

Notice of Public Quota Forum Next Week in Sonoma County

July 29, 2024 Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

In person at Sonoma County Ag Commissioner's Office:
133 Aviation Blvd #110, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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CDFA Opens Digester, AMMP and Dairy Plus Programs

By Paul Sousa, Director of Regulatory and Environmental Affairs

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has opened its livestock manure methane reduction programs and is now accepting applications until October 18. California has allocated funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to dairy digesters and the alternative manure management program (AMMP). The California Dairy Research Foundation (CDRF) also partnered with CDFA to secure funding from the USDA's Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities program to secure additional funding for the Dairy Plus Program. This program will fund projects that reduce manure methane emissions as well as improve water quality by funding innovative technologies. More information can be found on CDFA's website: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/>

PPIC Statewide Survey Highlights: Californians and the Environment

Californians have been facing a record heat wave and wildfires across the state this summer. The state's multibillion-dollar budget deficit prompted spending cuts for climate and energy programs. In response, the legislature approved a \$10 billion state bond for the November ballot, which Western United Dairies helped secure. This bond asks voters to approve more funding for drought, floods, wildfires, coastal resilience, and extreme heat mitigation.

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Struggling with Depression?

Call 1-800-784-2433 any time, 24x7, for a live, trained person to talk with or to find local resources.

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 will be closed for maintenance from June 10, 2024 - September 9, 2024. We will follow up about any pending items upon reopening in September.

For more information, visit: westernuniteddairies.com/lecheros-unidos

(continued) PPIC Statewide Survey Highlights: Californians and the Environment

These are the key findings of the Californians and the Environment survey on local, state, and national issues and coastal and inland topics that was conducted June 24–July 2, 2024:

- **Fifty-nine percent of California likely voters say they would vote “yes” on a \$10 billion state bond measure** for the November 2024 ballot to pay for flood protection and climate resiliency projects.
- **Californians name climate change (17%) as the state’s most important environmental issue**, followed by wildfires (15%) and water supply (14%)
- **Eight in ten Californians are concerned that home insurance will become more expensive** due to climate change risks.
- **About six in ten adults and likely voters say it is more important for climate policies to address climate mitigation or reducing greenhouse gasses**, while less than four in ten say it is more important to address climate adaptation or adapting to a harsher climate.
- **Two in three Californians say environmental protection should be given priority**, even at the risk of curbing economic growth (66% adults, 67% likely voters), while about three in ten say economic growth should be given priority even if the environment suffers to some extent (32% of both adults and likely voters).
- **Two in three adults (66%) and likely voters (67%) favor the state law that requires 100 percent of the state’s electricity to come from renewable energy sources by the year 2045**
 - However, when asked if they would be willing to pay more for electricity generated by renewable sources—such as solar or wind energy—in order to help reduce climate change, majorities of adults and likely voters say they would not be willing
- **About a quarter of adults and a fifth of likely voters say they have considered moving to a different home to avoid the impacts of global warming**, including sea-level rise, flooding, heat waves, and wildfires (predominantly renters)
- When asked if they are personally prepared for a disaster themselves, only **35 percent of adults say they are prepared for a disaster**
- **When asked about their handling of environmental issues today, Californians offer mixed reviews of the governor** (52% approve, 45% disapprove) and the legislature (49% approve, 48% disapprove)
 - Approval of Governor Newsom’s handling of the environment is down 6 percentage points since last July (58%) and down 17 points since July 2020 (69%)

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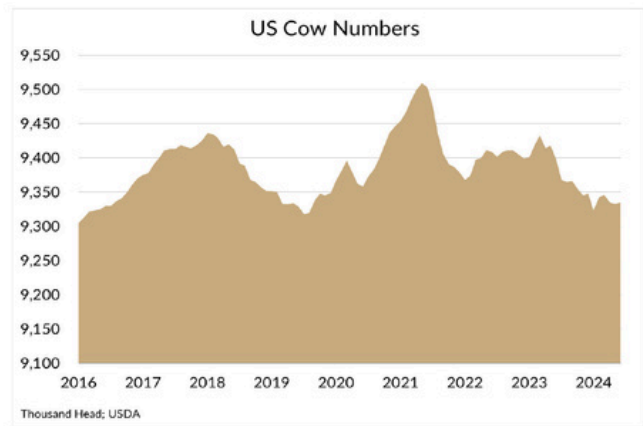
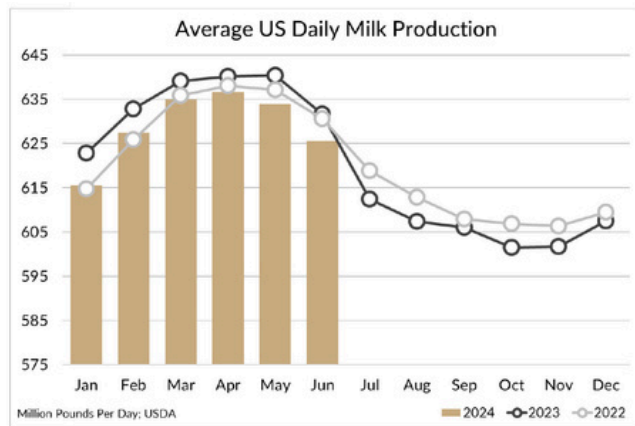
WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE

According to USDA’s Milk Production report, US milk output totaled 18.8 billion pounds in June, down 1.0% on the year and below expectations. California saw near-normal seasonal declines from May to June and output landed down 1.8% versus 2023.

- In June, the US dairy herd reached 9.335 million cows, up 2,000 compared to May, but down 62,000 head year-over-year. USDA revised May numbers down 17,000 cows from the previous report.
- CME cheese markets climbed again as reports of some export interest and concerns about how much milk will be available to fill cheese vats gave prices a bump. Both spot blocks and barrels jumped back into the \$1.90s with decent trading volume.
- Spot butter dropped below \$3.10 per pound, but there wasn’t enough bearish news to make prices fall any further. For now, the market seems happy to remain well north of \$3.00 per pound.
- While milk powder prices declined again at


the latest GlobalDairyTrade Pulse auction, the CME NDM market jumped back into the \$1.20s, reaching the highest price since February.

- After dropping to the lowest settlement price since October 2020, nearby corn futures rebounded somewhat, climbing back over the \$4-per-bushel mark. The August soybean contract also advanced, rising back to the \$11 range.
- US grain crops remain in good shape. As of the week ending July 21, USDA rated 67% of the corn crop as good/excellent, down slightly from 68% the previous week, but up from the five-year average of 63%. Soybeans were unchanged on the week at 68%, well above 59% on the five-year average.



Dairy Revenue Protection Program		
Futures	Milk Price (Floor) Guarantee @ 95%	Premium Per CWT (CA)
October - December 2024		
Class III	\$20.31	\$19.29
Class IV	\$21.25	\$20.19
January - March 2025		
Class III	\$18.54	\$17.62
Class IV	\$20.60	\$19.57
April - June 2025		
Class III	\$18.26	\$17.34
Class IV	\$20.32	\$19.30
July - September 2025		
Class III	\$18.42	\$17.50
Class IV	\$20.08	\$19.07
October - December 2025		
Class III	\$18.30	\$17.38
Class IV	\$19.02	\$18.07
		NA

*As of 7/23/2024 for 95% coverage, 1.0 Protection Factor



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CME Commodity Prices					
	Blocks	Barrels	Butter	NDM	Dry Whey
Jul-17	\$1.8600	\$1.9125	\$3.1300	\$1.1650	\$0.5000
Jul-18	\$1.8650	\$1.9125	\$3.1050	\$1.1900	\$0.5100
Jul-19	\$1.8650	\$1.9125	\$3.0750	\$1.1975	\$0.5175
Jul-22	\$1.8750	\$1.9250	\$3.0750	\$1.1975	\$0.5250
Jul-23	\$1.9300	\$1.9600	\$3.0750	\$1.2200	\$0.5300
Average	\$1.8790	\$1.9245	\$3.0920	\$1.1940	\$0.5165
Weekly Change	0.0650	0.0725	-0.0625	0.0500	0.0300

Order 51: Latest Prices					
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Class I LA	\$21.48	\$20.76	\$22.38	\$23.41	\$23.62
Class II	\$21.23	\$21.50	\$21.60		
Class III	\$15.50	\$18.55	\$19.87		
Class IV	\$20.11	\$20.50	\$21.08		
PPD	\$1.84	\$0.85	\$0.79		
Blend: LA*	\$17.34	\$19.40	\$20.66		
Blend: Tulare*	\$16.84	\$18.90	\$20.16		

*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	\$ 20.70	\$ 11.05	\$ 9.65	\$ -
	Apr-24	\$ 20.50	\$ 10.90	\$ 9.60	\$ -
	May-24	\$ 22.00	\$ 11.48	\$ 10.52	\$ -
	Jun-24	\$ 21.95	\$ 10.83	\$ 11.11	\$ -
	Jul-24	\$ 22.38	\$ 10.56	\$ 11.82	\$ -
	Aug-24	\$ 22.82	\$ 10.24	\$ 12.57	\$ -
	Sep-24	\$ 23.49	\$ 10.11	\$ 13.38	\$ -
	Oct-24	\$ 23.91	\$ 10.10	\$ 13.80	\$ -
	Nov-24	\$ 23.80	\$ 10.16	\$ 13.63	\$ -
	Dec-24	\$ 23.29	\$ 10.22	\$ 13.07	\$ -

Estimates only. As of 7/23/2024 and based on futures markets which can change daily.

