

WESTERN UNITED DAIRIES

WEEKLY UPDATE | MARCH 5, 2025

New on Seen & Herd: Breaking Down the Quota Referendum Results with Anja Raudabaugh

In this episode of Seen and Herd, we break down the latest updates on California's dairy quota referendum. Western CEO Anja Raudabaugh joins us to discuss the recently failed proposal to modify the Quota Implementation Plan and what it means for dairy producers moving forward. We'll cover the key numbers, why the referendum didn't pass, and the new petition to terminate the quota system entirely. Plus, we share what producers should do now to ensure their votes count in the upcoming referendum.

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.

[PLACE YOUR ORDER](#)

Sessions to Tackle Issues Impacting CA Dairy Farming, from HPAI to Water Scarcity, and More

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The agenda for the California Dairy Sustainability Summit was announced this week. The event will take place on March 25, at the Visalia Convention Center. The one-day program is packed with dynamic presentations and panel discussions, and valuable networking and Expo Hall opportunities. More than 40 expert speakers, including many California dairy farmers, will share their knowledge about issues impacting the future of California dairy farming. Dairy farmer registration is \$50 but you can also inquire about getting connected with complimentary passes available thanks to sponsors and event partners. Email Jennifer Bingham at Dairy Cares. All participants must be registered by March 20. Register at myaglife.com.

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Weekly Update Delivery Options

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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.

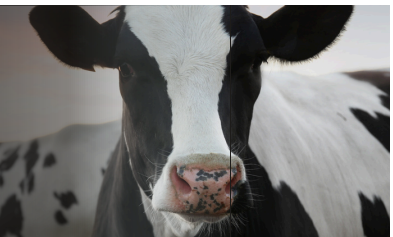
Get Free Regulatory Assistance

with DTAP



Navigate Financial Resources

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.

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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Where and how you can get tested for bird flu in California

Do you work with animals on a farm and feel sick?

You can receive free, confidential flu and COVID-19 testing at a mobile van.

You can get tested if you work with animals and have symptoms like:

- Swollen or red eyes
- Cough
- Fever
- Body aches



Get tested for bird flu at the locations and times below:

Madera County Library, Chowchilla Branch

300 Kings Ave, Chowchilla, CA 93610
Wednesday, January 22--1pm-5pm
Thursday, January 23--1pm-5pm
Friday, January 24--11am-3pm
Saturday, January 25--11am-3pm
Wednesday, February 12--1pm-5pm
Thursday, February 13--1pm-5pm
Friday, February 14--11am-3pm
Saturday, February 15--11am-3pm
Wednesday, March 5--1pm-5pm
Thursday, March 6--1pm-5pm
Friday, March 7--11am-3pm
Saturday, March 9--11am-3pm

Merced County Human Services Agency

415 F St, Los Banos, CA 93635
Tuesday, January 28--3pm-7:30pm
Wednesday, January 29--3pm-7:30pm
Tuesday, February 18--3pm-7:30pm
Wednesday, February 19--3pm-7:30pm
Tuesday, March 11--3pm-7:30pm
Wednesday, March 12--3pm-7:30pm

Denair Library

4801 Kersey Rd, Denair, CA 95316
Monday, February 3--2pm-6pm
Tuesday, February 4--2pm-6pm
Monday, February 24--2pm-6pm
Tuesday, February 25--2pm-6pm
Monday, March 17--2pm-6pm
Tuesday, March 18--2pm-6pm

Turlock Library

550 N. Minaret Ave, Turlock, CA 95380
Thursday, February 6--2pm-6pm
Friday, February 7--2pm-6pm
Thursday, February 27--2pm-6pm
Friday, February 28--2pm-6pm
Thursday, March 20--2pm-6pm
Friday, March 21--2pm-6pm

Merced County Health

260 E 15th St #114, Merced, CA 95341
Thursday, January 30--3pm-7:30pm
Saturday, February 1--9am-2pm
Thursday, February 20--3pm-7:30pm
Saturday, February 22--9am-2pm
Thursday, March 13-- 3pm-7:30pm
Saturday, March 15--9am-2pm



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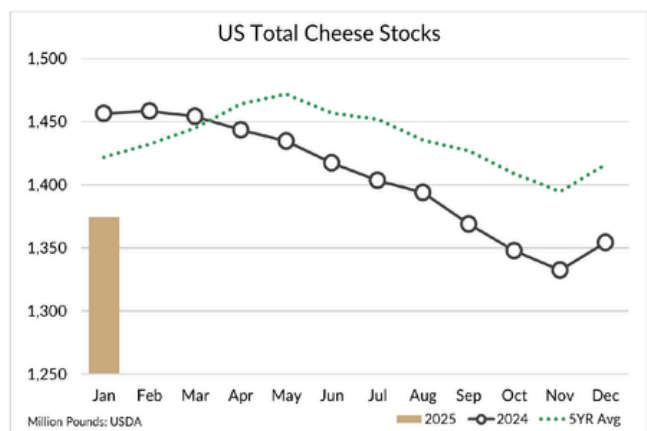
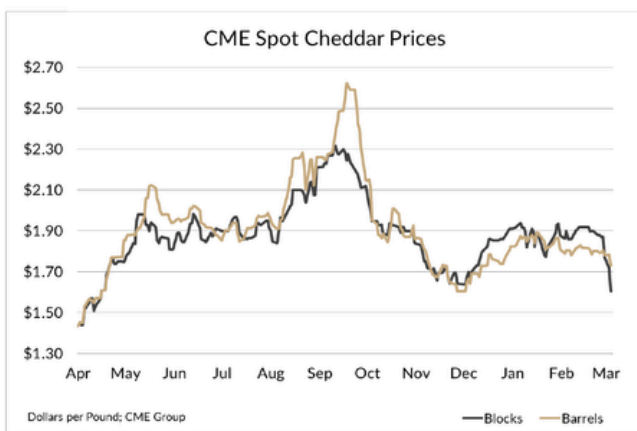
WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE

Tariff news and worries about trade added to uncertainty in cheese markets. Spot blocks tumbled out of its recent trading range, plunging to nearly \$1.60 per pound and the lowest price since April. Barrels also dropped, but at a slower pace, landing in the low-\$1.70s.

- USDA’s January *Cold Storage* report painted a neutral picture for cheese. US total cheese stocks rose more than expected versus December, but remained below prior-year levels for the eleventh month in a row. It was a similar story for American-type cheese. The report didn’t have much impact on CME cheese markets.
- With more than enough cream to go around, spot butter continued to fall, dropping to the mid-\$2.20s and the lowest price since December 2021.
- Butter inventories are still up month-over-month and on the year, unsurprising given the abundance of cream flowing into churns.
- At this week’s GlobalDairyTrade auction, milk powder prices eased somewhat as China continues to hold back on buying. But butter


and cheese prices both climbed.

- Trade concerns, increasing milk flows and soft demand continued to push the spot non-fat dry milk market lower. Prices dipped below the \$1.20-per-pound mark for the first time since July 2024.
- USDA’s Ag Outlook Forum estimated US new-crop corn yields at 181.0 bushels per acre, up from 177.3 bushels the year before. It also increased predictions for soybean yield, up to 52.5 bushels per acre versus 50.6 bushels in the 2023-24 season.
- The rise in yield expectations plus tariff news and an increase in managed money contract liquidations weighed heavily on nearby grain futures. The March corn contract fell below the \$4.50-per-bushel mark, while soybeans tumbled into the \$9.90s.



Dairy Revenue Protection Program			
	Futures	Milk Price (Floor) Guarantee @ 95%	Premium Per CWT (CA)
April - June 2025			
Class III	\$17.61	\$16.73	\$0.24
Class IV	\$18.34	\$17.42	\$0.11
July - September 2025			
Class III	\$18.06	\$17.15	\$0.38
Class IV	\$18.60	\$17.67	\$0.26
October - December 2025			
Class III	\$18.24	\$17.33	\$0.45
Class IV	\$19.27	\$18.31	\$0.44
January - March 2026			
Class III	\$18.00	\$17.10	\$0.46
Class IV	\$19.00	\$18.05	\$0.54
April - June 2026			
Class III	\$17.77	\$16.88	\$0.57
Class IV	\$18.23	\$17.32	NA

*As of 03/04/25 for 95% coverage, 1.0 Protection Factor



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CME Commodity Prices					
	Blocks	Barrels	Butter	NDM	Dry Whey
Feb-26	\$1.8700	\$1.7950	\$2.3350	\$1.2075	\$0.5350
Feb-27	\$1.8700	\$1.8050	\$2.3450	\$1.2000	\$0.5250
Feb-28	\$1.7750	\$1.7800	\$2.3450	\$1.2000	\$0.5100
Mar-03	\$1.7200	\$1.7825	\$2.3450	\$1.1925	\$0.5100
Mar-04	\$1.6050	\$1.7300	\$2.2500	\$1.1800	\$0.5100
Average	\$1.7680	\$1.7785	\$2.3240	\$1.1960	\$0.5180
Weekly Change	-0.2750	-0.0625	-0.0950	-0.0200	-0.0250

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		
Class III	\$19.95	\$18.62	\$20.34		
Class IV	\$21.12	\$20.74	\$20.73		
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	\$ 23.31	\$ 10.37	\$ 12.93	\$ -
	Mar-25	\$ 21.88	\$ 10.43	\$ 11.45	\$ -
	Apr-25	\$ 21.07	\$ 10.55	\$ 10.52	\$ -
	May-25	\$ 20.80	\$ 10.67	\$ 10.13	\$ -
	Jun-25	\$ 20.25	\$ 10.73	\$ 9.52	\$ -
	Jul-25	\$ 20.34	\$ 10.79	\$ 9.55	\$ -
	Aug-25	\$ 20.84	\$ 10.67	\$ 10.18	\$ -
	Sep-25	\$ 21.31	\$ 10.54	\$ 10.77	\$ -
	Oct-25	\$ 21.71	\$ 10.56	\$ 11.15	\$ -
	Nov-25	\$ 21.98	\$ 10.59	\$ 11.39	\$ -
	Dec-25	\$ 22.06	\$ 10.63	\$ 11.43	\$ -

Estimates only. As of 3/4/2025 and based on futures markets which can change daily.

