

# WESTERNUNITEDDAIRIES

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## Thank You!

A big thank you to all our members who stopped by to see us at World Ag Expo!

### 2025 H5N1 Regional Strategy & Farm Biosecurity Kits

The USDA has published a new regional strategy document outlining key biosecurity measures to protect farms from disease threats. As part of this effort, farm biosecurity kits are available to help dairy producers implement enhanced on-farm biosecurity practices. These kits include essential tools such as sprayer kits to support disease prevention.

[LEARN MORE](#)

### FREE PPE Orders Extended thru March 2025

- PPE has been extended to dairy-adjacent businesses (Truckers, Haulers, etc.)
- All dairies can request unlimited PPE, no WUD membership needed.
- Products include: Face Shields, Goggles, Gloves, and N-95 Masks.

[PLACE YOUR ORDER](#)

### Order Labor Law Posters/Spiral Binders for 2025

To place your order, email Rashell at [rashell@wudairies.com](mailto:rashell@wudairies.com) OR scan to order on the website.



### Weekly Update Delivery Options

Send change of address or request for delivery to WUD by phone or email at:

**(209)527-6453**

[info@wudairies.com](mailto:info@wudairies.com)

### 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 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](https://westernuniteddairies.com/lecheros-unidos)

# Feeling Sick? Free COVID, Flu and Bird Flu Testing Near You In Fresno County



## Protect yourself, your loved ones and those around you!

Get tested for COVID-19, seasonal flu and bird flu for free at a testing site near you.

### WHO

Test if you have red or swollen eyes, cough, fever, body aches, or are otherwise feeling unwell. These symptoms could be COVID-19 or the flu. If you or someone in your home has COVID-19, the flu, or bird flu, medicine is available to help prevent serious illness.

You may be at risk of bird flu if you:

- work with infected animals such as cows or poultry,
- handle or drink raw milk,
- or have sick backyard chickens.

### WHEN & WHERE

Get free COVID and flu testing at community sites below.

Date:	Hours:	Location:
Feb 15 & Mar 15	10am - 2pm	Fresno County Public Library Caruthers Branch: 13382 South Henderson Road, Caruthers
Feb 18 & Mar 10, 11, 17	2pm - 6pm	Fresno County Public Library Caruthers Branch: 13382 South Henderson Road, Caruthers





### How

You will get your results for COVID-19/flu within 15 minutes. Your local health department will contact you if your bird flu test is positive within 7 business days and provide information on how to keep you and those you live with healthy.

Services are provided by eTrueNorth in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the California Department of Public Health.

Fresno County Health Department: (559) 600-3332

**For more information:**  
 CDPH Bird Flu webpage: [go.cdph.ca.gov/birdflu](https://go.cdph.ca.gov/birdflu)  
 Questions: Hazard Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS) Workplace Hazard Helpline: (866) 282-5512

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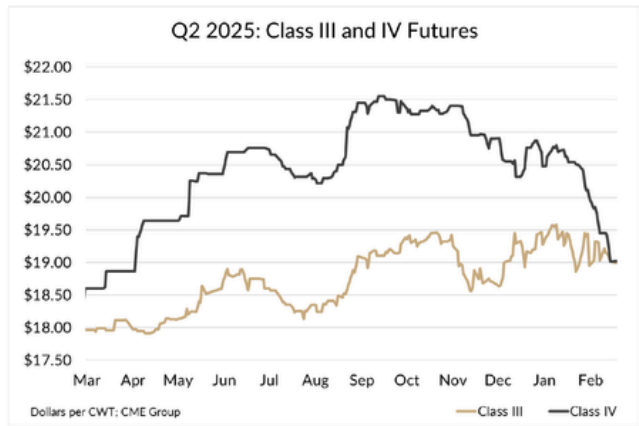
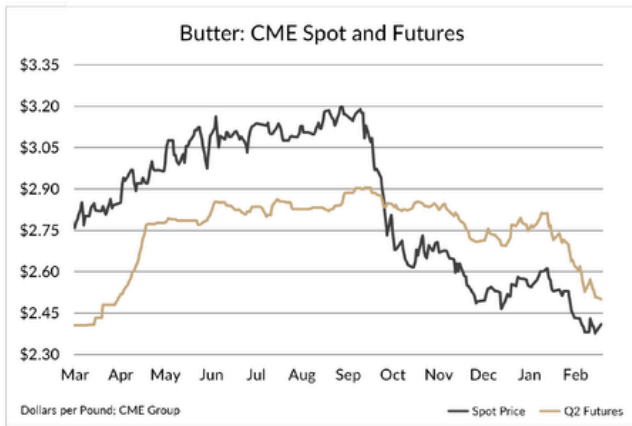
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# WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE


The CME butter market had its busiest trading week since August. For February 10-14, 51 lots changed hands — 31 on February 12 alone. On the price side, spot butter keeps testing new lows, then rebounding. After slipping below \$2.40, the market climbed back above the mark.

- After weeks of roller coaster rides, the CME cheese market has been relatively quiet in recent days. Supply and demand seem balanced for now, with blocks comfortable in the low-\$1.90s and barrels in the low-\$1.80s. Analysts continue to watch the balance of new plant start-ups versus milk production and trade news.
- Like spot cheese, Class III futures have tightened into a narrower trading range, just above the \$19-per-hundredweight mark. But declines in butter have helped send Class IV contracts tumbling so second quarter futures are roughly on par with Class III.
- Milk powder prices declined at this week’s GlobalDairyTrade auction, with skim milk powder shedding 2.9% to close at \$1.25 per pound. Whole milk powder declined just 0.4% to \$1.88 per pound. Cheddar also dropped, down 3.2% to \$2.21, while butter rose 2.2% to \$3.35 per pound.
- Soft demand and lower global prices are still weighing on the US nonfat dry milk market, driving prices lower. Spot prices slipped below the \$1.30-per-pound mark for the first time since August.
- Decent demand is driving US corn prices higher. March corn leapt up and passed the \$5-per-pound mark with reports of strong export business. Soybean markets were choppy, but weaker, with March futures moving into the \$10.30s.



Dairy Revenue Protection Program		
Futures	Milk Price (Floor) Guarantee @ 95%	Premium Per CWT (CA)
April - June 2025		
Class III	\$18.99	\$18.04
Class IV	\$19.02	\$18.07
July - September 2025		
Class III	\$18.80	\$17.86
Class IV	\$19.31	\$18.34
October - December 2025		
Class III	\$18.64	\$17.71
Class IV	\$19.92	\$18.92
January - March 2026		
Class III	\$18.23	\$17.32
Class IV	\$19.21	\$18.25
April - June 2026		
Class III	\$17.75	\$16.86
Class IV	\$17.65	\$16.77

\*As of 02/18/25 for 95% coverage, 1.0 Protection Factor



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CME Commodity Prices					
	Blocks	Barrels	Butter	NDM	Dry Whey
Feb-12	\$1,9200	\$1,8275	\$2,4050	\$1,3000	\$0,5675
Feb-13	\$1,9200	\$1,8300	\$2,4000	\$1,3000	\$0,5600
Feb-14	\$1,9200	\$1,8175	\$2,3775	\$1,2800	\$0,5550
Feb-17					
Feb-18	\$1,9200	\$1,8150	\$2,4100	\$1,2800	\$0,5550
Average	\$1,9200	\$1,8225	\$2,3981	\$1,2900	\$0,5594
Weekly Change	0.0125	-0.0025	-0.0200	-0.0200	-0.0125

Order 51: Latest Prices					
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Class I LA	\$25.47	\$24.83	\$23.73	\$22.68	\$23.57
Class II	\$21.01	\$21.52	\$21.28	\$21.58	
Class III	\$22.85	\$19.95	\$18.62	\$20.34	
Class IV	\$20.90	\$21.12	\$20.74	\$20.73	
PPD	-\$1.38	\$1.33	\$1.37	\$0.61	
Blend: LA*	\$21.47	\$21.28	\$19.99	\$20.95	
Blend: Tulare*	\$20.97	\$20.78	\$19.49	\$20.45	

\*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	\$ 25.50	\$ 9.93	\$ 15.57	\$ -
	Oct-24	\$ 25.20	\$ 10.03	\$ 15.17	\$ -
	Nov-24	\$ 24.20	\$ 9.91	\$ 14.29	\$ -
	Dec-24	\$ 23.30	\$ 9.92	\$ 13.38	\$ -

Estimates only. As of 2/18/2025 and based on futures markets which can change daily.

