Weekly Update

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National Dairy Product Sales Report (NDPSR)		
	Wk Ending 11/21/2026	**Last Week**
Butter	**$1.3293**	**$1.3259**
Cheddar Cheese	**$1.6956**	**$1.7137**
Nonfat Dry Milk	**$2.0606**	**$2.0846**
Dry Whey	**$0.7568**	**$0.7541**

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.

COMMODITY MARKETS

Butter – It was a short week at the CME for Thanksgiving. Spot butter settled at $1.2500/lb. on Wednesday, down 2¢ from last Friday. Futures across the next twelve months fell 0.5–4¢. October butter inventories climbed a whopping 19.9% from last year to their highest level for the month since 2021. Since peaking in May, just 59.9 million pounds have left storage, the smallest May-to-October decline since 2011 and well below the five-year average of 120.5 million. With continued strong milk and butter production, it's no surprise that inventory levels are elevated, keeping pressure on butter prices.

Projected/Actual Milk Prices (Actual Bold, *Estimate Italicized***)**					
	Nov-26	**Dec-26**	**Jan-27**	**Feb-27**	**Mar-27**
Advance Price (cwt)	**$ 15.16**	*$ 17.81*	*$ 17.33*	*$ 17.05*	*$ 17.19*
Butterfat Price (lb)	*$ 1.3294*	*$ 1.3415*	*$ 1.3664*	*$ 1.3960*	*$ 1.4990*
Protein Price (lb)	*$ 3.1985*	*$ 2.9554*	*$ 2.8478*	*$ 2.8649*	*$ 2.7942*
Other Solids Price (lb)	*$ 0.5129*	*$ 0.5569*	*$ 0.5515*	*$ 0.5492*	*$ 0.5492*
LA County PPD (cwt)	*$ 1.63*	*$ 2.10*	*$ 1.89*	*$ 1.68*	*$ 1.69*
Tulare County PPD (cwt)	*$ 1.03*	*$ 1.50*	*$ 1.29*	*$ 1.08*	*$ 1.09*
Tulare Co. Blend* (cwt)	*$ 18.84*	*$ 18.83*	*$ 18.33*	*$ 18.27*	*$ 18.41*
FMMO Class III	*$ 17.81*	*$ 17.33*	*$ 17.05*	*$ 17.19*	*$ 17.33*
FMMO Class IV	*$ 20.96*	*$ 20.06*	*$ 19.45*	*$ 19.38*	*$ 19.60*
Next Two Payment Dates	**November 30, 2026 (November Advance)** **December 21, 2026 (November Final)***				
	December 19 falls on a weekend				

**Blend Price is after the PPD is accounted for, before the Quota Assessment, and is based on "standard" milk with 3.5% BF, 3.18% Pro, and 5.79% OS*

Cheese – Spot block cheddar fell 2.25¢ this week, settling at $1.5400/lb. on Wednesday. Q1 '27 futures rose an average of 3.3¢, and Q2 '27 futures rose 1.4¢. October cheese stocks fell 2.7% from September, the largest drop between the two months since 2017. This was primarily driven by Other-than-American varieties, which posted their largest September-to-October drop on record. The year-on-year surplus in total cheese stocks nearly disappeared (+0.3%), as growth in other-than-American stocks (+4.5%) was offset by a Natural American deficit (-2.8%) that has widened every month since July.

Powder – Spot NFDM settled at $2.0125/lb. on Wednesday, down 5.25¢ from last Friday, with Tuesday's low of $2.0000/lb. marking the lowest since September 14. In contrast, futures improved, with first-half 2027 climbing 3.5–6¢. At this week's GDT Pulse auction, New Zealand SMP reached a new Pulse record, although prices slipped from last week's full GDT auction, marking the first week-over-week decline in ten weeks. While global powder prices may be starting to roll over, U.S. NFDM has been trending lower. As the gap between U.S. and international prices narrows, U.S. product is becoming more competitive, drawing buyers, particularly for first-half 2027 deliveries.

DAIRY REVENUE PROTECTION, AVAILABLE THROUGH CDI INSURANCE SERVICES (11/25/2026)

Class III

- **1st Quarter 2027:** $16.34 floor for $0.21/cwt
- **2nd Quarter 2027:** $16.58 floor for $0.35/cwt
- **3rd Quarter 2027:** $16.92 floor for $0.44/cwt
- **4th Quarter 2027:** $16.82 floor for $0.46/cwt
- **1st Quarter 2028:** $16.59 floor for $0.55/cwt

Class IV

- **1st Quarter 2027:** $18.51 floor for $0.34/cwt
- **2nd Quarter 2027:** $18.54 floor for $0.54/cwt
- **3rd Quarter 2027:** $18.38 floor for $0.57/cwt
- **4th Quarter 2027:** $18.21 floor for $0.50/cwt
- **1st Quarter 2028:** $17.96 floor for $0.70/cwt

Did you know…that in response to USDA's solicitation for information on increased fuel costs as it considers a potential second phase of the Harvest Fuel Relief program, the American Farm Bureau Federation is surveying farmers and ranchers to provide data to USDA. The survey is open to all farmers and ranchers, regardless of Farm Bureau membership, and we think it is important that Farm Bureau hears from dairy farmers. No identifying information will be collected, and all responses will be aggregated and anonymized. The survey closes Nov. 29 at 11:59 p.m. ET and is available here.