

Weekly Dairy Market Outlook

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divide by 1,000. Or to convert to pounds, a unit we are much more familiar with, multiply kilograms by 2.2046. After rounding you will come up with 4,936 metric tons or 10.9 million pounds.

So, is 10.9 million pounds of imported milk (1-6 percent butterfat) a lot, or a little? According to USDA, we consumed 27,425.4 million pounds of fluid milk during the first six months of this year (see Dairy Market News). Thus imported fluid milk accounted for 0.04 percent of this total, easily a rounding error. What gets your attention is the 306 percent increase in imports.

Fluid milk imports have peaked at 7,617 metric tons in 1999 and fell to a low of 3,383 metric tons in 2001.

So, what are our conclusions? First, dairy trade is not easy stuff. The rest of the world uses the metric system and we don't. So you have to convert all those metric numbers into our pound measures before you can look at the data. Second, you still need to have a common measure of imports. Instead of using pounds of milk or U.S. dollars, I like to convert everything into pounds or metric tons of butterfat, protein, and other dairy solids. This allows me to compare imports with exports and trade with our domestic markets.



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million shortfall for the College of Agricultural Sciences in FY 03/04 and likely will result in at least an additional downsizing of 85 positions. This is in addition to the permanent collapse of up to 85 positions due to FY 02/03 budget cuts.

Penn State budget cuts have an amplified impact on the College of Agricultural Sciences because of the fact that tuition increases support the university resident teaching program, but do not help agricultural research and extension budgets.

We strongly encourage you to remain in contact with your state representative and senator. These appropriation issues have not been resolved, and

your input can make a difference. Please pass this information on to your fellow college supporters. You can find your legislator's address at <http://www2.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/findyourlegislator/find.cfm>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Wirth in our college relations office at mfw10@psu.edu or (814) 863-9646.

A reminder: If you are a Penn State employee, do not make calls to legislators because such action is against University policy.

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Editor:

Recently a severe vehicle accident on Old Rt. 220 in Bald Eagle Valley held up many motorists for one hour, doing nothing valuable. There were several miles of cars backed up — who pays for lost time from productive work in mid-day?

We have more threatening big yellow signs all over Pennsylvania along highways, causing young aggressive drivers to take more risk passing than ever before. Severe accidents are up this summer since signs went up. Today, mostly bad boys 16 to 56 years old cause severe accidents — they want to challenge police to a race. They are challenged by yellow signs placed along our highways to scare them.

It is reported that a DUI driver involved in a multiple death accident said "put me in jail!" Many years ago jail caused prisoners to work with a sledge hammer on rock — now inmates get paid-for room and board. They have access to libraries and social work projects assigned to them. While on the outside, law-abiding workers are forced by law to pay 32 to 72 percent of their gross income for all taxes, insurance premiums, and interest on debt — so who can live on 28 percent of gross income?

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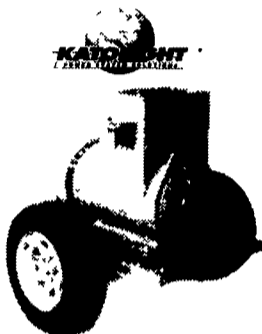
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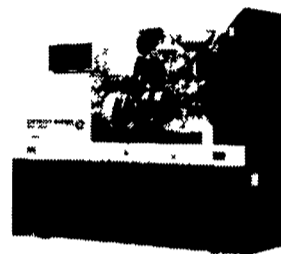
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