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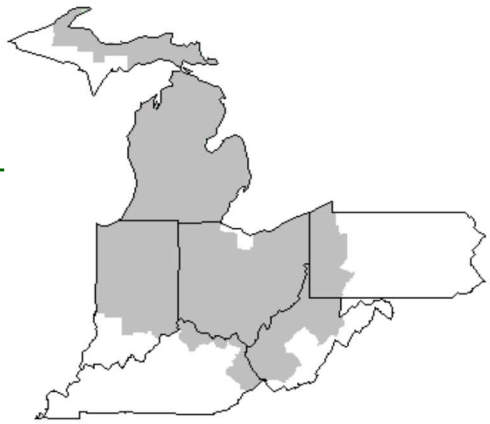

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Dairy Forecasts

Based on recent data for cow numbers and dairy slaughter, the 2026 forecast for the annual average number of dairy cows has been revised upward by 25,000 head to 9.645 million head. The forecast for milk per cow is forecast at 24,510 pounds, 40 pounds higher than the previous forecast. Consequently, milk production in 2026 is now forecast at 236.4 billion pounds, an increase of 1.0 billion pounds from the last forecast.

Dairy export forecasts for 2026 are adjusted upward from last month's forecast. On a milk-fat basis, 2026 dairy exports are forecast at 20.6 (+0.3) billion pounds, while on a skim-solids basis the 2026 dairy export forecast was revised to 49.4 (+0.1) billion pounds. These adjustments take into consideration the most recent trade data and the expectation that domestic prices for butter and cheese will maintain their competitive margins in the global markets. Higher export volumes are projected for cheese, butter, and dried whey products.

The dairy import forecasts for 2026 are unchanged from last month. Dairy imports are forecast at 7.8 billion pounds on a milk-fat basis and at 6.7 billion pounds on a skim-solids basis.

Year-to-date data on domestic use supports upward revisions for the 2026 forecasts. On a milkfat basis, domestic use in 2026 is projected at 223.0 (+0.6) billion pounds, while on a skimsolids basis it is forecast at 192.8 (+0.9) billion pounds.

Based on recent movement in product prices, the 2026 average price forecasts for Cheddar cheese, NDM, and dry whey have been revised downward as follows: $1.610 (-4.0 cents), $1.700 (-7.0 cents), and $0.660 (-0.5 cents) per pound, respectively. Conversely, the 2026 average price forecast for butter has increased to $1.740 (+1.5 cents) per pound on strongerthan-expected domestic use data.

With the changes in the product price, milk class prices have been adjusted downward. The Class III milk price forecast has been lowered to $16.60 (-$0.40) per cwt due to lower prices for both Cheddar cheese and dry whey. The Class IV price forecast has been lowered to $19.35 (- $0.60) per cwt with lower prices for NDM offsetting the higher prices for butter. The all-milk price for 2026 is now forecast at $20.70 per cwt, $0.55 cents lower than the previous forecast.

The 2027 forecasts for class prices are unchanged from last month. The Class III and IV average price is forecast at $17.55 per cwt and $18.60 per cwt, respectively. The all-milk price for 2027 is now forecast at $20.90 per cwt, down 5 cents from last month's forecast.

Milk Production & Herd Sizes Grow

The national dairy herd continued to expand in April 2026 as producers added fresh cows and retained older cows rather than engage in active culling. According to the most recent Milk Production report published by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the average number of cows in April was 9.645 million head, 190,000 more than last year and 10,000 more than the previous month. The USDA, NASS milk-per-cow estimate for April 2026 was 2,069 pounds, 0.7 percent higher than in April 2025. The USDA, NASS estimate for U.S. milk production for April 2026 reached 19.960 billion pounds (665 million pounds per day), up 2.7 percent from last year.

The all-milk price increased month over month from January 2026 to April 2026, while feed costs have increased at a slower pace. In April 2026 the all-milk price averaged $20.80 per hundredweight (cwt), a $0.30 year-over-year decrease. Meanwhile, feed costs in April 2026, as reported for the Dairy Margin Coverage Program (DMC), were 32 cents per cwt lower than the same period in 2025. In April 2026, the DMC farm margin above feed costs was $10.54 per cwt, 12 cents higher than April 2025.

Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook: June 2026, LDP-M-384, June 17, 2026 USDA, Economic Research Service

May 2026
Pool Summary

Classification of Producer Milk

	Pounds	*Percent*
Class I	559,323,271	35.2
Class II	219,088,916	13.8
Class III	725,945,808	45.7
Class IV	85,273,490	5.4
Total	1,589,631,485	100.0

Producer Prices

Producer Price Differential	$3.01	/ cwt
Butterfat Price	1.7001	/ lb
Protein Price	2.7477	/ lb
Other Solids Price	0.3840	/ lb
Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate	0.00083	/ cwt
Statistical Uniform Price	19.93	/ cwt

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRODUCER PRICES
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MIDEAST MARKETING AREA

COMPUTATION OF PRODUCER PRICE DIFFERENTIAL

	POUNDS	BUTTERFAT	SKIM / PROTEIN	NONFAT SOLIDS	OTHER SOLIDS	PRICE		VALUE
Class I Skim Value			546,466,028			$17.92	/ cwt	$97,926,712.22
Class I Butterfat		12,857,243				1.9029	/ lb	24,466,047.70
Class I Location Differential	559,323,271							(1,288,753.28)
Class II SNF Value				19,133,567		1.5935	/ lb	30,489,339.02
Class II Butterfat		18,846,962				1.7071	/ lb	32,173,648.83
Class III Protein Value			24,522,779			2.7477	/ lb	67,381,239.85
Class III Other Solids Value					42,281,096	0.3840	/ lb	16,235,940.86
Class III Butterfat		25,794,868				1.7001	/ lb	43,853,855.09
Class IV SNF Value				7,118,972		1.8232	/ lb	12,979,309.74
Class IV Butterfat		10,793,419				1.7001	/ lb	18,349,891.64
Somatic Cell Value II/III/IV								1,607,153.28
TOTAL PRODUCER MILK VALUE	1,589,631,485	68,292,492	53,217,360	145,110,088	91,892,728			$344,174,384.95
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS								($840,258.20)
TOTAL HANDLER OBLIGATIONS								$343,334,126.75
Total Protein Value			53,217,360			2.7477	/ lb	$146,225,340.07
Total Other Solids Value					91,892,728	0.3840	/ lb	35,286,807.55
Butterfat Value		68,292,492				1.7001	/ lb	116,104,065.65
Total Somatic Cell Values								2,446,268.59
TOTALS								$43,271,644.89
Net Producer Location Adjustments								$4,511,204.19
1/2 Unobligated Balance Producer Settlement Fund								709,000.00
Total - Divided by Total Pounds	1,589,634,743					$3.050503		$48,491,849.08
Rate of Cash Reserve						(0.040503)		(643,843.24)
PRODUCER PRICE DIFFERENTIAL *at Cuyahoga County, OH* [1]						**$3.01**	/ cwt	$47,848,005.84

COMPONENT PRICES

	May 2026	May 2025
Butterfat Price	$1.7001 / lb	$2.6627 / lb
Protein Price	2.7477 / lb	2.4810 / lb
Other Solids Price	0.3840 / lb	0.3222 / lb
Somatic Cell Adjustment Rate	0.00083 / cwt	0.00092 / cwt
Nonfat Solids Price [2]	1.8232 / lb	1.0145 / lb

COMPUTATION OF UNIFORM PRICE

	May 2026	May 2025
Class III Price - 3.5% BF	$16.92	$18.57
Producer Price Differential*	3.01	0.23
Statistical Uniform Price	19.93	18.80

CLASS PRICES

	May 2026	May 2025
Class I*	$23.95	$20.37
Class II	20.28	18.72
Class III	16.92	18.57
Class IV	22.32	18.13

CLASSIFICATION OF PRODUCER MILK

	May 2026 *Product lbs.*	May 2025 *Product lbs.*
Class I	559,323,271	572,560,405
Class II	219,088,916	336,596,887
Class III	725,945,808	621,729,443
Class IV	85,273,490	273,389,125
Total	1,589,631,485	1,804,275,860

[1] Subject to Location Adjustment.
[2] Producers are not paid on this component.

ORDER 33 MARKET SUMMARY

The Producer Price Differential for the Mideast Marketing Area for May 2026 was $3.01 and the Statistical Uniform Price was $19.93 for the month. The Statistical Uniform Price is $0.79 greater than last month and is $1.13 greater than May 2025. The Producer Butterfat Price of $1.7001 per pound decreased $0.1691 from April and is down $0.9626 from a year ago. The Protein Price of $2.7477 is up $0.2287 from last month and is up $0.2667 from May 2025. The Other Solids Price in May was $0.3840 per pound, unchanged from last month's price of $0.3888 and $0.0618 greater than last May. The Somatic Cell Adjustment rate for May was $0.00083 per cwt. May producer receipts of 1.590 billion pounds were 5.5 percent less than April's and 11.9 percent less than May 2025's production of 1.804 billion pounds. Producer milk allocated to Class I accounted for 35.2% percent of the total producer milk in May 2026 greater than 34.0% percent in April, and greater than 31.7% percent in May 2025. A total of 3,368 producers were pooled on the Mideast Order in May compared to 3,202 producers pooled in May 2025. The market average content of producer milk was as follows: Butterfat 4.30%; Protein 3.35%; Other Solids 5.78% and Nonfat Solids 9.13%.

April 2026 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 1.27 billion pounds, 1.7 percent above April 2025 and 0.3 percent above March 2026.

Italian type cheese production totaled 556 million pounds, 4.2 percent above April 2025 and 2.5 percent above March 2026.

American type cheese production totaled 490 million pounds, 1.2 percent below April 2025 and 0.4 percent below March 2026.

Butter production was 224 million pounds, 4.5 percent above April 2025 but 1.8 percent below March 2026.

Dry milk products (comparisons in percentage with April 2025)
Nonfat dry milk, human - 181 million pounds, up 11.4 percent.
Skim milk powder - 35.5 million pounds, up 0.2 percent.

Whey products (comparisons in percentage with April 2025)
Dry whey, total - 76.9 million pounds, up 7.8 percent.
Lactose, human and animal - 92.0 million pounds, down 3.2 percent.
Whey protein concentrate, total - 38.8 million pounds, down 11.0 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons in percentage with April 2025)
Ice cream, regular (hard) - 67.0 million gallons, up 5.5 percent.
Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 37.8 million gallons, down 0.8 percent.
Sherbet (hard) - 1.87 million gallons, up 12.7 percent.
Frozen yogurt (total) - 2.81 million gallons, up 0.9 percent.

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April Milk Production Up 2.8 Percent

Milk production in the 24 major States during April totaled 19.2 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from April 2025. March revised production, at 19.7 billion pounds, was up 2.8 percent from March 2025. The March revision represented an increase of 71 million pounds or 0.4 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 24 major States averaged 2,082 pounds for April, 13 pounds above April 2025. The number of milk cows on farms in the 24 major States was 9.21 million head, 193,000 head more than April 2025, and 12,000 head more than March 2026.

The Mideast Marketing Area has four states represented in the 24 major states used above. They are Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Milk production in these Mideast states during April totaled 2.79 billion pounds, up 55 million pounds or 2.0 percent from April 2025. Production per cow in the Mideast states averaged 2,052 pounds for April, 10 pounds more than April 2025. The number of cows on farms in the Mideast states was 1.37 million head, 19,000 head more than April 2025.

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Weighted Averages - Butterfat, Protein, Other Solids, Somatic Cell Count by State
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State	April 2026 Number of Producers	April 2026 Pounds of Milk (000)	April 2026 Butterfat	April 2026 Protein	April 2026 Other Solids	April 2026 SCC (000)	April 2025 Pounds of Milk (000)	April 2025 Butterfat	April 2025 Protein	April 2025 Other Solids	April 2025 SCC (000)
			----------Weighted Averages ----------				---------Weighted Averages ---------				
Michigan	716	768,891	4.31	3.35	5.79	162	733,267	4.36	3.34	5.82	157
Ohio	1,112	388,201	4.29	3.37	5.78	310	388,292	4.31	3.32	5.79	176
Indiana	586	271,224	4.23	3.33	5.78	191	241,789	4.21	3.22	5.71	176
Pennsylvania	593	82,688	4.27	3.27	5.76	213	80,180	4.17	3.18	5.70	195
New York	78	51,980	4.53	3.36	5.76	189	44,538	4.61	3.41	5.92	150
Other	144	26,292	4.14	3.30	5.75	212	40,671	4.32	3.34	5.80	175
Total/Average *	3,229	1,589,276	4.30	3.35	5.78	207	1,528,738	4.32	3.31	5.79	167

* Totals may not add due to rounding. Data provided on a one-month delay basis and includes only milk from the states *pooled* on the Mideast order.

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FEDERAL ORDER DATA
May 2026

Marketing Area [1]		Producer Milk Total (000)	Producer Milk Class I (000)	Class I Percent %	Producer Price Differential (per cwt.)	Statistical Uniform Price (per cwt.)
FO 1	Northeast - (*Boston*)	2,391,593	653,575	27.3	4.42	21.34
FO 5	Appalachian - (*Charlotte*)	425,353	286,455	67.3	[2]	24.02
FO 6	Florida - (*Tampa*)	194,011	157,841	81.4	[2]	25.45
FO 7	Southeast - (*Atlanta*)	316,635	213,973	67.6	[2]	24.31
FO 30	Upper Midwest - (*Chicago*)	2,669,244	157,918	5.9	0.69	17.61
FO 32	Central - (*Kansas City*)	1,292,226	328,288	25.4	2.70	19.62
FO 33	**Mideast - (*Cleveland*)**	**1,589,631**	**559,323**	**35.2**	**3.01**	**19.93**
FO 51	California - (*Los Angeles*)	1,889,927	385,080	20.4	1.84	18.76
FO 124	Pacific Northwest - (*Seattle*)	398,625	64,561	16.2	1.44	18.36
FO 126	Southwest - (*Dallas*)	1,283,088	315,344	24.6	2.45	19.37
FO 131	Arizona - (*Phoenix*)	386,257	97,895	25.3	[2]	20.76

[1] Names in parentheses are principal points of markets.

[2] Producers in these markets are paid on the basis of a uniform skim and butterfat price.

MINIMUM PARTIAL PAYMENT PRICE FOR June 2026.....$16.92/cwt.

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