

New on Seen & Heard: Avian Influenza Update - Progress & Biosecurity Measures

This week on Seen & Heard, Western United Dairies CEO Anja Raudabaugh returns to provide an update on avian influenza and its impact on the dairy industry. We discuss the latest quarantine numbers, new biosecurity measures, and USDA funding for disease prevention. Anja also breaks down what dairy farmers need to know about PPE availability, inspections, and the ongoing conversation about vaccines. Tune in for insights on how the industry is navigating this evolving challenge and what steps are being taken to protect both livestock and producers.

Listen to the episode on your favorite podcast platform or at wudairies.com.

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.

[REQUEST PPE](#)

LandFlex Highlighted During Groundwater Awareness Week

During Groundwater Awareness Week, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) highlighted the success of the LandFlex program, a first-of-its-kind partnership with farmers to protect groundwater supplies. Since its launch in 2022, LandFlex has made an immediate impact—protecting 16,512 domestic wells in six critically overdrafts basins, ensuring more clean drinking water for California’s frontline communities.



[Click here](#) to watch the video.

Weekly Update Delivery Options

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

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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

Western United Dairies Board of Directors Meeting

**Thursday, March 20, 2025
9:00am**

Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Boardroom

1201 L St, Modesto, CA 95354

WUD Board Meetings are open to all WUD members! If you're interested in attending, please RSVP with Rashell at rashell@wudairies.com.

Order Labor Law Posters/Spiral Binders for 2025

To place your order, email Rashell at rashell@wudairies.com OR scan to order on the website.



Get Free Regulatory Assistance

with DTAP



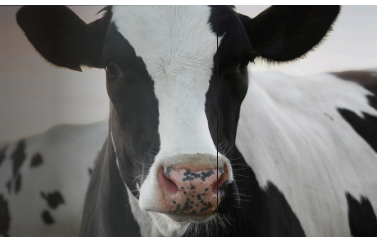
DTAP provides **free regulatory assistance** for all dairy farmers in California, including:

- ECA Water Quality Permitting Process
- Assistance with Water Board Regulatory Compliance
- Technical Support with Wastewater Paperwork Review and Documentation
- Review of Groundwater/Surface Water Sampling and Monitoring Requirements
- and More!

For more information about DTAP, visit wudfoundation.com or email Kyle Lutz at kyle@wudairies.com.

Navigate Financial Resources

with DTAP+



DTAP+ helps farmers statewide to identify, understand, and apply for financial assistance options as they become available, ensuring they have the resources needed to navigate these events. **DTAP+ offers assistance with the following programs:**

- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP)
- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
- and more!

For more information about DTAP+, visit wudfoundation.com or contact Rachel Bonini at rachel@wudairies.com or (707) 849-2107.

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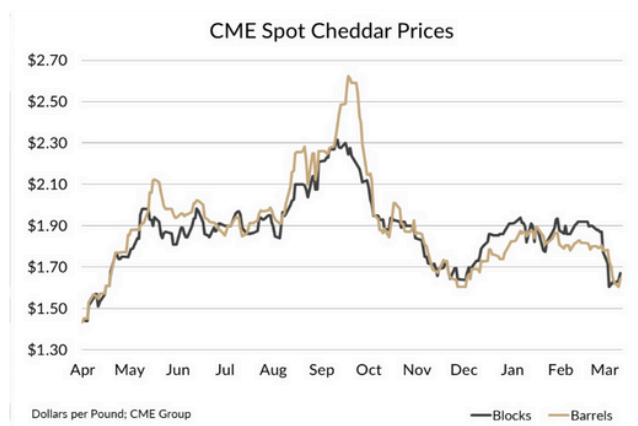
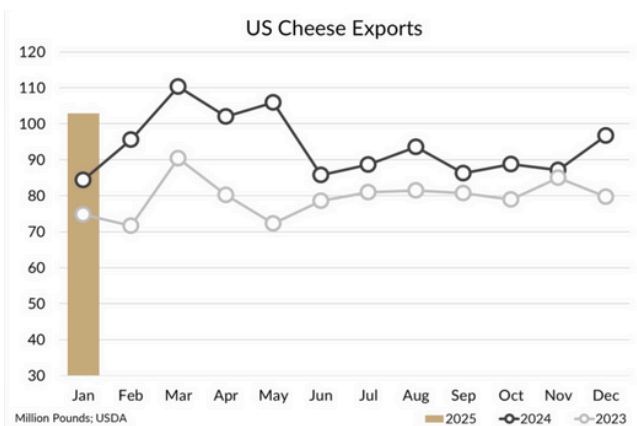
WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE

US cheese exports started 2025 strong, with 102.9 million pounds shipped in January. That was well above prior-month and prior-year levels. But nonfat dry milk volumes were weaker as higher prices at the start of the year cut competitiveness.

- After hitting a new recent low of \$1.6050 per pound, both blocks and barrels found enough support to climb back into the mid-\$1.60s. Trading volume has been heavier. For the week ending March 7, 41 loads of blocks changed hands, the busiest week since April 2024.
- With the recent drop in CME cheese, second quarter Class III futures fell to new low prices in recent days. April Class III futures have dropped over \$2 per hundredweight since early February.
- Low prices triggered some buying interest in the CME butter market, while historical high cream levels keep prices from climbing too high. Spot butter rose back into the \$2.30s and volume is strong.
- Weak domestic demand pressured the CME

nonfat dry milk market as low as \$1.1550, a price last seen in May 2024. The lower price puts US product below global competitors, possibly encouraging export interest.

- According to USDA’s January *Dairy Products* report, cheese output increased at an above-average pace, while butter production was in line with the five-year average. NDM output continued to lag.
- USDA’s March *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates* report was neutral for corn and soybeans. Most stock estimate numbers were within pre-report expectations.
- March 31 is the deadline to sign up for the 2025 DMC program. Estimates based on current futures markets are included in the table on the next page. These estimates will change daily with the markets.



Futures	Milk Price (Floor) Guarantee @ 95%	Premium Per CWT (CA)
April - June 2025		
Class III	\$17.50	\$16.62
Class IV	\$18.22	\$17.31
July - September 2025		
Class III	\$18.19	\$17.28
Class IV	\$18.57	\$17.64
October - December 2025		
Class III	\$18.35	\$17.43
Class IV	\$19.10	\$18.15
January - March 2026		
Class III	\$17.89	\$17.00
Class IV	\$18.84	\$17.90
April - June 2026		
Class III	\$17.77	\$16.88
Class IV	\$18.23	\$17.32

*As of 03/11/25 for 95% coverage, 1.0 Protection Factor



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	Blocks	Barrels	Butter	NDM	Dry Whey
Mar-05	\$1.6150	\$1.7050	\$2.2825	\$1.1800	\$0.4900
Mar-06	\$1.6275	\$1.6550	\$2.3000	\$1.1675	\$0.4900
Mar-07	\$1.6225	\$1.6300	\$2.3100	\$1.1550	\$0.4900
Mar-10	\$1.6325	\$1.6050	\$2.3100	\$1.1575	\$0.4900
Mar-11	\$1.6700	\$1.6450	\$2.3300	\$1.1600	\$0.4800
Average	\$1.6335	\$1.6480	\$2.3065	\$1.1640	\$0.4880
Weekly Change	0.0650	-0.0850	0.0800	-0.0200	-0.0300

Order 51: Latest Prices					
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Class I LA	\$24.83	\$23.73	\$22.68	\$23.57	\$23.32
Class II	\$21.52	\$21.28	\$21.58	\$21.08	
Class III	\$19.95	\$18.62	\$20.34	\$20.18	
Class IV	\$21.12	\$20.74	\$20.73	\$19.90	
PPD	\$1.33	\$1.37	\$0.61		
Blend: LA*	\$21.28	\$19.99	\$20.95		
Blend: Tulare*	\$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
2025 Program	Jan-25	\$ 24.10	\$ 10.25	\$ 13.85	\$ -
	Feb-25	\$ 23.33	\$ 10.40	\$ 12.93	\$ -
	Mar-25	\$ 21.70	\$ 10.48	\$ 11.22	\$ -
	Apr-25	\$ 20.53	\$ 10.59	\$ 9.95	\$ -
	May-25	\$ 20.23	\$ 10.69	\$ 9.54	\$ -
	Jun-25	\$ 19.80	\$ 10.75	\$ 9.05	\$ 0.45
	Jul-25	\$ 19.99	\$ 10.81	\$ 9.18	\$ 0.32
	Aug-25	\$ 20.65	\$ 10.68	\$ 9.97	\$ -
	Sep-25	\$ 21.15	\$ 10.55	\$ 10.60	\$ -
	Oct-25	\$ 21.56	\$ 10.57	\$ 10.99	\$ -
	Nov-25	\$ 21.81	\$ 10.61	\$ 11.20	\$ -
	Dec-25	\$ 21.85	\$ 10.64	\$ 11.22	\$ -

Estimates only. As of 3/11/2025 and based on futures markets which can change daily.

