

New on Seen & Herd: Let the Worms Do the Work - Sustainable Dairy Solutions with Biofiltro

In this episode of *Seen & Herd*, Paul Sousa sits down with Steve Rowe, Chairman of Biofiltro, and Sanjar Taremi, Livestock Lead, to dive into a solution that's gaining traction among California dairies: vermifiltration. This natural, low-tech system uses wood chips and worms to significantly reduce nitrogen loads and methane emissions from dairy wastewater, at little to no cost for producers. With changing water regulations, looming methane mandates, and new funding opportunities, this conversation offers real, actionable insights for dairies looking to build a future-proof manure management toolbox. Plus, learn how these systems can expand irrigation options, improve nutrient management flexibility, and even coexist with digesters.

What Dairy Producers Need to Know About Livestock Risk Protection

With cattle prices near record highs, it's a good time to ask: *Are you doing everything you can to protect your livestock revenue?*

This week, we're releasing a **bonus episode** of *Seen & Herd*, where Ever.Ag's Tiffany LaMendola sits down with crop insurance expert Katie Burgess to unpack the ins and outs of Livestock Risk Protection (LRP)—a crop insurance tool gaining traction among dairy producers.

If you're familiar with Dairy Revenue Protection (DRP), you'll want to hear how LRP works similarly but applies to calves, crossbreds, and even cull cows — offering a flexible way to put a price floor in place while keeping your upside. With changes coming on July 1st that will make the program even more attractive, now's the time to get up to speed.

👉 Listen now to learn:

- How LRP differs from DRP
- What types of livestock are eligible
- What's changing this summer
- Why now might be the perfect time to enroll

Don't miss this practical breakdown of a timely opportunity for dairy producers. Tune into *Seen & Herd* on your favorite podcast platform or at westernuniteddairies.com/seen-herd-podcast/.

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Please note: This hearing will be held in person only. See the [hearing notice](#), and [Producer Record Update Form](#).

CMAB Annual Dinner Meeting Schedule

District	Date	Venue/Address	RSVP By
4	Thursday, April 24	Greens on 10 th - 953 10 th Street, Modesto, CA	April 15
3	Tuesday, April 29	Amaris Banquet Hall - 709 5 th Street, Orland, CA	April 20
1	Wednesday, April 30	The Barn by Fernbridge - 26 Goble Lane, Ferndale, CA	April 20
2	Thursday, May 1	Hermann Sons Hall - 860 Western Ave, Petaluma, CA	April 20
7	Tuesday, May 13	Centro Basco - 13432 Central Ave., Chino, CA	May 1

All events begin with Real California Cheese Social at 5:30 PM, followed by Dinner at 6:30 PM

Please join us for an annual meeting. We request that you RSVP by the date indicated for the meeting you plan to attend.

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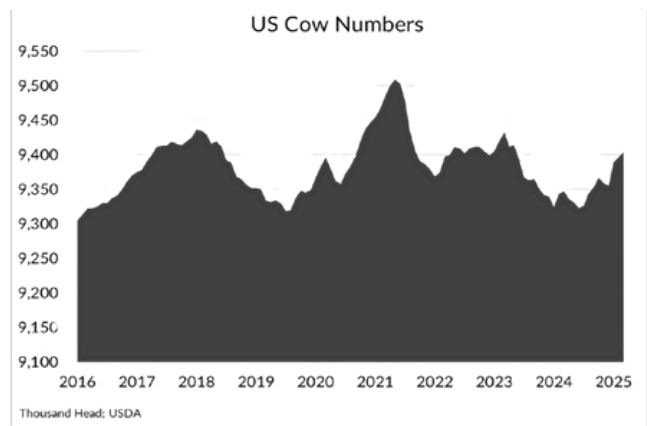
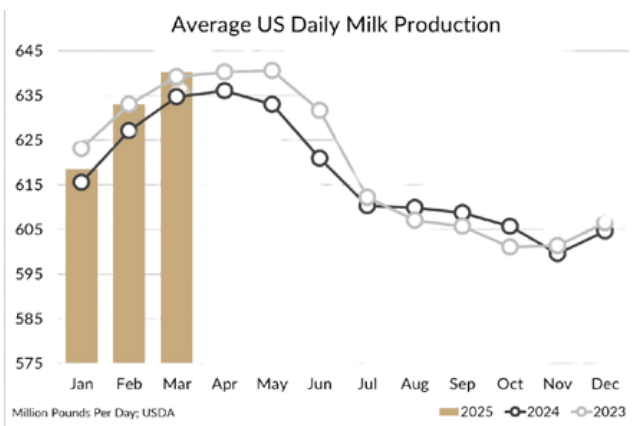
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WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE


US milk production rose to 19.8 billion pounds in March, up 0.9% year-over-year but slightly below pre-report expectations. California output continued on the road to recovery from bird flu with the smallest decline in six months. However, production was still down 2.1%.

- The US dairy herd increased to 9.404 million head in March, putting the milking herd up 57,000 cows from last year.
- After climbing to new recent highs in the last couple of weeks, CME cheese markets slipped back amid reports of adequate milk and so-so demand. Spot blocks declined to the mid-\$1.70s, while barrels dropped to the low-\$1.80s. Trading volume remains healthy. So far this year, 346 lots of blocks have traded, the most in more than 10 years.
- Cream supplies remain more than adequate to fill the needs of butter, ice cream and cream cheese manufacturers. However, the CME butter market is holding in the low-to-mid-\$2.30s, trading within the same narrow range for the better part of two months. While there's not much price action, trading volume is strong.
- The CME nonfat dry milk market climbed a bit higher in the past week, rising to the upper-\$1.10s for the first time since early March. Demand is still lackluster, but US product remains globally competitive.
- Grain futures prices are relatively stable as a weaker US dollar improves export prospects. May corn is in the \$4.70s and soybeans are in the mid-\$10.30s.
- US crop planting continues to advance. As of April 20, 12% of the US corn crop was in the ground, up from 4% the previous week and 10% on the five-year average. Soybean planting was 8% complete, up from 2% the week before and 5% on the five-year average.



Dairy Revenue Protection Program			
	Futures	Milk Price (Floor) Guarantee @ 95%	Premium Per CWT (CA)
July - September 2025			
Class III	\$18.21	\$17.30	\$0.30
Class IV	\$18.59	\$17.66	\$0.19
October - December 2025			
Class III	\$18.30	\$17.39	\$0.41
Class IV	\$19.27	\$18.31	\$0.34
January - March 2026			
Class III	\$17.97	\$17.07	\$0.41
Class IV	\$19.27	\$18.31	\$0.47
April - June 2026			
Class III	\$17.99	\$17.09	\$0.49
Class IV	\$19.30	\$18.34	\$0.51
July - September 2026			
Class III	\$17.77	\$16.88	\$0.59
Class IV	\$18.87	\$17.92	\$0.63

*As of 04/22/25 for 95% coverage, 1.0 Protection Factor



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CME Commodity Prices					
	Blocks	Barrels	Butter	NDM	Dry Whey
Apr-16	\$18250	\$18750	\$23400	\$1.1675	\$0.4750
Apr-17	\$18350	\$18400	\$23425	\$1.1725	\$0.4825
Apr-18					
Apr-21	\$17750	\$18075	\$23200	\$1.1825	\$0.4775
Apr-22	\$17750	\$18100	\$23225	\$1.1850	\$0.4775
Average	\$18025	\$18331	\$23313	\$1.1769	\$0.4781
Weekly Change	-0.0250	-0.0900	-0.0275	0.0175	0.0025

Order 51: Latest Prices					
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Class I LA	\$23.73	\$22.68	\$23.57	\$23.32	\$21.87
Class II	\$21.28	\$21.58	\$21.08	\$20.12	
Class III	\$18.62	\$20.34	\$20.18	\$18.62	
Class IV	\$20.74	\$20.73	\$19.90	\$18.21	
PPD	\$1.37	\$0.61	\$0.36	\$0.46	
Blend: LA*	\$19.99	\$20.95	\$20.54	\$19.08	
Blend: Tulare*	\$19.49	\$20.45	\$20.04	\$18.58	

*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	\$ 23.60	\$ 10.48	\$ 13.12	\$ -
	Mar-25	\$ 23.44	\$ 10.40	\$ 13.04	\$ -
	Apr-25	\$ 21.09	\$ 10.59	\$ 10.51	\$ -
	May-25	\$ 20.85	\$ 10.77	\$ 10.07	\$ -
	Jun-25	\$ 20.21	\$ 10.84	\$ 9.37	\$ 0.13
	Jul-25	\$ 20.57	\$ 10.91	\$ 9.66	\$ -
	Aug-25	\$ 21.24	\$ 10.76	\$ 10.48	\$ -
	Sep-25	\$ 21.80	\$ 10.59	\$ 11.20	\$ -
	Oct-25	\$ 22.23	\$ 10.62	\$ 11.61	\$ -
	Nov-25	\$ 22.47	\$ 10.66	\$ 11.81	\$ -
	Dec-25	\$ 22.55	\$ 10.70	\$ 11.85	\$ -

Estimates only. As of 4/22/2025 and based on futures markets which can change daily.

