

WESTERN UNITED DAIRIES

WEEKLY UPDATE | APRIL 16, 2024

New on Seen & Herd: Protecting Our Herds – Insights from Dr. Payne

In this episode of Seen and Heard, Amanda Russell, the communications consultant for Western United Dairies, interviews Dr. Michael Payne regarding the avian influenza outbreak. Dr. Payne provides updates on the latest information regarding the outbreak, highlighting confirmed cases in North Carolina, South Dakota, and Ohio. Interestingly, the infected cattle in North Carolina showed no symptoms, raising concerns about asymptomatic transmission.



The discussion moves on to the recent order established for entry requirements for importing dairy cattle into California. Dr. Payne explains the enhancements made to the certificates of veterinary inspection, aiming to decrease the risk of missing animals incubating avian influenza during boundary inspections.

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Sustainable Conservation Position Available

Sustainable Conservation has an exciting opportunity that will play a key role in helping expand the impact of our long-standing Waste Not program. This program helps improve drinking water quality in the San Joaquin Valley by identifying and scaling on-farm solutions that reduce nitrate leaching to groundwater. We are seeking an experienced Agricultural Practice Impact Analyst to provide critical support in understanding, evaluating, and communicating the effectiveness of different practices on dairies and farms operating in the San Joaquin Valley.

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LUC: Lecheros Unidos de California

Western United Dairies is proud to host LUC, a clearinghouse of resources to assist in all aspects of searching for and hiring employees for your dairy.

LUC services are offered in Spanish & English & include:

- 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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(continued) Protecting Our Herds: Insights from Dr. Payne

Dr. Payne addresses the absence of confirmed cases in California herds, offering advice to producers on preventive measures. Emphasizing the importance of biosecurity and isolation procedures, Doctor Payne recommends stringent measures for new herd additions and monitoring their health status regularly.

The episode concludes with a discussion on wild bird control and the need for proactive measures to prevent exposure to avian influenza in California. Dr. Payne stresses the significance of reporting unusual symptoms and discusses the resources available for further information.

For questions about the episode, please contact us at podcast@wudairies.com.

Linked Resources:

- [CDFA Order](#)
- [Dairy Cattle: Biosecurity Recommendations for HPAI and More](#)
- [HPAI in Dairy Cattle FAQs](#)
- [CDQAP Advisory: HAPI Update](#)

The resources listed above can also be found on our website at wudairies.com, along with other Avian Influenza-related news. •

(continued) Sustainable Conservation Position Available

Under the guidance of the Waste Not program's Project Director and in collaboration with other team members and our external partners, the Agricultural Practice Impact Analyst will:

- support on-farm implementation, evaluation and expansion of an innovative manure subsurface drip irrigation system;
- evaluate and address barriers to the production and sale of manure compost; and
- assess the environmental and economic opportunities for transforming dairy manure into different value-added products.

The Agricultural Practice Impact Analyst will work in both field and office settings. The ideal candidate will bring farming and agronomic experience, strong analytical and writing skills, and a passion for helping growers understand practices that are good for their business and for the environment and communities. Please visit SusCon's website for this announcement more information:

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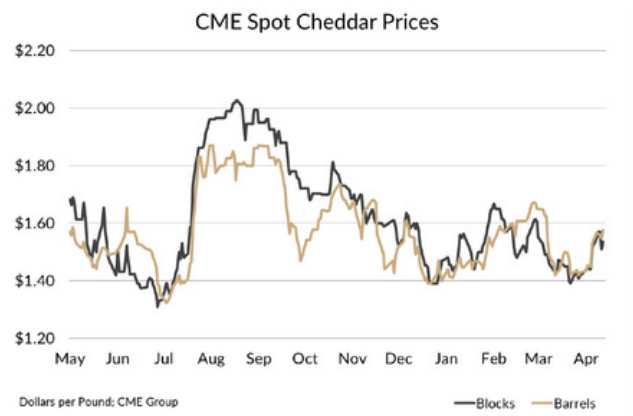
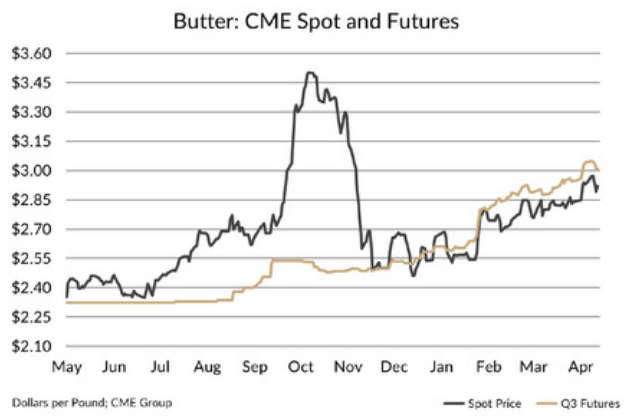
WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE

The CME butter market remains elevated as some buyers are still looking for bulk product and are anxious about availability. Spot butter prices climbed to a new year-to-date high of \$2.97 per pound before retreating a bit, ending the week in the low \$2.90s.

- Decent February export numbers were enough to drive CME cheese markets back up to the \$1.50s, though prices slipped a bit later in the week. Blocks trading was heavy, with 21 loads changing hands on Friday alone – the largest single-day trading volume since May 2019.
- With tighter volume and a little more global interest, milk powder prices climbed at the latest GlobalDairyTrade Pulse event. Skim milk powder reached \$1.16 per pound, while whole milk powder rose to \$1.47 per pound. Those price increases helped give spot nonfat dry milk a little support. But demand is still weak enough to keep the market rangebound in the low \$1.10s.
- USDA’s *April World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates* report didn’t bring many surprises and leaned bearish for both corn


and soybeans. There wasn’t much reaction in the corn market, with the May contract settling up a little more than one cent on the week at \$4.3550 per bushel. Soybeans slipped to \$11.7400 per bushel, down 11 cents.

- Inflation was warmer than expected in March, with the Consumer Price Index up 0.4% on the month and +3.5% on the year. Food prices rose at a slower pace, as the overall food index advanced 2.2% versus 2023. Grocery prices climbed 1.2% year-over-year, while the food-away-from-home index jumped 4.5%.
- USDA’s 2024 Dairy Margin Coverage enrollment is open through April 29. The February payment rate is \$0.06 per hundredweight.



Dairy Revenue Protection Program		
Futures	Milk Price (Floor) Guarantee @ 95%	Premium Per CWT (CA)
July - September 2024		
Class III	\$17.92	\$17.03
Class IV	\$20.99	\$19.94
October - December 2024		
Class III	\$18.19	\$17.28
Class IV	\$21.45	\$20.38
January - March 2025		
Class III	\$17.89	\$16.99
Class IV	\$20.16	\$19.15
April - June 2025		
Class III	\$17.91	\$17.01
Class IV	\$19.64	\$18.65
July - September 2025		
Class III	\$18.10	\$17.20
Class IV	\$17.77	\$16.88
		N/A

*As of 4/12/2024 for 95% coverage, 1.0 Protection Factor



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CME Commodity Prices					
	Blocks	Barrels	Butter	NDM	Dry Whey
Apr-08	\$15500	\$15675	\$29700	\$1.1375	\$0.3800
Apr-09	\$15700	\$15625	\$29700	\$1.1350	\$0.3675
Apr-10	\$15700	\$15600	\$29300	\$1.1450	\$0.3625
Apr-11	\$15100	\$15475	\$28925	\$1.1500	\$0.3625
Apr-12	\$15350	\$15725	\$29200	\$1.1425	\$0.3600
Average	\$15470	\$15620	\$29365	\$1.1420	\$0.3665
Weekly Change	0.0200	0.0425	-0.0200	0.0100	-0.0300

Order 51: Latest Prices					
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Class I LA	\$22.06	\$20.78	\$20.29	\$21.10	\$21.48
Class II	\$19.88	\$20.04	\$20.53	\$21.12	
Class III	\$16.04	\$15.17	\$16.08	\$16.34	
Class IV	\$19.23	\$19.39	\$19.85	\$20.09	
PPD	\$1.51	\$1.64	\$1.33	\$1.43	
Blend: LA*	\$17.55	\$16.81	\$17.41	\$17.77	
Blend: Tulare*	\$17.05	\$16.31	\$16.91	\$17.27	

*Does not include Quota Deduction

USDA Dairy Margin Coverage (per CWT)					
	Month	All Milk	Feed	Margin Estimate	Indemnity Estimate @ 9.50 Margin
2024 Program	Jan-24	\$ 20.10	\$ 11.62	\$ 8.48	\$ 1.02
	Feb-24	\$ 20.60	\$ 11.16	\$ 9.44	\$ 0.06
	Mar-24	\$ 20.37	\$ 10.61	\$ 9.76	\$ -
	Apr-24	\$ 19.69	\$ 10.65	\$ 9.04	\$ 0.46
	May-24	\$ 19.83	\$ 10.63	\$ 9.21	\$ 0.29
	Jun-24	\$ 20.02	\$ 10.69	\$ 9.33	\$ 0.17
	Jul-24	\$ 20.38	\$ 10.75	\$ 9.63	\$ -
	Aug-24	\$ 21.13	\$ 10.81	\$ 10.32	\$ -
	Sep-24	\$ 21.76	\$ 10.85	\$ 10.91	\$ -
	Oct-24	\$ 22.23	\$ 10.93	\$ 11.30	\$ -
	Nov-24	\$ 22.48	\$ 10.99	\$ 11.49	\$ -
	Dec-24	\$ 22.20	\$ 11.05	\$ 11.15	\$ -

Estimates only. As of 4/12/2024 and based on futures markets which can change daily.

