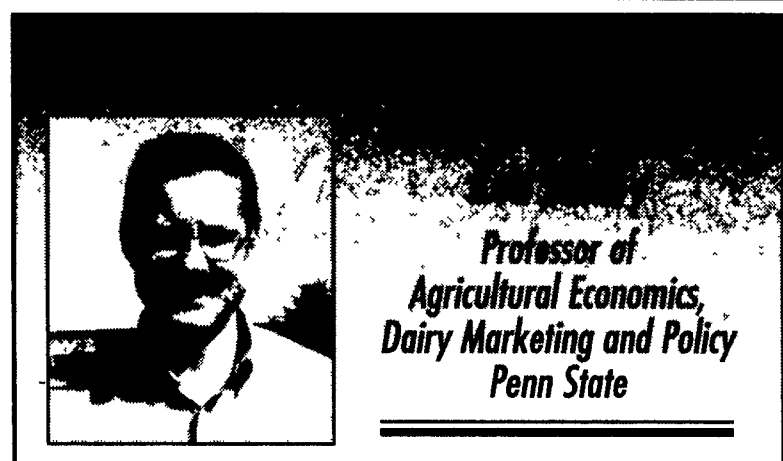
Date	Open	High	Low	Last	Chge	Previous Volume	Previous Open_Int
08/13/03	*CASH*	0	8200	8200	8200	-600	0
08/14/03	Aug 03	8780	8850	8550	8845	-5	244
08/14/03	Feb 04	7860	8050	7832	8017	+157	263
08/14/03	Mar 04	7825	7825	7825	7825	unch	21
08/14/03	May 04	7950	7950	7950	7950	unch	.0
08/14/03	Jul 04	8010	8010	8010	8010	unch	4

Composite Volume Open_Int

08/13/03 532 1645

Oats

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
03Sep	140 1/2	141 1/2	138 1/2	138 1/2	138 1/2	-14
03Dec	143 1/2	145	142	142 1/4	142	142 1/4 -6
04Mar	150 3/4	150 3/4	148 1/4	148 1/4	148 1/4	148 1/4 -12
04Jul				154 b	155 a	154 1/2 -4
04Aug				149 b	150 a	149 1/2 -4
04Sep				144 b	146 a	145 Unch
04Oct				149 b	151 a	150 Unch



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Aug. 8, 2003
CLASS III PRICES EXCEED \$14 PER CWT!
What a difference a month makes. This week at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, block cheese prices stayed at \$1.60 per pound — barrel cheese was \$1.58 per pound. Even butter prices were higher. Grade AA butter averaged \$1.2117 per pound for the week.

The Class III futures at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange reflected bullish market conditions. As of Aug. 8, 2003, August Class III futures were \$13.80 per CWT. September Class III futures were \$14.60 per CWT. Thereafter, prices fell to \$12.48 per CWT by December. The markets are reacting to concerns that hot weather in California did some serious damage to milk output. Plants are reporting that deliveries in July were down from a year ago, and component levels were lower. We'll know more when the Milk Production report is released next Friday. The cheese market is concerned that problems in California could result in reduced U.S. cheese supplies later this fall. A quick look at 5-year average prices indicates that for the months August through December of this year, the Class III futures markets are offering very favorable opportunities to lock in milk prices. Any time Class III prices exceed \$14 per CWT, dairy producers should consider using the futures markets. In terms of strategy, producers may want to consider protecting September through December milk marketings. Those prices are very favorable right now and more likely to decline if California recovers and milk output increases.

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East Fluid Milk And Cream Review

Madison, Wis.
August 13, 2003

Report Supplied by USDA
SPOT PRICES OF CLASS II CREAM, dollars per lb butterfat: F.O.B. producing plants: Northeast: 1.6721-1.9145. Delivered Equivalent: Atlanta: 1.6964-1.9145 mostly 1.7448-1.8660.
PRICES OF CONDENSED SKIM, dollars per lb. wet solids, F.O.B. producing plants: Northeast: Class II, includes monthly formula prices: .8500-.9300. Class III, spot prices: 1.0300-1.1500.
SPOTS SHIPMENTS OF GRADE A MILK: FLORIDA: This Week: In 75, Out 0; Last Week In 61, Out 0; Last Week In 68, Out 0. SOUTH-EAST STATES: This Week: In 0, Out 0; Last Week In 0, Out 0; Last Week In 0, Out 0.
EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to changes in milk supply agreements, milk import/export totals are not directly comparable to year ago figures and to shipments prior to April 1, 2003.
Regional Milk Market Administrators announced the following, July 2003 uniform prices: Northeast \$12.46 Midwest \$11.68 Southeast \$12.47 and Florida \$13.46 (For the Northeast and Midwest, statistical uniform prices not reported).
Milk production continues to ease lower in most parts of the region. Rain persisted this week throughout much of the region and humidity levels were high from Vermont to Florida. Temperatures have been seasonal but the

Fat and protein test remain seasonally low.
Fluid milk demand is improving, particularly in the Southeast where many schools are back in session this week. School openings are "spread" over three to four weeks, starting in the South and working north where most schools open after Labor Day. Milk imports into Florida are increasing, but contacts expect volumes to jump next week when the majority of schools reopen. Milk is being shipped from Texas, Pennsylvania and Michigan this week. In the Northeast, milk supplies are tight, but contacts are preparing for tighter volumes when school pipelines get filled, late this month.
The condensed skim market is mostly steady. Class II and III prices are unchanged and a few spot sales were reported. Most Class III users have switched to NDM as a lower cost source of solids.
The fluid cream market remains firm. Spot prices are steady to lower as the CME average butter price declined nearly a cent last week. Multiples are generally unchanged from past weeks. Offerings are light and loads from the West continue to be shipped across the country to supplement local availability. Demand for cream is good, but the summer season is winding down and many ice cream manufacturers are preparing to reduce operations after Labor Day. The warm muggy weather is helping soft serve milk consumption. Cream cheese output is little changed from past weeks. Bottled cream sales are slowing slightly. Churning activity is