

FREE PPE

Products Include:

- face shields
- gloves
- googles
- N-95 masks

- Dairies do not need to be a WUD member and may request as much PPE to protect their employees as necessary.
- We will ship this protective gear to your dairy OR make arrangements for a safe delivery off-site of the dairy.
- Orders may take up to a week to process so please utilize this free service as soon as possible.

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If you have any questions, please contact the WUD office at (209)527-6453. Thank you to the excellent team at CDPH for helping our farms keep their workers safe.

FDA Warns Veterinarians Against Aspirin Use in Dairy Cattle

New guidance from FDA supersedes all previous guidance on aspirin use in food animals.

By Dr. Michael Payne, UCD School of Veterinary Medicine and Director CDQAP

Monday, the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine ([CVM](#)) published a [letter](#) to veterinarians warning them that there are no aspirin products approved for use in cattle and therefore such use in dairy cows (or any other food animal species) is prohibited. Also on Monday the American Association for Bovine Practitioners ([AABP](#)) published a [podcast](#), which further explained this change in regulatory priorities.

Since at least the 1960s numerous brands of aspirin-containing oral products have been marketed for cattle in the U.S. including bolus, powder and liquid formulations. None of these products however have completed the rigorous FDA animal drug approval process.

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Weekly Update Delivery Options

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LUC: Lecheros Unidos de California

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.

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

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Increasing use of aspirin in cattle during the current HPAI outbreak, the availability of other approved drugs and media inquiries about the potential impacts to food safety prompted the FDA to determine that aspirin in dairy cattle was no longer of low regulatory concern and publish the letter.

As an alternative to aspirin there are a number of anti-inflammatory products that have full FDA approval. These includes at least six intravenous flunixin-containing products, all having the same 36-hour milk and 4-day slaughter withdrawal periods. There is also a single pour-on flunixin product with 48-hour milk withdrawal and 8-day slaughter withdrawal periods. Importantly the withdrawal times for this pour-on product are only valid for a single treatment. Using additional treatments would require extended withdrawal times prescribed by the herd veterinarian.

It is essential that hospital pen employees using flunixin products be properly trained in administration. Injection of flunixin outside the vein can result in damaged jugular veins or large painful muscle injection sites. Extra-label use of flunixin, such as IM or SQ administration or using increased doses, can change meat and milk withdrawal times. Finally, based on reports from the field, it is essential that cows treated with flunixin be properly rehydrated to avoid GI, liver and kidney damage, potentially resulting in mortalities.

As with all prescription medications, producers considering flunixin use in cows should consult with their herd veterinarian. •

Tulare County PPE Distribution Event

Tulare County Health, along with the Agricultural Commissioner’s office, is hosting a PPE distribution event in Tulare.

- **Friday, October 18 from 9AM-11AM at the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner, 4437 South Laspina Street, Tulare**
- Free PPE Drive for Tulare County Dairies, Milk Haulers, Cattle Haulers & Creameries
- Drive-through model: No need to leave vehicles—basic info collected, PPE loaded into trucks.
- Primarily for Tulare County, but participants from other counties won’t be turned away, especially creameries, milk haulers, and dairy families with operations across counties
- **PPE Available N95 Masks, Face Shields, Goggles, Gloves**

NOTICE: Referendum Ballots Mailed Friday 10/11

Ballots for the 90-day industry referendum to consider amendments to QIP were mailed out on Friday, October 11, 2024.

The transcript of the hearing that was conducted via Zoom on September 9th, along with the Department’s findings, and notes summarizing the various industry forums the Department conducted, have been posted online and can be accessed here: [CDFA – Marketing Services – Dairy – Matrix \(ca.gov\)](#).

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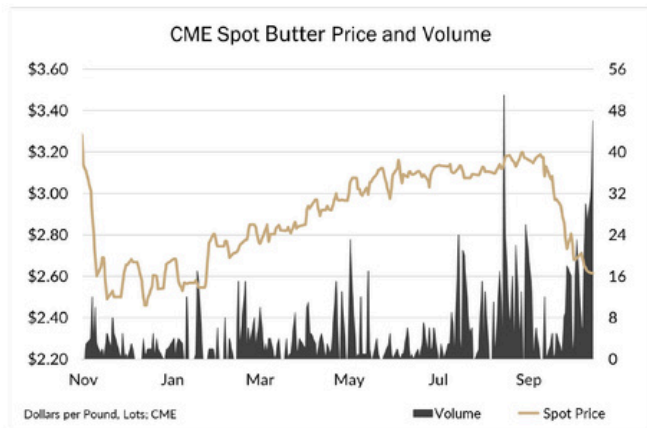
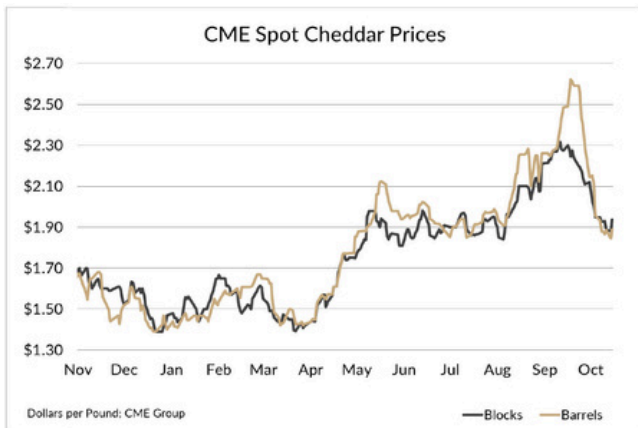
WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE

Following steep declines in recent weeks, spot cheddar markets finally found some footing. Prices jumped higher on Tuesday, regaining some lost ground and bringing spot blocks over the \$1.90 mark and barrels to the upper \$1.80s.

- Prices are still drifting lower in the CME butter market, and now hover in the low \$2.60s. That’s the lowest price since January. But volume has been particularly heavy. For the last week, trading volume has been consistently in the double digits, bringing the October 9–15 total to 157 loads.
- US butter and cheese consumption were above prior-year levels in August, though that hasn’t translated into higher spot prices. Cheese usage for the first eight months of the year reached 9.085 billion pounds, up 0.5% versus 2023. Butter consumption year-to-date totaled 1.459 billion pounds, up 3.8% on the year.
- The latest GlobalDairyTrade event was mixed. Skim milk powder prices slipped 1.8% to \$1.25 per pound, while whole milk powder eased 0.2% to \$1.61 per pound.

Cheddar cheese pushed a bit higher to \$2.13. However, mozzarella declined 8.0% to \$2.07.

- There’s still not much action in the CME nonfat dry milk market. While supplies are tight, demand remains lackluster, keeping the market well-balanced and content to rest in the mid-\$1.30s.
- USDA’s October *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates* report painted a bearish picture for grains. US corn yield, production and stock estimates were all ahead of expectations. Soybean yields were in line with predictions, while production and stock estimates were larger than expected.
- Post-WASDE, nearby corn and soybean markets dropped lower. December corn futures moved closer to the \$4-per-bushel mark, while the November soybean contract slipped below \$10 per bushel.



Dairy Revenue Protection Program		
Futures	Milk Price (Floor) Guarantee @ 95%	Premium Per CWT (CA)
January - March 2025		
Class III	\$19.91	\$0.30
Class IV	\$21.08	\$0.30
April - June 2025		
Class III	\$19.35	\$0.43
Class IV	\$21.33	\$0.47
July - September 2025		
Class III	\$19.41	\$0.47
Class IV	\$21.42	\$0.58
October - December 2025		
Class III	\$19.42	\$0.56
Class IV	\$21.38	\$0.67
January - March 2026		
Class III	\$17.61	NA
Class IV	\$16.18	NA

*As of 10/15/24 for 95% coverage, 1.0 Protection Factor



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CME Commodity Prices					
	Blocks	Barrels	Butter	NDM	Dry Whey
Oct-09	\$1.9275	\$1.8800	\$2.6500	\$1.3550	\$0.6000
Oct-10	\$1.9300	\$1.8650	\$2.6400	\$1.3525	\$0.6000
Oct-11	\$1.8875	\$1.8875	\$2.6250	\$1.3525	\$0.5950
Oct-14	\$1.8800	\$1.8450	\$2.6150	\$1.3550	\$0.5950
Oct-15	\$1.9375	\$1.8900	\$2.6150	\$1.3500	\$0.5975
Average	\$1.9125	\$1.8735	\$2.6290	\$1.3530	\$0.5975
Weekly Change	0.0100	0.0100	-0.0625	-0.0050	-0.0025

Order 51: Latest Prices					
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Class I LA	\$22.38	\$23.41	\$23.62	\$23.90	\$25.47
Class II	\$21.60	\$21.82	\$22.05	\$22.40	
Class III	\$19.87	\$19.79	\$20.66	\$23.34	
Class IV	\$21.08	\$21.31	\$21.58	\$22.29	
PPD	\$0.79	\$1.05	\$2.10	-\$0.89	
Blend: LA*	\$20.66	\$20.84	\$23.60	\$22.45	
Blend: Tulare*	\$20.16	\$20.34	\$23.20	\$21.95	

*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	\$ 22.80	\$ 11.14	\$ 11.66	\$ -
	Jul-24	\$ 22.80	\$ 10.47	\$ 12.33	\$ -
	Aug-24	\$ 23.60	\$ 9.88	\$ 13.72	\$ -
	Sep-24	\$ 25.27	\$ 9.94	\$ 15.34	\$ -
	Oct-24	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.03	\$ 14.97	\$ -
	Nov-24	\$ 24.32	\$ 10.12	\$ 14.20	\$ -
	Dec-24	\$ 24.00	\$ 10.20	\$ 13.80	\$ -

Estimates only. As of 10/15/2024 and based on futures markets which can change daily.

