

GRAIN, CATTLE, HOG, & MILK BFP

FUTURES MARKETS

Markets Courtesy of Chicago Board and Mercantile Exchange
Closing Bids: Thursday, December 11, 2003

Corn

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
03Dec	250 1/2	253	247	251	253	252 +22
04Mar	249 3/4	253	245 3/4	249	253	251 +12
04May	251 3/4	253 1/4	248 1/2	251 1/2	253 1/4	252 1/4 Unch
04Jul	254 1/2	255	250 1/2	253 3/4	255	254 1/4 +2
04Sep	250 1/4	250 1/4	248 1/4	250 1/4	250 1/4	-2
04Dec	248 3/4	249	247	248 1/2	249	248 3/4 -2
05Mar	252 1/2	252 1/2	252	252 1/2	252 1/2	-6
05May				255 n	255	-4
05Jul				257 n	257	-4
05Dec				245 3/4 n	245 3/4	-2
Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg

Soybeans

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
04Jan	782	782	763	765 1/2	768	766 3/4 -182
04Mar	783	783	766	768 1/2	771	769 3/4 -156
04May	768	770	754	755 1/2	759	757 1/4 -136
04Jul	755	757 1/2	742	744	745 1/2	744 3/4 -122
04Aug	729	731 1/2	720	720	720	-110
04Sep	678	679	665	668	670	669 -94
04Nov	616	619	608	608 1/2	610	609 1/4 -74
05Jan	613	615	612	610 b	612 a	612 -50
05Mar	611	611	608	608	608	-60
Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg

Soybean Meal

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
03Dec	230.8	232.3	227.2	228.0	228.2	228.1 -34
04Jan	231.8	233.8	228.2	228.8	229.1	229.0 -34
04Mar	232.3	235.0	229.2	230.2	229.8	230.0 -30
04May	230.2	232.2	227.2	228.0	228.2	228.1 -29
04Jul	226.8	228.2	223.2	223.5	223.8	223.7 -41
04Aug	217.5	219.5	215.3	215.5	215.3	215.4 -26
04Sep	206.0	206.5	203.6	204.0	204.0	-31
04Oct	185.0	185.5	183.2	183.0 b	183.2 a	183.2 -21
04Dec	182.5	183.0	180.5	181.0	181.0	-22
05Jan				180.8 b	181.0 a	180.9 -23
05Mar				181.0 b	181.5 a	181.3 -19
05Jul				181.5 b	182.5 a	182.0 -20
05Oct				179.5 b	180.5 a	180.0 -53
Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg

Lean Hogs

Date	High	Low	Settle	Net Chg
12/11/03	50.05	50.20	49.95	49.95 +0
12/10/03	49.40	49.80	49.30	49.72 +0.2
12/09/03	49.90	49.95	48.95	49.20 +0.1
12/08/03	49.60	49.77	49.20	49.67 +0.2
12/05/03	49.50	49.60	49.00	49.05 +0.2

Period	High	Low
5 Day	50.20 on 12/11/03	48.95 on 12/09/03
20 Day	51.25 on 12/01/03	48.40 on 11/26/03
65 Day	61.02 on 10/15/03	48.40 on 11/26/03
100 Day	61.02 on 10/15/03	48.40 on 11/26/03
260 Day	61.02 on 10/15/03	48.40 on 11/26/03
Year to Date	61.02 on 10/15/03	48.40 on 11/26/03

Period	High	Percent From	Period	Low	Percent From
5 days	4 time(s)	0.50	2 time(s)	+2.04	
20 days	3 time(s)	1.1	3 time(s)	+2.0	
65 days	5 time(s)	1.11	14 time(s)	+2.0	
100 days	16 time(s)	1.11	8 time(s)	+2.0	
260 days	28 time(s)	1.11	12 time(s)	+3.20	
Year to Date	24 time(s)	1.11	12 time(s)	+3.20	

Live Cattle

Date	High	Low	Settle	Net Chg
12/11/03	94.00	94.35	93.45	93.57 +0.15
12/10/03	94.02	94.80	94.02	94.02 +1.50
12/09/03	97.15	97.17	95.57	95.52 +1.50
12/08/03	96.90	97.20	95.95	97.02 +0.45
12/05/03	97.07	97.40	96.35	96.57 +0.45

Period	High	Low
5 Day	97.40 on 12/05/03	93.45 on 12/11/03
20 Day	99.92 on 12/03/03	93.05 on 11/20/03
65 Day	99.92 on 12/03/03	82.00 on 09/19/03
100 Day	99.92 on 12/03/03	75.70 on 07/25/03
260 Day	99.92 on 12/03/03	69.20 on 03/11/03
Year to Date	99.92 on 12/03/03	69.20 on 03/11/03

Period	High	Percent From	Period	Low	Percent From
5 days	1 time(s)	5.93	5 time(s)	+0.13	
20 days	7 time(s)	6.30	3 time(s)	+0.56	
65 days	19 time(s)	6.36	3 time(s)	+14.11	
100 days	33 time(s)	6.36	1 time(s)	+23.61	
260 days	45 time(s)	6.36	9 time(s)	+35.22	
Year to Date	45 time(s)	6.36	9 time(s)	+35.22	

Pork Bellies


Date	High	Low	Settle	Net Chg
12/11/03	85.65	86.50	85.55	85.72 +0.10
12/10/03	85.60	86.65	85.05	85.82 +0.10
12/09/03	88.00	88.47	85.45	85.92 +1.70
12/08/03	86.25	87.72	85.55	87.72 +0.77
12/05/03	86.00	86.90	85.75	86.85 +0.70

Period	High	Low
5 Day	88.47 on 12/09/03	85.05 on 12/10/03
20 Day	89.50 on 12/01/03	84.35 on 11/25/03
65 Day	93.40 on 10/14/03	82.52 on 10/22/03
100 Day	93.40 on 10/14/03	76.40 on 08/05/03
260 Day	93.40 on 10/14/03	76.40 on 08/05/03
Year to Date	93.40 on 10/14/03	76.40 on 08/05/03

Period	High	Percent From	Period	Low	Percent From
5 days	3 time(s)	3.11%	4 time(s)	+0.79%	
20 days	4 time(s)	4.22%	5 time(s)	+1.62%	
65 days	6 time(s)	8.22%	9 time(s)	+3.88%	
100 days	12 time(s)	8.22%	6 time(s)	+12.70%	
260 days	18 time(s)	8.22%	5 time(s)	+12.20%	
Year to Date	18 time(s)	8.22%	5 time(s)	+12.20%	

Oats

Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg
03Dec	145 1/2	146 1/2	145	145	145	-2
04Mar	150 3/4	151 1/4	150	150 1/4	150 1/4	+4
04May	150 3/4	151 1/4	150 1/4	150 3/4	150 3/4	+4
04Jul	152 1/4	152 1/2	152 1/4	152 1/2	152 1/2	-4
04Sep				144 n	144	Unch
04Dec				150 n	150	Unch
05Mar				154 n	154	Unch
Month	Opening	High	Low	Closing	Settle	Net Chg



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**BAILEY TO TESTIFY
AT ITC HEARING**
Next week I'll be testifying at a hearing at the U.S. International Trade Commission in Washington, D.C. The subject will be dairy protein imports. Rather than wait until the usual letters to the editors come out in the papers, I've decided to be proactive

and tell you why I'm going to testify, what I found in my research, and what it means to your bottom line. You can find the entire report on my Website.
First, the hearing has nothing to do with any tariff legislation — not directly, at least. It is a fact-finding hearing. I'm going because the chairman of the commission invited me.

I have been doing a lot of work over the past year on imports, exports, and component accounting. I'm doing this because Pennsylvania dairy farmers asked me to. Second, as a professor at Penn State University, I will not be taking any sides on the issue of MPC imports, trade, or tariff legislation. That simply isn't what we do at Penn State. Third, all the work I will be presenting is transparent and will be published in academic journals. I have a forthcoming article in the Journal of Dairy Science. Fourth, my research is funded by both Penn State and USDA grants.
Over the past few years I have been unsettled by two things. First, we don't have any idea what impact trade is having on the U.S. dairy industry. Dairy farmers have been asking very good questions and getting very few answers. Second, nobody, not even the "experts" or trained economists like me really understand the fundamental supply

and demand factors that drive milk prices higher or lower. We have relied instead on the data we get from USDA.
MPC imports have gone up over the past few years. So have imports of butter blends, butter substitutes, cheeses, and chocolate block. But what does that mean? Does it represent a lot of trade or a little? No one knows the answer to that because you need to break it all down into fundamental components.
USDA does not even reflect most of these items in their own trade and supply and demand numbers. So I set about developing my own system of accounting for trade and domestic supply and demand.
I will be presenting this research at the ITC hearing. Basically my approach looks at all trade, groups them into categories, and then computes the crude protein, butterfat, and other

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 — 2.63 bu., 4.71 cwt.
Wheat, No.2 — 3.44 bu., 5.75 cwt.
Barley, No.3 — 1.91 bu., 4.09 cwt.
Oats, No.2 — 1.88 bu., 5.86 cwt.
Soybeans, No.1 — 7.10 bu., 11.86 cwt.
Ear Corn — 68.97 ton, 3.45 cwt.
Alfalfa Hay — 121.25 ton, 6.06 cwt.
Mixed Hay — 120.00 ton, 6.0 cwt.
Timothy Hay — 126.75 ton, 6.34 cwt.