

# Weekly Update

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## COMMODITY MARKETS

**Butter** – It was a rollercoaster week for dairy markets! CME spot butter finished modestly higher, up a half-cent from Friday to Friday to settle at \$1.5800/lb.; however, the path there was anything but smooth. Prices gained 2.5¢ on Monday, fell a cumulative 11.5¢ over the next three sessions, then snapped back 9.5¢ on Friday. Buyer anxiety appears to have dominated recent trade, as prices reached near-term highs. International demand for U.S. butter

National Dairy Product Sales Report (NDPSR)		
	Wk Ending 1/24/2026	Last Week
Butter	<b>\$1.3641</b>	\$1.4130
Cheddar Cheese	<b>\$1.3873</b>	\$1.4015
Nonfat Dry Milk	<b>\$1.2032</b>	\$1.1915
Dry Whey	<b>\$0.6978</b>	\$0.7013
The NDPSR is USDA's survey of U.S. sales prices from the previous week. These are used to calculate FMMO prices. CME markets are discussed below as a near-term market indicator.		

Projected/Actual Milk Prices (Actual Bold, <i>Estimate Italicized</i> )					
	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26
Advance Price (cwt)	\$ 13.64	\$ 13.52	\$ 15.44	\$ 16.11	\$ 16.55
Butterfat Price (lb)	\$ 1.4357	\$ 1.5777	\$ 1.9531	\$ 1.9561	\$ 2.0560
Protein Price (lb)	\$ 2.2002	\$ 2.2954	\$ 2.1389	\$ 2.3205	\$ 2.3957
Other Solids Price (lb)	\$ 0.4488	\$ 0.4513	\$ 0.4256	\$ 0.3998	\$ 0.3741
LA County PPD (cwt)	\$ 0.57	\$ 0.69	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.96
Tulare County PPD (cwt)	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.36
Tulare Co. Blend* (cwt)	\$ 14.60	\$ 15.53	\$ 16.56	\$ 17.03	\$ 17.35
FMMO Class III	\$ 14.63	\$ 15.44	\$ 16.11	\$ 16.55	\$ 16.99
FMMO Class IV	\$ 13.52	\$ 15.58	\$ 17.06	\$ 16.89	\$ 17.27
Next Two Payment Dates	February 2, 2026 (January Advance)*				
	February 19, 2026 (January Final)				
	*January 31 falls on a weekend				
*Blend Price is <i>after</i> the PPD is accounted for, <i>before</i> the Quota Assessment, and is based on "standard" milk with 3.5% BF, 3.18% Pro, and 5.79% OS					

thereafter. Blocks ultimately settled at \$1.3625/lb. on Friday, up 0.75¢ for the week. Total cheese exports in November declined 4.7% from the prior month, as the gap between U.S. and EU cheese prices narrowed in the preceding months. Even so, the U.S. has been exporting cheese at a record clip, with November exports up 28.1% from last year, and year-to-date values up 20.1%. Futures rose in almost every month of 2026, with March through June up over 5¢ each.

**Powder** – Spot NFDM continued its climb, rising 13.5¢ to \$1.4600/lb., the highest price since November 15, 2022. Futures followed suit, with February to December '26 contracts up 8-11¢. The powder market continues to be driven by supply tightness rather than demand strength, as domestic buyers struggle to secure sufficient product amid constrained availability. International demand remains lackluster, with U.S. NFDM and SMP exports down 7.6% from October to November. Further, November exports were only marginally higher than last year's already weak levels, up just 0.1%.

## DAIRY REVENUE PROTECTION, AVAILABLE THROUGH CDI INSURANCE SERVICES (1/30/2026)

- Class III**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2026: \$16.36 floor for \$0.25/cwt
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2026: \$16.94 floor for \$0.37/cwt
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2026: \$16.87 floor for \$0.38/cwt
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2027: \$16.12 floor for \$0.36/cwt
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2027: \$16.26 floor for \$0.42/cwt

- Class IV**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2026: *Not Offered*
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2026: \$16.87 floor for \$0.41/cwt
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2026: \$17.01 floor for \$0.48/cwt
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2027: *Not Offered*
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2027: \$15.87 floor for \$0.76/cwt

**Did you know...**that CDFA's Producer Review Board is scheduled to meet virtually on **Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am**. The meeting, which will be held via Zoom ([agenda and login instructions can be found HERE](#)), will be largely focused on 16 pending "hardship" requests submitted by individual dairy farms. The meetings are open to the public, so any producer can log in to hear the discussion.

remains strong, with November exports reaching the second-highest level on record behind August 2008 and U.S. prices maintaining their discount to the global market. Still, strong supplies continue to keep prices low by historical standards. Futures contracts for 2026 were mixed, with March through August posting modest gains while the remaining contracts moved lower.

**Cheese** – Spot block cheddar also faced heightened volatility, climbing 9¢ to start the week, then falling every day