

**DAIRY MARKET NEWS AT A GLANCE**

**CME GROUP CASH MARKETS (9/20)**

**BUTTER:** Grade AA closed at \$2.9725. The weekly average for Grade AA is \$3.0205 (-0.1305).

**CHEESE:** Barrels closed at \$2.5900 and 40# blocks at \$2.2375. The weekly average for barrels is \$2.5755 (+0.1895) and blocks \$2.2670 (-0.0220).

**NONFAT DRY MILK:** Grade A closed at \$1.3800. The weekly average for Grade A is \$1.3845 (-0.0075).

**DRY WHEY:** Extra grade dry whey closed at \$0.5875. The weekly average for dry whey is \$0.5910 (-0.0020).

**BUTTER HIGHLIGHTS:** Butter demand in the East is steady. Butter demand is picking up in the Central region. For the West region, salted butter demand is steady, but unsalted butter demand varies from steady to lighter. Cream volumes are generally available throughout the country. However, cream volumes are comparatively tighter in the Northeast part of the nation. Butter production varies from strong to steady in the West. In the Central and East regions, butter producers convey production schedules are busier than expected. Butter manufacturers suggest production paces are comfortable for anticipated Q4 demands. Bulk butter overages range from minus 5 cents to 10 cents above market, across all regions.

**CHEESE HIGHLIGHTS:** Contacts share mixed cheese production throughout the U.S. Cheesemakers in the East note limited spot milk availability as Class I demand draws upon milk volumes available for cheese processing. Contacts note demand for several cheese varieties is steady to stronger. In the Central region, contacts note plant maintenance and downtime have freed up some milk supplies for processors. For the first time in several weeks, spot milk prices were reported below Class III, ranging from \$0.75 below to \$3.50 above Class III. Cheesemakers in the region say production efforts are geared toward upcoming holiday demands. Barrel inventories have grown enough to accommodate spot purchases. In the West, cheese manufacturers relay steady to stronger production, despite variable spot milk

availability. Cheese inventories in the region are mixed, with barrel inventories noted to be especially tight. The CME closing price for barrels reached a record high of \$2.5650 on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> and inched even higher to \$2.6225 on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**FLUID MILK HIGHLIGHTS:** Farm level milk production varies across the United States. Lighter production is being seen throughout the Central U.S. and the Southeast where farms are experiencing warmer temperatures that have affected cow comfort. Steady production levels are being seen in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states, where seasonally cooler temperatures have begun to move in. Volumes in the West are varied across the region. California is seeing weaker numbers. Farm level milk output is steady in Arizona. Numbers are stronger in New Mexico, the Pacific Northwest and the mountain states. The price range for spot milk has widened with loads of milk being reported at \$0.75 under Class III up to \$3.50 over Class. Spot milk loads remain scarce, but stakeholders convey some loads can be found to fill needs. Class I demand is near the seasonal peak all over the country and is affecting milk volumes that might have gone to Classes II, III and IV. Demand for milk in those Classes are steady to robust. Cream is generally more available in all regions due to Class I spinoff. Cream demand is steady to lighter in the West while it slightly stronger in the Central and East regions. Production of cream cheese is seeing an uptick in some regions. Demand for condensed skim is steady as availability continues to tighten. Cream multiples for all Classes are 1.23-1.45 in the East; 1.20-1.34 in the Midwest; and 1.10-1.29 in the West.

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**DAIRY MARKET NEWS PRICE SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 16 - 20, 2024**  
**PRICES (\$/LB) & CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS PUBLISHED PRICES**

| Commodity             | Range         | Mostly        | Commodity       | Range         | Mostly        | Commodity               | Range         | Mostly        |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>NDM</b>            |               |               |                 |               |               |                         |               |               |
| Central Low/Med. Heat | 1.3000 1.4000 | 1.3200 1.3600 | Central/East    | 1.1400 1.2000 |               | LACTOSE                 |               |               |
| Change                | 0.0150 0.0225 | 0.0200 0.0100 | Change          | N.C. 0.0200   |               | Central/West            | 0.2400 0.4250 | 0.3050 0.3750 |
| Central High Heat     | 1.4400 1.4900 |               | West            | 1.1700 1.2700 | 1.1900 1.2400 | Change                  | N.C. N.C.     | N.C. N.C.     |
| Change                | 0.0500 0.0400 |               | Change          | N.C. 0.0100   | N.C. 0.0100   | <b>WPC 34%</b>          |               |               |
| West Low/Med. Heat    | 1.3200 1.4250 | 1.3300 1.3800 | <b>DRY WHEY</b> |               |               | Central/West            | 1.0025 1.2250 | 1.0200 1.0950 |
| Change                | 0.0200 N.C.   | 0.0100 0.0100 | Central         | 0.5200 0.5950 | 0.5400 0.5600 | Change                  | 0.0075 0.0250 | N.C. 0.0050   |
| West High Heat        | 1.4200 1.4950 |               | Change          | 0.0400 N.C.   | 0.0100 0.0100 | <b>CASEIN</b>           |               |               |
| Change                | 0.0300 N.C.   |               | West            | 0.5000 0.6000 | 0.5400 0.5800 | Rennet                  | 3.5000 3.7500 |               |
| <b>DRY WHOLE MILK</b> |               |               | Change          | N.C. N.C.     | N.C. 0.0050   | Change                  | N.C. N.C.     |               |
| National              | 2.3200 2.5200 |               | Northeast       | 0.5150 0.5850 |               | Acid                    | 3.7000 4.1000 |               |
| Change                | 0.0200 0.0200 |               | Change          | 0.0050 0.0025 |               | Change                  | N.C. N.C.     |               |
|                       |               |               |                 |               |               | <b>ANIMAL FEED WHEY</b> |               |               |
|                       |               |               |                 |               |               | Central                 | 0.3800 0.4000 |               |
|                       |               |               |                 |               |               | Change                  | N.C. N.C.     |               |