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# Dairy Week

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# In Review



## Markets:

Dairy Prices	Price	Chge. from Week Ago	Chge. from Month Ago	Chge. from Year Ago
Milk Price (April) **	\$18.49/cwt.	▼ 2.9 %	▼ 19.7 %	▲ 21.1 %
Corn (May)	\$7.31/bushel	▼ 2.1 %	▲ 7.3 %	▲ 51.9%
SBean Meal (May)	\$349.2/ton	▼ 1.8 %	▼ 3.3 %	▲ 16.7 %
<b>Milk Margin*</b>	<b>\$14.44/cwt.</b>	—	<b>▲ 23.31%</b>	<b>▲ 28.81%</b>

*\*Each issue of "Dairy Week in Review" will report on current "Milk Margin," or the dollars remaining per one hundred lbs. of milk after feed is paid for, based on data in the latest "PA Dairy Industry Performance Scorecard." Milk margin is affected by both milk & feed prices. \*\* The milk price reported is the Class III futures price for the next month plus a basis of \$1.75, an estimate of what you can expect to see on your milk check next month.*

- March milk production in the U.S. is up 2.2 percent from a year ago to 16.979 billion lbs., up 2.1 percent from March, marking the 14<sup>th</sup> straight month of year-over-year increases. Cow numbers are up 17,000 head from February to 9.175 million head, with daily production per cow up 59.7 lbs. Pennsylvania's milk production is down 0.7 percent from a year ago to 929 million lbs., up 13.29 percent from February. Daily milk production in PA was down 1 percent to 63.5 lbs., while cow numbers continue to be up 2,000 head from a year ago, according to the USDA Milk Production Report.
- Fluid milk sales were down 1.1 percent from a year ago for the November – February period. Retail prices climbed in March, with the Consumer Price Index for milk up nearly 14 percent. The butter CPI was up 1.7 percent, increasing to an all-time high to 213.4. The cheese CPI increased 1 percent last month to 207.7.
- USDA's Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Outlook report forecasted feed prices to remain high, with stocks remaining tight. USDA expects milk production to continue to increase, with slightly higher cow numbers and increased output per cow. Dairy cow slaughter is ahead of last year, with higher beef prices increasing prices for cull cows. The U.S. dairy herd is expected to increase in 2011, to 9.165 million head from 9.117 million in 2010.

## Government/Industry:

- The Center for Dairy Excellence will host two conference calls next week. A "Mastering the Dairy Business" call reviewing the Northeast dairy farm summary with Joanna Lidback will be on Thursday, April 28, from 12 - 1:15 p.m. On Wednesday, April 27, at 12 p.m., Alan Zepp will host a "Protecting Your Profits" conference call to review margins and markets. Call 717-346-0849 or e-mail [info@centerfordairyexcellence.org](mailto:info@centerfordairyexcellence.org) to register for one or both.



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