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WEEKLY UPDATE | MARCH 14, 2023

New on Seen & Herd: LandFlex Update

This week on Seen & Herd, Anja Raudabaugh hosts a joint podcast episode with Aubrey Bettencourt, CEO of the Almond Alliance. The two touch on LandFlex and provide a program update.



To learn more about LandFlex, visit landflex.org.

For questions about the program, please email Allison Tristao at allison@wudairies.com or Kyle Lutz at kyle@wudairies.com. Listen to the episode on your favorite podcast player or at wudairies.com.

CDFA accepting nominations for positions on the Milk Producer Security Trust Fund Board

The California Department of Food and Agriculture is seeking nominations to fill seven positions on the Milk Producers Security Trust Fund Board of Directors. There are two non-producer representatives for non-profit cooperative associations, two representatives for dairy processors (handlers) and three positions for current dairy producers. **Forms must be postmarked no later than April 14, 2023.**

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>> [See the Nomination Form](#)

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In Case You Missed It

Farm Service Agency in California is Accepting Emergency Conservation Program Applications

Farm Service Agency announced that 41 counties in California are accepting applications for the Emergency Conservation Program to address damages from the recent severe storm to eligible farmland, fences, and conservation structures/other installations. ECP signups end on April 14th, 2023. [>> Learn More](#)

Appointments Made to the Producer Review Board (PRB)

Karen Ross, Secretary of the California Department of Food & Agriculture, made appointments to the Producer Review Board (PRB). The new appointment includes Tony Nunes III – Tulare, CA. Reappointments include Art Van Beek – Tipton, CA; William Dyt – Corona, CA; Charles Ahlem – Hilmar, CA; Kerri Vander Poel – Shafter, CA; and Ted DeGroot – Ontario, CA. [>> See the Roster](#)

New CDFA Dairy PLUS+ Program Grant Funds Coming in Spring

Start planning your Advanced Manure Management project TODAY! The Dairy PLUS+ Program adds millions of dollars in new incentives to the existing AMMP and DDRDP Programs! Details of the AMMP PLUS+ and DDRDP PLUS+ programs to be announced in Spring 2023.

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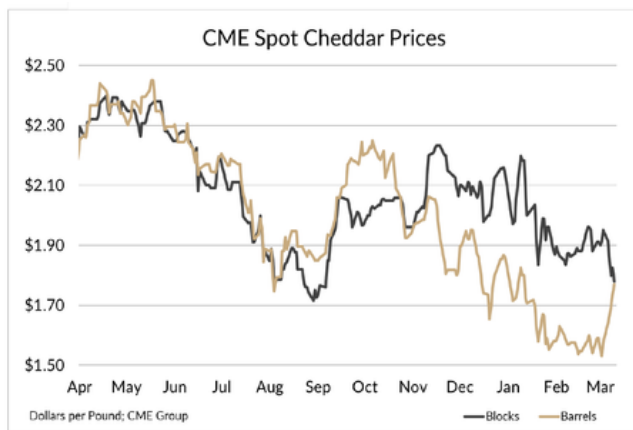
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WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE


In Chicago, blocks and barrels moved closer to convergence, with the spread narrowing to just one cent. Fifty lots of barrels traded, the largest one-week total since May 2020, bringing year-to-date trades to 291, the highest volume for the first 10 weeks in more than 20 years.

- US cheese exports reached 75.0 million pounds in January, the biggest volume for the month going back to at least 2000. While that was down 4.5% on the month, it was up 15.6% versus 2022. Domestic usage for the month rose 3.2% year-over-year.
- Cheddar prices at the Global DairyTrade event tumbled 11.3%, the biggest event-to-event drop since June 2019. Prices settled at \$4,509 per metric ton, or \$2.05 per pound.
- CME butter markets are fairly stable in the run-up to Easter and Passover, as there’s plenty of cheap cream and slower-but-present demand.
- Higher butter prices hurt demand in January. Domestic butter usage dropped 9.3% on the year. Internationally, US exported 7.5 million pounds, unchanged on the month, but down 3.8% versus 2022.
- The latest GDT auction was mixed for milk powders. SMP dipped 1.1% to \$2,739 per metric ton, or \$1.24 per pound, while WMP advanced 0.4% to \$3,277 per metric ton, or \$1.49 per pound. There wasn’t much impact in Chicago, where spot NDM continued to drift lower.
- NDM/SMP export sales climbed to 150.4 million pounds in January, up 7.7% on the month and +14.8% versus 2022.
- In its latest World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report, USDA estimated an increase in US and world corn-ending stocks for March. But it was the opposite story for soybeans, with expectations lower on the month. Nearby corn and soybean futures both dropped on the week.



Dairy Revenue Protection Program			
	Futures	Milk Price (Floor) Guarantee @ 95%	Premium Per CWT (CA)
April - June 2023			
Class III	\$17.96	\$17.06	\$0.10
Class IV	\$18.39	\$17.47	\$0.12
July - September 2023			
Class III	\$19.23	\$18.27	\$0.27
Class IV	\$19.37	\$18.40	\$0.35
October - December 2023			
Class III	\$19.51	\$18.53	\$0.38
Class IV	\$20.00	\$19.00	\$0.52
January - March 2024			
Class III	\$18.88	\$17.94	\$0.43
Class IV	\$19.27	\$18.31	\$0.58
April - June 2024			
Class III	\$18.86	\$17.91	\$0.51
Class IV	\$17.90	\$17.01	N/A

*As of 3/10/2023 for 95% coverage, 1.0 Protection Factor



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CME Commodity Prices					
	Blocks	Barrels	Butter	NDM	Dry Whey
Mar-06	\$1.9150	\$1.6375	\$2.3450	\$1.7750	\$0.4450
Mar-07	\$1.8450	\$1.6675	\$2.3450	\$1.1650	\$0.4375
Mar-08	\$1.7975	\$1.6975	\$2.3300	\$1.1650	\$0.4400
Mar-09	\$1.8250	\$1.7350	\$2.3325	\$1.1750	\$0.4400
Mar-10	\$1.7800	\$1.7700	\$2.3325	\$1.1750	\$0.4425
Average	\$1.8325	\$1.7015	\$2.3370	\$1.2910	\$0.4410
Weekly Change	-0.1700	0.1950	-0.0125	-0.0025	-0.0025

Order 51: Latest Prices					
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Class I LA	\$26.39	\$24.88	\$24.71	\$23.08	\$21.29
Class II	\$24.67	\$23.11	\$21.61	\$20.83	
Class III	\$21.01	\$20.50	\$19.43	\$17.78	
Class IV	\$23.30	\$22.12	\$20.01	\$18.86	
PPD	\$1.34	\$1.08	\$1.07		
Blend: LA*	\$22.35	\$21.58	\$20.50		
Blend: Tulare*	\$21.85	\$21.08	\$20.00		

*Does not include Quota Deduction

USDA Dairy Margin Coverage (per CWT)						
	Month	All Milk	Feed	Margin Estimate	Indemnity Estimate @ 9.50 Margin	
2022 Program	Jul-22	\$ 25.70	\$ 15.78	\$ 9.92	\$ -	
	Aug-22	\$ 24.30	\$ 16.22	\$ 8.08	\$ 1.42	
	Sep-22	\$ 24.40	\$ 15.78	\$ 8.62	\$ 0.88	
	Oct-22	\$ 25.90	\$ 15.19	\$ 10.71	\$ -	
	Nov-22	\$ 25.60	\$ 14.71	\$ 10.89	\$ -	
	Dec-22	\$ 24.70	\$ 14.94	\$ 9.76	\$ -	
2023 Program	Jan-23	\$ 23.10	\$ 15.16	\$ 7.94	\$ 1.56	
	Feb-23	\$ 21.51	\$ 14.80	\$ 6.71	\$ 2.79	
	Mar-23	\$ 20.79	\$ 14.47	\$ 6.31	\$ 3.19	
	Apr-23	\$ 20.41	\$ 14.39	\$ 6.02	\$ 3.48	
	May-23	\$ 20.32	\$ 13.96	\$ 6.35	\$ 3.15	
	Jun-23	\$ 20.60	\$ 13.87	\$ 6.73	\$ 2.77	
	Jul-23	\$ 20.95	\$ 13.44	\$ 7.51	\$ 1.99	
	Aug-23	\$ 21.60	\$ 13.13	\$ 8.47	\$ 1.03	
	Sep-23	\$ 22.14	\$ 12.80	\$ 9.34	\$ 0.16	
	Oct-23	\$ 22.59	\$ 12.68	\$ 9.91	\$ -	
	Nov-23	\$ 22.88	\$ 12.64	\$ 10.24	\$ -	
	Dec-23	\$ 22.69	\$ 12.61	\$ 10.09	\$ -	

Estimates only. As of 3/10/2023 and based on futures markets which can change daily.

