

Milk Product Testing in California has not been Suspended

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) informed the California Department of Food and Agriculture on Monday, April 21, 2025, about the suspension of the administration's Grade A milk and finished product Proficiency Testing (PT) program. The PT program monitors milk laboratory analyst proficiency but does not directly test milk products for regulatory purposes. The suspension of this FDA program will in no way interrupt or affect CDFA's ongoing milk product testing activities that ensure the continued safety of milk and dairy products in California.

FDA does not conduct routine front-line testing of finished milk and milk products. This testing is conducted by state milk regulatory programs. In California, routine regulatory sampling and testing for milk product safety and quality assurance are conducted by CDFA inspectors, not the FDA.

Milk samples collected by CDFA continue to be tested at the accredited UC Davis - California Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) Laboratory, and consumers can be assured that milk product sampling and testing in California has not been suspended. CDFA oversees milk safety from farm to consumer ("from cow to cup"), including licensing and inspecting dairy farms for sanitary milk collection, permitting and inspecting milk tanker trucks and drivers for safe transport, and licensing and inspecting processing plants.

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In Case You Missed It - What Dairy Producers Need to Know About Livestock Risk Protection

Last week, we released a **bonus episode** of *Seen & Herd*, where Ever.Ag's Tiffany LaMendola sat 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. Tiffany and Katie shared great information. Tune into *Seen & Herd* on your favorite podcast platform or at westernuniteddairies.com/seen-herd-podcast/.

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CDFA inspects milk plants quarterly and directly checks pasteurization equipment every 90 days. CDFA tests all Grade-A milk products in California at least four times every six months for microbiological standards, consistent with the federal Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO).

Like all states, California has always directly handled milk product sampling and testing under the national Grade-A Milk Safety Program, a long-term partnership with the FDA outlined in the PMO and other National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) documents.

For more information, please visit the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (<https://ncims.org/>) and FDA's (<https://www.fda.gov/food/guidance-regulation-food-and-dietary-supplements/federal-state-local-tribal-and-territorial-cooperative-human-food-programs>) websites.

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Stanislaus County Ag Commissioner's Office, Harvest Hall – Room D & E, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite B, Modesto, CA 95358

A teleconference option is not available for this meeting.

Notice of Public Hearing to terminate QIP - May 5, 2025

10:00 AM | Stanislaus County Ag Commissioner's Office | Harvest Hall – Room D & E, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Suite B | Modesto, CA 95358

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



California Milk Advisory Board – May Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 – 7:30 a.m. & Thursday, May 8, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.

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The CMAB Board meeting is open to any California dairy producer. If interested in attending, please RSVP to Tracy Garza at tgarza@cmab.net or 209-690-8252.

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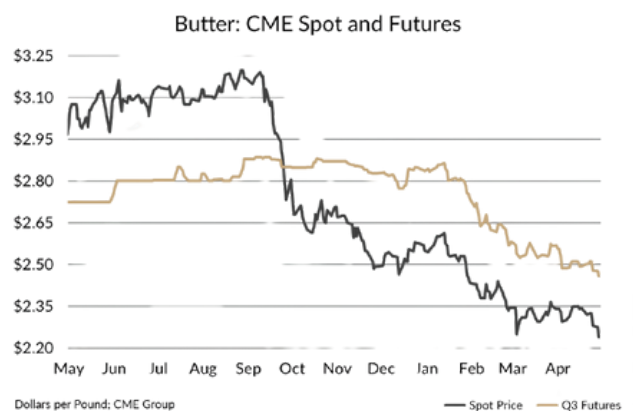
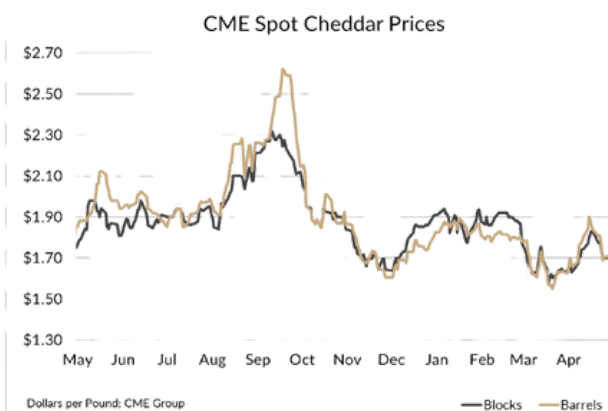
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WEEKLY MARKET UPDATE


CME cheese markets continued to tumble back from recent highs amid adequate milk and so-so domestic demand. Blocks dropped into the low-\$1.70s, while barrels briefly slipped to \$1.69 before rebounding slightly. CME spot block volume remains historically heavy.

- The drop in cheese futures took some support away from the Class III market. After climbing as high as \$18.27 per hundredweight, third quarter contracts dropped back to just below the \$18 mark.
- Ample cream supplies and plenty of butter in storage weighed on the butter market in recent days. The spot price fell below \$2.25 per pound to the lowest price since December 2021.
- USDA’s *March Cold Storage* report was neutral for butter and cheese. Stocks rose at a pace slightly above average month-over-month. At the same time, cheese inventories remained below prior-year levels. Butter stocks are still healthy, with above-average amounts of cream flowing into churns.
- The CME nonfat dry milk market is still relatively quiet, without news to move the needle much in either direction.
- Some softening in the trade war rhetoric and weather conditions that favor corn over soybeans drove soybean futures higher through much of the last week, though the nearby contract eventually slipped from the low-\$10.50s to low-\$10.40s. May corn eased into the \$4.60 range.
- US planting is moving ahead at a decent clip. USDA reported that 24% of the corn crop was in the ground as of April 27, up from 12% the previous week and 22% on the five-year average. Soybean planting was 18% complete compared to 8% the week before and 12% on the five-year average.



Dairy Revenue Protection Program		
Futures	Milk Price (Floor) Guarantee @ 95%	Premium Per CWT (CA)
July - September 2025		
Class III	\$17.99	\$17.09
Class IV	\$18.31	\$17.39
October - December 2025		
Class III	\$18.17	\$17.26
Class IV	\$19.29	\$18.33
January - March 2026		
Class III	\$17.93	\$17.03
Class IV	\$19.28	\$18.32
April - June 2026		
Class III	\$17.95	\$17.05
Class IV	\$19.30	\$18.34
July - September 2026		
Class III	\$17.74	\$16.85
Class IV	\$18.87	\$17.92

*As of 04/29/25 for 95% coverage, 1.0 Protection Factor



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CME Commodity Prices					
	Blocks	Barrels	Butter	NDM	Dry Whey
Apr-23	\$1.7600	\$1.7850	\$2.3250	\$1.1825	\$0.5000
Apr-24	\$1.7000	\$1.6900	\$2.3250	\$1.1875	\$0.5100
Apr-25	\$1.7000	\$1.7050	\$2.2800	\$1.1875	\$0.5050
Apr-28	\$1.7000	\$1.7050	\$2.2750	\$1.1875	\$0.5050
Apr-29	\$1.7200	\$1.7025	\$2.2400	\$1.1875	\$0.5050
Average	\$1.7160	\$1.7175	\$2.2890	\$1.1865	\$0.5050
Weekly Change	-0.0550	-0.1075	-0.0825	0.0025	0.0275

Order 51: Latest Prices					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Class I LA	\$22.68	\$23.57	\$23.32	\$21.87	\$20.67
Class II	\$21.58	\$21.08	\$20.12		
Class III	\$20.34	\$20.18	\$18.62		
Class IV	\$20.73	\$19.90	\$18.21		
PPD	\$0.61	\$0.36	\$0.46		
Blend: LA*	\$20.95	\$20.54	\$19.08		
Blend: Tulare*	\$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	\$ 21.14	\$ 10.45	\$ 10.69	\$ -
	May-25	\$ 20.85	\$ 10.50	\$ 10.35	\$ -
	Jun-25	\$ 20.07	\$ 10.58	\$ 9.49	\$ 0.01
	Jul-25	\$ 20.40	\$ 10.66	\$ 9.73	\$ -
	Aug-25	\$ 21.04	\$ 10.49	\$ 10.55	\$ -
	Sep-25	\$ 21.70	\$ 10.31	\$ 11.39	\$ -
	Oct-25	\$ 22.22	\$ 10.34	\$ 11.88	\$ -
	Nov-25	\$ 22.48	\$ 10.38	\$ 12.10	\$ -
	Dec-25	\$ 22.56	\$ 10.43	\$ 12.13	\$ -

Estimates only. As of 4/29/2025 and based on futures markets which can change daily.

