

USDA Announces Milk Loss Assistance for Dairy Operations Impacted by 2020, 2021 and 2022 Disaster Events

The U.S Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced Milk Loss Program (MLP) assistance for eligible dairy operations for milk that was dumped or removed, without compensation, from the commercial milk market due to qualifying weather events and the consequences of those weather events that inhibited delivery or storage of milk (e.g., power outages, impassable roads, infrastructure losses, etc.) during calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022. Administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), signup for MLP begins Sept. 11 and runs through Oct. 16, 2023.

Eligibility

MLP compensates dairy operations for milk dumped or removed without compensation from the commercial milk market due to qualifying disaster events, including droughts, wildfires, hurricanes, floods, derechos, excessive heat, winter storms, freeze (including a polar vortex), and smoke exposure that occurred in the 2020, 2021 and 2022 calendar years. Tornadoes are considered a qualifying disaster event for calendar year 2022 only.

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MEETING REMINDER: Western United Dairies Board of Directors Meeting

Stanislaus Farm Bureau Office

Wednesday September 20th, 2023 at 9am

All Members Welcome!

Please RSVP to allison@wudairies.com

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New on Seen & Herd: LandFlex's Success and Future

In this episode of the *Seen and Herd* podcast, Anja Raudabaugh is back on the podcast with Allison Tristao, where the two discuss the LandFlex program, including program results and its successes.



LandFlex surpassed its initial purpose as a drought program and demonstrated the potential of a community-driven solution for groundwater sustainability. Plans for Phase Three are in the works, with efforts to expand the program beyond critically over-drafted basins. The goal is to secure more funding and involve more high-priority basins.

The program's success has encouraged interest from various districts and GSAs. The program is open to feedback and suggestions for improvements to make the process smoother for borrowers and lenders.

If you have questions about LandFlex and would like more information, please contact Anja at anja@wudairies.com.

For questions about podcast, please contact Allison at allison@wudairies.com. Listen to the episode on your favorite podcast platform or on our website at wudairies.com.

KITCHEN TABLE MEETINGS

Stanislaus

OCTOBER 17, 2023 | 12:00PM

Duner Barn

3501 DUNN RD • MODESTO, CA 95358

Merced

OCTOBER 24, 2023 | 10:30AM

Vander Woude Dairy Shop Office

1550 RAHILLY RD • MERCED, CA 95341

Humboldt

DECEMBER 5, 2023 | 5:00PM

Fernbridge Cafe

623 FERNBRIDGE DR • FORTUNA, CA 95540

Sonoma/Marin

DECEMBER 6, 2023 | 11:00AM

Washoe House

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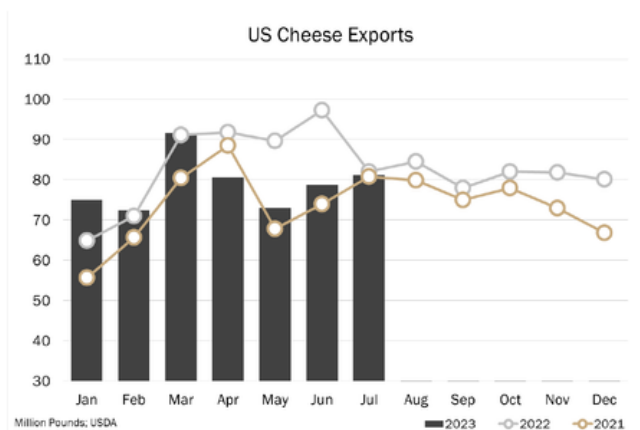
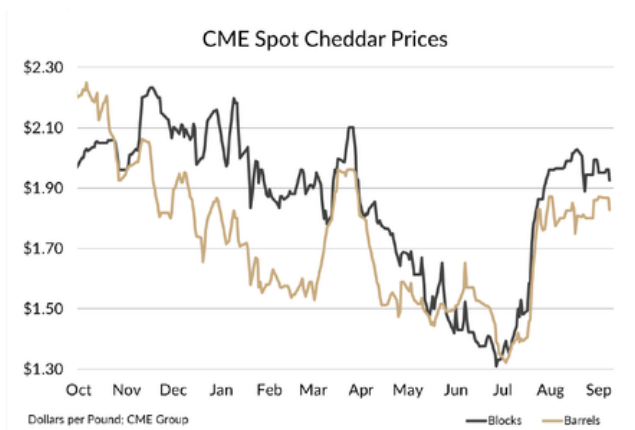
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WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE

US cheese exports reached 81.1 million pounds in July, up 2.9% (+2.3 million pounds) from June, but down 1.1% (-900,000 pounds) versus 2022. Butter export volumes totaled 5.2 million pounds, up 2.0% (+100,000 pounds) from June, but down 61.2% (-8.2 million pounds) versus 2022.

- The CME cheese markets spent most of the short week relatively unchanged before slipping on Friday, with blocks settling in the low \$1.90s and barrels finishing in the low \$1.80s. Total volumes were sluggish, with just five lots exchanged.
- Demand for cheese in the US remained strong in July, with total cheese consumption reaching 1.137 billion pounds. That was up 3.0% versus 2022 and brought year-to-date usage up 1.3% versus prior-year levels.
- Spot butter prices finished the week around the \$2.70s-per-pound mark. Volumes remained heavy, with 49 loads exchanged.
- US domestic butter consumption reached 179 million pounds in July, up 7.5% compared to prior-year levels. That brought year-to-date usage up 8.2% year-over-year.
- After hitting a seven-year low at the previous GlobalDairyTrade auction, WMP prices rebounded last week to \$1.23 per pound. SMP, meanwhile, dipped to \$1.04. CME NDM rose, settling at \$1.10.
- NDM manufacturers' stocks totaled 283.3 million pounds, down 15.0% (-49.8 million pounds) compared to the year prior and -5.2% (-15.5 million pounds) on the month. Combined NDM/SMP output reached 197.5 million pounds, down 12.9% (-29.3 million pounds) year-over-year and -8.3% (-18.0 million pounds) from June to July.
- Nearby corn futures settled higher amid high heat and dry conditions. Weather worries also lent some support to soybeans, though nearby futures dipped lower on weak demand.



Dairy Revenue Protection Program			
	Futures	Milk Price (Floor) Guarantee @ 95%	Premium Per CWT (CA)
October - December 2023			
Class III	\$18.84	\$17.89	\$0.18
Class IV	\$18.93	\$17.98	\$0.16
January - March 2024			
Class III	\$18.51	\$17.58	\$0.31
Class IV	\$18.85	\$17.91	\$0.35
April - June 2024			
Class III	\$18.53	\$17.60	\$0.39
Class IV	\$19.10	\$18.15	\$0.54
July - September 2024			
Class III	\$18.68	\$17.75	\$0.41
Class IV	\$19.08	\$18.13	\$0.46
October - December 2024			
Class III	\$18.48	\$17.55	\$0.49
Class IV	\$18.90	\$17.96	\$0.55
*As of 9/8/2023 for 95% coverage, 1.0 Protection Factor			
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CME Commodity Prices					
	Blocks	Barrels	Butter	NDM	Dry Whey
Sep-04	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
Sep-05	\$1.9500	\$1.8675	\$2.7100	\$1.0575	\$0.3200
Sep-06	\$1.9625	\$1.8675	\$2.7200	\$1.0900	\$0.3200
Sep-07	\$1.9625	\$1.8675	\$2.7300	\$1.1000	\$0.3100
Sep-08	\$1.9250	\$1.8275	\$2.6800	\$1.1000	\$0.3025
Average	\$1.5600	\$1.4860	\$2.1680	\$0.8695	\$0.2505
Weekly Change	-0.0250	-0.0425	0.0200	0.0250	-0.0025
Order 51: Latest Prices					
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Class I LA	\$21.87	\$20.31	\$19.62	\$18.92	\$21.20
Class II	\$19.11	\$18.83	\$19.12	\$19.91	
Class III	\$16.11	\$14.91	\$13.77	\$17.19	
Class IV	\$18.10	\$18.26	\$18.26	\$18.91	
PPD	\$1.55	\$1.51	\$1.76		
Blend: LA*	\$17.66	\$16.42	\$15.53		
Blend: Tulare*	\$17.16	\$15.92	\$15.03		

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	\$ 19.30	\$ 14.47	\$ 4.83	\$ 4.67
	Jun-23	\$ 17.90	\$ 14.25	\$ 3.65	\$ 5.85
	Jul-23	\$ 17.40	\$ 13.88	\$ 3.52	\$ 5.98
	Aug-23	\$ 19.92	\$ 13.10	\$ 6.82	\$ 2.68
	Sep-23	\$ 21.05	\$ 11.96	\$ 9.09	\$ 0.41
	Oct-23	\$ 21.71	\$ 12.00	\$ 9.71	\$ -
	Nov-23	\$ 21.95	\$ 12.05	\$ 9.90	\$ -
	Dec-23	\$ 21.81	\$ 12.10	\$ 9.71	\$ -
Estimates only. As of 9/8/2023 and based on futures markets which can change daily.					

