

State Veterinarian Bans California Poultry and Dairy Exhibitions Due to H5N1 Outbreak

In response to the widespread outbreak of H5N1 Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) in California, the State Veterinarian has [issued an immediate ban](#) on all poultry and dairy cattle exhibitions at fairs and shows. This precautionary measure aims to prevent the further spread of the highly contagious virus, which has affected over 700 dairy herds and 60 poultry flocks since August 2024, involving more than 15 million birds. Poultry and dairy owners are urged to enhance biosecurity measures, avoid co-mingling with wild birds, and report any signs of illness to their veterinarians or the CDFA hotline. This temporary ban will be reassessed in the coming months as the situation evolves.

- **Dairy Cattle Affected by the Ban:** The ban targets high-risk dairy cattle, including bred heifers near parturition, lactating cows, and recently dried-off cows. Hosting public calving exhibits is prohibited.
- **Exempt Dairy Animals:** Dairy bulls, feeder calves, and steers are not included in the ban, as they are not significantly implicated in the spread of H5N1.

More information and frequently asked questions can be found [here](#).

New on Seen & Herd: The End of an Era - Ranching and Dairy Exit Point Reyes

This week on Seen and Herd, we sat down with Western CEO Anja Raudabaugh to discuss the recent settlement at Point Reyes National Seashore, which officially ends dairy and beef ranching in the area.

After years of legal battles and environmental disputes, ranchers have 15 months to transition out of the park. Raudabaugh walks us through the complex history, the environmental and economic impact of this decision, and the broader implications for land use policies nationwide. Is this a precedent-setting case for future conservation battles?

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- 1pm - 3pm:** Free Legal Advice, Anthony Raimondo

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- 9am - 11am:** Dairy Environmental In-the-Know, *Paul Sousa*
- 1pm - 3pm:** Chat with the CEO, *Anja Raudabaugh*

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CDQAP Launches HPAI Webpage

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While the rate of new detections of HPAI on California dairies slows, new cases are appearing here and elsewhere in the country. At the request of the industry, CDQAP has sifted through hundreds of guidance documents and videos, selecting the most concise and actionable references.

The results have been collected on a single [CDQAP HPAI Webpage](#), curated according to understandable topics. Each link contains a description, allowing producers to quickly locate specific information.

Network & Learn Together at the Summit

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The next [California Dairy Sustainability Summit](#) will take place on March 25, 2025, at the Visalia Convention Center. This year's event will focus on equipping California dairy farmers and employees with information to further enhance and future-proof their operations. Registration includes full access to sessions, breakouts, the Expo Hall, breakfast, lunch, and the closing reception.

Enjoy a full day of learning and networking together as we continue to lead the way in nourishing lives through sustainable dairy farming. The opening speaker line-up will give perspective to California's overwhelming leadership and success in sustainable milk production, while recognizing the significant challenges that dairy families face as they continue to keep up with progressive policies and sustainability goals.

Attendees will select from a variety of breakout sessions offered throughout the day. Breakouts will share the latest details on

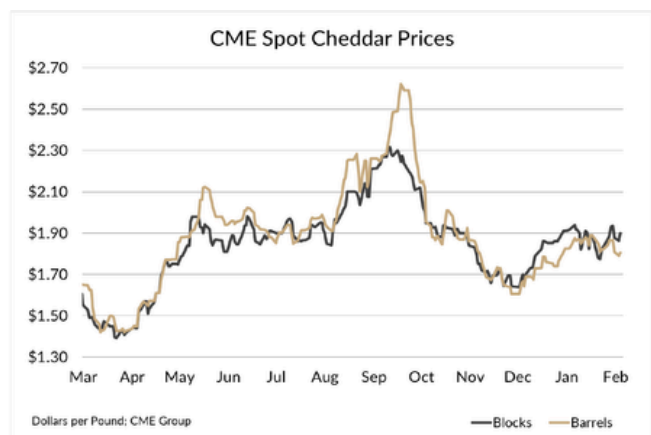
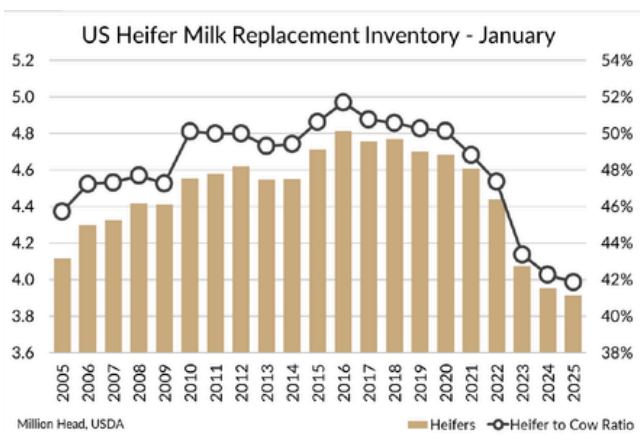
dairy's water scarcity outlook, genetic strategies, innovative and sustainable feed technologies, proactive animal care, solutions for managing surplus manure, the dairy biogas outlook, strategies for reducing enteric methane, and more. The Expo Hall will feature the latest, most cutting-edge technologies and solutions. Come learn from one another and leading experts as you plan for the future of your operation.



WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE

There aren't as many heifers around as there were last year—a fact that could limit milk production growth. USDA's Cattle report pegged the heifer-to-cow ratio at 41.9%, the lowest since 1991. Heifer replacements dropped 0.9% on the year to 3.91 million head.

- CME cheese markets remain volatile. Prices jumped last week, with blocks reaching as high as the mid-\$1.90s and barrels to the mid-\$1.80s. But news of potential tariffs against Mexico sent prices tumbling, only for them to rebound somewhat after the trade war was postponed. Spot blocks now sit at \$1.90 per pound, while barrels are in the low-\$1.80s.
- Spot butter continued along its downward trajectory, dropping to the low-\$2.40s—a level last seen in June 2023. With cream flows and inventories ample for the time being, that situation isn't expected to change in the near future.
- This week's GlobalDairyTrade event saw prices jump higher for most commodities. The biggest gains were in milk powders. Skim milk powder rose 3.9% to \$1.29 per pound, while whole milk powder climbed 4.5% to \$1.89 per pound.
- The spot nonfat dry milk market remains quiet, without much news to move the needle one way or another. Demand and production are both relatively light, keeping prices comfortable in the mid-\$1.30s.
- On-and-off tariff news also contributed to volatile movements in grain markets. Nearby corn futures flirted with the \$5-per-bushel mark before slipping back to the \$4.80s. The March soybean contract also jumped, dropped, then climbed again, bouncing around between \$10.40 and \$10.70 per bushel.
- US grain export sales have been mixed, with corn performing mostly as expected and soybeans showing some weakness.



Dairy Revenue Protection Program		
Futures	Milk Price (Floor) Guarantee @ 95%	Premium Per CWT (CA)
April - June 2025		
Class III	\$19.32	\$18.35
Class IV	\$19.85	\$18.86
July - September 2025		
Class III	\$18.90	\$17.96
Class IV	\$20.05	\$19.05
October - December 2025		
Class III	\$18.68	\$17.75
Class IV	\$20.30	\$19.28
January - March 2026		
Class III	\$18.02	\$17.12
Class IV	\$19.08	\$18.13
April - June 2026		
Class III	\$17.72	\$16.83
Class IV	\$17.50	\$16.63

*As of 02/04/25 for 95% coverage, 1.0 Protection Factor



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CME Commodity Prices					
	Blocks	Barrels	Butter	NDM	Dry Whey
Jan-29	\$1.9300	\$1.8650	\$2.4600	\$1.3450	\$0.6900
Jan-30	\$1.9350	\$1.8650	\$2.4500	\$1.3450	\$0.6600
Jan-31	\$1.8775	\$1.8100	\$2.4325	\$1.3450	\$0.6400
Feb-03	\$1.8625	\$1.7900	\$2.4300	\$1.3400	\$0.6200
Feb-04	\$1.9000	\$1.8050	\$2.4300	\$1.3400	\$0.6200
Average	\$1.9010	\$1.8270	\$2.4405	\$1.3430	\$0.6460
Weekly Change	0.0100	-0.0600	-0.0700	-0.0075	-0.0775

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		
Class III	\$22.85	\$19.95	\$18.62		
Class IV	\$20.90	\$21.12	\$20.74		
PPD	-\$1.38	\$1.33	\$1.37		
Blend: LA*	\$21.47	\$21.28	\$19.99		
Blend: Tulare*	\$20.97	\$20.78	\$19.49		

*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 2/4/2025 and based on futures markets which can change daily.

