

## WUD Take Action Against Rising Suspicious Activity, Collaborate with Law Enforcement

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Throughout the last decade, there has been a significant rise in suspicious activity and crimes that have befallen dairy producers statewide.

Many can recall the drone incidents in Kern County, DxE activists flocking to Merced County like buzzards after flooding events, and the wide array of strange helicopters, trespassers, and activists causing a stir in Sonoma County. Previously, incidents like these have been reported to local law enforcement as well as to Western United Dairies, and we have proceeded to alert other dairies in the area. With the rise in these incidents, it has become clear that those actions aren't enough, and going forward, we plan to submit a Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) to the Central California Intelligence Center (CCIC) when crimes or suspicious activities are reported to us.

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## New on Seen & Herd: Victory Lap for AB 554

Anja Raudabaugh is back on *Seen And Herd* this week, where she discusses AB 554 in detail, highlighting the involvement of the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) and the potential impact it would have had on animal agriculture. She discusses the efforts made by Western United Dairies and its partners to oppose the bill, including proposed amendments that were rejected.



Ultimately, the bill was pulled for consideration, resulting in a victory for Western United Dairies and its partners. Raudabaugh emphasizes the importance of member engagement and highlights the ongoing challenges the dairy industry faces.

For questions about the episode, reach out to Allison Tristao at [allison@wudairies.com](mailto:allison@wudairies.com) or Anja Raudabaugh at [anja@wudairies.com](mailto:anja@wudairies.com). Listen to the episode at [wudairies.com](http://wudairies.com).

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## LUC: Lecheros Unidos de California

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- Free advertisement of job postings to a wide audience of potential employees
- Phone call interviews with translation services
- Access to a pool of pre-screened employees with dairy experience

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### Apply For LandFlex Phase 2

LandFlex has reopened the grower application enrollment period and extended it to the following GSAs: **Pixley Irrigation District GSA, Lower Tule River Irrigation District GSA, Mid-Kaweah GSA, or Westlands Water District GSA.** The application period closes Tuesday, June 27th at 5pm. Don't wait until the last minute to ask questions or apply!

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### Carbon Mapper Methane Survey Flights June 26 - June 28th

Carbon Mapper will conduct methane survey flights over the San Joaquin Valley from June 26th to 28th, 2023. As part of their measurements, they will be flying over dairies in the area. However, the exact flight path has yet to be determined. When ARB has done these flights in the past, the airplane normally flies relatively low and may circle facilities.

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That all being said, if you encounter a suspicious individual, activist, trespasser, etc., the **first step is always to contact local law enforcement.** Afterward, please continue to contact WUD and share all the related information with us, such as license plates, pictures, the vehicle makes and models, and what occurred from your perspective so that we can submit a SAR and alert other dairies in your area. Doing so helps to make sure that the facts involved follow the individuals that choose to commit shady acts against you wherever they may go and increase the chances of them being held accountable for their actions. •

### Save the Date: CDQAP-CDRF workshop • July 13, 10am - 12pm

The workshop will provide information about the technologies approved for application through the Dairy PLUS Program. Application announcements will be made soon. Come learn about eligible technologies and program application guidelines.

#### MEETING TOPICS:

- Info on approved technologies
- Application review & completion guidelines

**Registration Link Coming Soon!**

### USDA Offers Assistance to Help Organic Dairy Producers Cover Increased Costs

FSA is providing financial assistance for a producer's projected marketing costs in 2023 based on their 2022 costs. ODMAP provides a one-time cost-share payment based on marketing costs on pounds of organic milk marketed in the 2022 calendar year. ODMAP provides financial assistance that will immediately support certified organic dairy operations during 2023 keeping organic dairy operations sustainable until markets return to more normal conditions.

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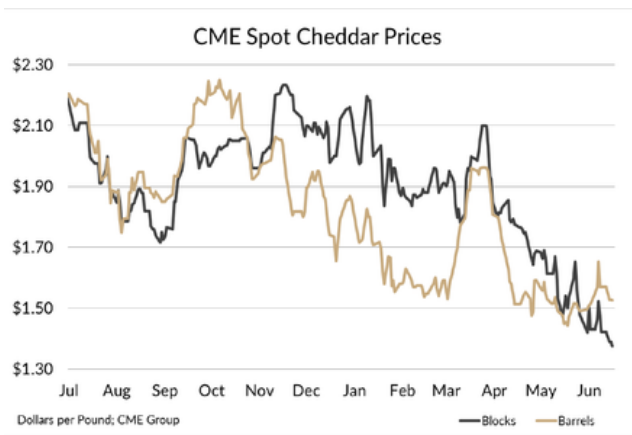
# WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE

Demand is weak and there’s plenty of cheese and milk to go around, weighing on CME cheddar markets. Spot blocks dropped below the \$1.40-per-pound mark for the first time since May 2020.

- Third quarter Class III futures tumbled in the face of falling cheese prices, settling at \$16.24 per hundredweight, down 65 cents on the week.
- The CME butter market remains rangebound in the upper \$2.30s, but it’s starting to test the lower end of that range as supplies remain adequate to meet demand.
- WMP prices slipped again at the latest GlobalDairyTrade Pulse event, settling at \$1.40 per pound, down 0.6% versus the previous Pulse and -3.6% compared to Contract 2 at the most recent main auction. But the CME NDM market is stable, with prices ending the week unchanged versus the Friday before.
- Drought is negatively impacting grain crops


in key growing regions. According to USDA, as of June 11, 61% of the corn crop was in good or excellent condition, down from 64% the previous week at 72% last year. Meanwhile, the soybean crop was rated 59% good or excellent compared to 62% the week before and 70% in 2022.

- In the face of dry weather, nearby corn and soybean futures jumped higher this week. July corn jumped 36 cents to \$6.4025 per bushel and July soybeans rose 80 cents to \$14.6650.
- The Consumer Price Index slowed at a faster - than-expected rate in May, with prices up 4.1% year-over-year. That’s the smallest annual increase since March 2021. Retail sales were ahead of expectations but still behind inflation, up 1.7% compared to 2022.



Dairy Revenue Protection Program		
Futures	Milk Price (Floor) Guarantee @ 95%	Premium Per CWT (CA)
July - September 2023		
Class III	\$16.24	\$15.42
Class IV	\$17.94	\$17.04
October - December 2023		
Class III	\$18.18	\$17.27
Class IV	\$18.66	\$17.72
January - March 2024		
Class III	\$17.97	\$17.07
Class IV	\$18.68	\$17.74
April - June 2024		
Class III	\$18.00	\$17.10
Class IV	\$18.60	\$17.67
July - September 2024		
Class III	\$17.95	\$17.06
Class IV	\$18.15	\$17.24

\*As of 6/16/2023 for 95% coverage, 1.0 Protection Factor



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CME Commodity Prices					
	Blocks	Barrels	Butter	NDM	Dry Whey
Jun-12	\$1.4225	\$1.5700	\$2.3625	\$1.1600	\$0.2800
Jun-13	\$1.4050	\$1.5500	\$2.3525	\$1.1600	\$0.2800
Jun-14	\$1.3900	\$1.5275	\$2.3850	\$1.1625	\$0.2725
Jun-15	\$1.3900	\$1.5275	\$2.3700	\$1.1550	\$0.2725
Jun-16	\$1.3750	\$1.5250	\$2.3650	\$1.1575	\$0.2750
Average	\$1.3965	\$1.5400	\$2.3670	\$1.1590	\$0.2760
Weekly Change	-0.0475	-0.0450	0.0025	-0.0025	0.0000

Order 51: Latest Prices					
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Class I LA	\$23.08	\$21.29	\$21.15	\$21.87	\$20.31
Class II	\$20.83	\$19.52	\$19.20	\$19.11	
Class III	\$17.78	\$18.10	\$18.52	\$16.11	
Class IV	\$18.86	\$18.38	\$17.95	\$18.10	
PPD	\$1.32	\$0.69	\$0.10	\$1.55	
Blend: LA*	\$19.10	\$18.79	\$18.62	\$17.66	
Blend: Tulare*	\$18.60	\$18.29	\$18.12	\$17.16	

\*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	\$ 21.60	\$ 15.41	\$ 6.19	\$ 3.31
	Mar-23	\$ 21.10	\$ 15.02	\$ 6.08	\$ 3.42
	Apr-23	\$ 20.70	\$ 14.86	\$ 5.84	\$ 3.66
	May-23	\$ 19.44	\$ 14.30	\$ 5.14	\$ 4.36
	Jun-23	\$ 18.56	\$ 14.24	\$ 4.31	\$ 5.19
	Jul-23	\$ 18.44	\$ 14.04	\$ 4.40	\$ 5.10
	Aug-23	\$ 19.08	\$ 13.50	\$ 5.59	\$ 3.91
	Sep-23	\$ 20.05	\$ 13.22	\$ 6.83	\$ 2.67
	Oct-23	\$ 20.93	\$ 13.05	\$ 7.88	\$ 1.62
	Nov-23	\$ 21.51	\$ 12.79	\$ 8.72	\$ 0.78
	Dec-23	\$ 21.43	\$ 12.80	\$ 8.63	\$ 0.87

Estimates only. As of 6/16/2023 and based on futures markets which can change daily.

