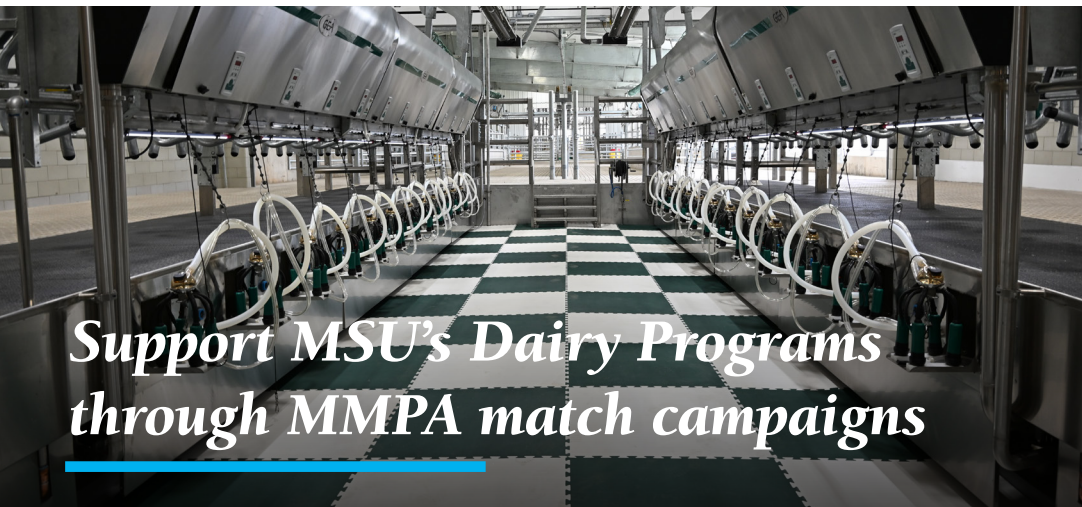




MemberConnection

CONNECTING MEMBERS TO THE LATEST CO-OP NEWS | MAY 2026



Support MSU's Dairy Programs through MMPA match campaigns

MMPA's history with Michigan State University (MSU) goes back to the beginning with our founding in MSU's Agriculture Hall, and for generations MSU has helped strengthen the dairy industry through research, education and outreach. In support of that legacy, MMPA is backing two important MSU dairy fundraising efforts through matching campaigns and encourages all members and employees to note their MMPA affiliation when contributing to either campaign:

1. Dairy Cattle Teaching and Research Center Campaign

Help complete funding for MSU's new dairy facility, which will strengthen teaching, research and outreach for the Great Lakes dairy industry. MSU's fundraising campaign suggests a \$2.50/cow contribution in support of the dairy facility.

2. Dr. Joe Domecq Dairy Education Endowment

Help expand MSU dairy education and strengthen teaching capacity to meet enrollment growth and student interest in the MSU Dairy Program.

All contributions and pledges designated MMPA from members and employees from May 1, 2026 through June 1, 2027 would be matched by MMPA up to \$50,000 for the Domecq Endowment and \$200,000 for the Dairy Facility Campaign.

When giving through MMPA's effort, your gift also counts toward MSU's campaign totals. That means by indicating your affiliation with MMPA when giving to MSU, your support helps advance both the MMPA campaign and the corresponding MSU campaign. Eligible gifts may also receive recognition from both MMPA and MSU.

All contributions are an investment in the students who will lead our industry, the research that will move it forward and the partnership between MMPA and MSU that has served dairy farm families for generations.

Information about both fundraising efforts was included in the May/June issue of the *Milk Messenger*.

Members may give using the same methods outlined by MSU for each campaign. When making your gift, **please note you are affiliated with MMPA**. We recommend following up with a phone call or email to Kyle Cutler at 616-204-6648 or cutlerky@msu.edu, or contacting the MMPA Member Relations team at memberrelations@mimilk.com to ensure your contribution is properly earmarked.

Details on how to support each initiative are below:

How To Give:

MSU Dairy Facility Campaign

- Online at <https://give.msu.edu/?sid=20997>
- Mail a check to University Advancement 535 Chestnut Road, Room 300 East Lansing, MI 48824 with "DCTRC Producers Campaign - MMPA" specified in the memo line.
- Call or email Kyle Cutler at 616-204-6648 or cutlerky@msu.edu.

Dr. Joe Domecq Dairy Education Endowment

- Online at <https://givingto.msu.edu/gift/?sid=9436>
- Mail a check to Michigan State University, Department of Animal Science, 474 S Shaw Ln #1290, East Lansing, MI 48824, made payable to Michigan State University and designate: Domecq, CANR (A105121) MMPA

UPCOMING EVENT

Photo Contest Deadline: July 1

News from Novi

It's hard to believe June is already around the corner. As we all know, Dairy Month is always an exciting time for our industry. As warmer weather arrives, so does the seasonal demand for products dairy consumers enjoy all summer long, including ice cream and other dairy favorites.

While we continue promoting the products made with your milk, I look forward to meeting with legislators in Washington, D.C., next month during the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) Fly-In to discuss the importance of the Farm Bill and the ongoing challenges surrounding workforce development. IDFA continues to play an important role in creating opportunities for the dairy industry to have a voice on issues that directly impact our farms and businesses. With movement on the Farm Bill that's now in the Senate, staying engaged and maintaining those conversations with legislators remains critical as we work toward meaningful progress.

Speaking of progress, we continue to see positive momentum across our facilities. Remus is producing excellent cottage cheese, and as production continues to grow, you'll begin seeing more of those products in the marketplace. If you haven't had the opportunity to try it yet, take a look at your local retailer for Good Culture cottage cheese with plant code 26-1006 to support a product made with MMPA member milk.

As we continue utilizing the investments we've made, innovation also remains a key focus. Trilliant Foods recently launched a new product for kids called Nurri Kids. The product is already appearing in several markets, creating another opportunity to showcase products made with your milk and continues to expand dairy's reach with consumers.

With much of the commissioning work now behind us, these new assets are beginning to position us well for the future. The investments we've made continue to create opportunities to generate additional value that ultimately flows back to you, the member-owner. We look forward to you seeing the results of that momentum in the near future.

—Joe Diglio, MMPA President & CEO

UPDATES & REMINDERS

New Member Center launching June 1 on member portal

Beginning June 1, members logging into the portal with producer accounts will be welcomed by a new home page: the Member Center. This updated landing page will bring Member Connection and other important member communications together in one convenient place, making it easier to stay informed. Members will still have access to their farm dashboard, but the Member Center will now appear first upon login.

Michigan Dairy Ambassador Program accepting applications

Any Michigan high school and college students interested in dairy and/or pursuing a career in the dairy industry can apply for the 2026 Michigan Dairy Ambassador Scholarship and Leadership Program. The program offers dairy communication and leadership training to participants as well as opportunities to promote dairy in their community and throughout the state. All applicants meeting baseline criteria will be invited to participate in several trainings and activities as part of the program. The program will conclude at the 2027 Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference. Learn more at glrdc.org or by contacting Jessica Welch at 248-897-3400 or at jwelch@mimilk.com.

House moves Farm Bill with key dairy provisions

The U.S. House passed the 2026 Farm Bill in late April, a significant step forward for dairy farmers and the broader agricultural economy. The House approved package reflects many dairy industry priorities and provides critical support at a time of continued volatility and uncertainty for producers.

The legislation strengthens the farm safety net, preserves conservation programs that work for dairy and livestock operations, bolsters trade promotion programs and protects common food names, reinforces dairy's essential role in nutrition policy and continues support for vital animal health initiatives.

Dairy trust remains high, especially among teens

Consumer trust in dairy continues to stay strong, according to the latest Consumer Perceptions Tracker from Dairy Management Inc. One group in particular is leading the charge: teenagers. The percentage of consumers giving dairy its top trust ratings climbed again in 2025, but the biggest jump came from younger consumers, with nearly half of teenagers rating dairy highly. That number has steadily climbed over the past three years, signaling a promising future for the industry and showing that the next generation is connecting with dairy in a big way. Whether it's the rise of cottage cheese, renewed interest in whole milk, or simply more young people hearing directly from dairy farmers and advocates, support for dairy appears to be growing where it matters most.

MARKET REPORT

Statistical Summary | FOR MILK MARKETED IN MARCH 2026

MMPA Reporting

Average All Milk Price

\$18.91

Average Butterfat

4.35%

Average Protein

3.36%

Average SCC

158,000 cells / mL

Total Milk Production

+4.53% over March 2025

AMS Survey Prices

(monthly average, per pound)

Cheese

1.5607 / LB

Butter

1.8969 / LB

Milk Powders

Nonfat Dry Milk

1.5741 / LB

Dry Whey

0.6724 / LB

Market Statistics - Mideast Federal Order #33

	# This Month	# Year Ago	% Change
Total Class 1 Sales	585,561,586	588,097,571	-0.43%
Total Class 2 Sales	391,131,845	249,149,083	56.99%
Total Class 3 Sales	692,028,625	671,902,197	3.00%
Total Class 4 Sales	87,459,898	266,086,182	-67.13%
Total Production	1,756,181,954	1,775,235,033	-1.07%
Class 1 Utilization	33.3%	33.1%	

Mideast Federal Order #33

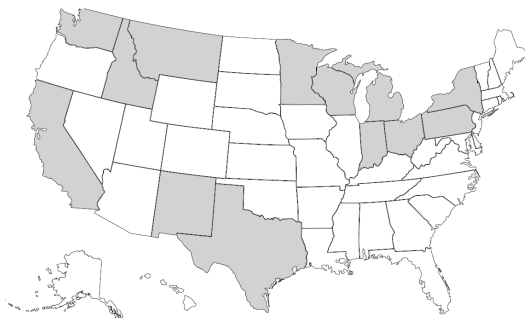
Total Producers.....	3,299
Avg. Daily Production per farm.....	17,172
Avg. Protein Test	3.40%
Avg. Butterfat Test	4.39%
Avg. Other Solids Test.....	5.78%

Component Pricing Information -
Mideast Federal Order #33

Protein Price /lb.	\$2.0905
Butterfat Price /lb.	\$2.0220
Other Solids Price /lb.....	\$0.4178
Class III Price @ 3.5%	\$16.16
Prod. Price Diff /cwt. - Mich Mkt	\$1.08
Uniform Price @ 3.5%	\$17.24
SCC Adjustment /cwt /1000.....	\$0.00078

National Trends*

(production in millions of pounds)



*For 24 States

	2026	2025	% Change
California	3,593	3,565	+0.8
Wisconsin	2,851	2,779	+2.6
Idaho	1,560	1,509	+3.4
Texas	1,639	1,565	+4.7
New York	1,437	1,407	+2.1
Michigan	1,102	1,064	+3.6
Minnesota	924	902	+2.4
Pennsylvania	845	865	-2.3
New Mexico	521	538	-3.2
Washington	490	520	-5.8
Ohio	503	497	+1.2
Indiana	412	394	+4.6
Total U.S.*	19,591	19,124	+2.4
U.S Y-T-D*	56,232	54,577	+3.0

MMPA Photo Contest Underway!

The 2026 MMPA Photo Contest opened on May 1. Interested applicants are encouraged to enter photos that are reflective of what encompasses our cooperative and capture a wide variety of the dairy farm lifestyle.

Photos can include, but are not limited to, cattle, crops, equipment, dairy events and families working together on the farm. The submission deadline is July 1, 2026.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

WWW.MIMILK.COM/PHOTO-CONTEST



MARKET NEWS | *USDA Dairy Market News - May 15, 2026*

BUTTER HIGHLIGHTS: Stakeholders in the East and Central regions report steady domestic butter demand. Stakeholders in the West region report demand varies from moderate to strong. Manufacturers indicate demand from the retail sector is more active than demand from the food service sector. Export demand varies from steady to strong. Spot cream loads are available and demand from butter makers is stronger in some parts of the country. Butter production schedules are strong as we get closer to anticipated summer production drops. Stakeholders generally indicate inventories are stable or increasing.

FLUID MILK: Nationwide, milk production is seasonally strong. Southern and Western states are holding steady with milk volumes, while Northern states are still in the spring flush. Year over year milk production is up. Class I production is steady to strong, though some contacts anticipate slower schedules as educational institutions approach the summer break. Class II demand is strong. Cottage cheese and ice cream are experiencing strong consumer demand and manufacturers are pulling in spot loads of milk and cream to keep pace. Class III demand is steady to strong. Some regions are experiencing a surge in demand while others are in a steady state. Bulk production and increased exports are driving demand. Class IV production is strong this week. Nonfat dry milk continues to record high prices, though prices have leveled some this week. Butter manufacturers are running busy schedules, and in some areas are pulling in spot loads of cream to keep churns full.

CHEESE HIGHLIGHTS: Northeast cheese makers report ample milk supplies as spring flush has not yet peaked, supporting strong production for bulk and retail markets. Retail demand is softening, but robust bulk and export interest keeps inventories balanced. Central milk production remains strong, with spot milk available, though volumes vary locally. Cheese output is steady, retail demand is strong, food service is weaker, and exports remain competitive. Western cheese makers are receiving sufficient Class III contracted milk, which is limiting spot milk demand. Contractual cheese load obligations are met, while spot availability varies. Some inventories are tight, yet traders report loads are available. Domestic demand is steady, and strong export interest is helping to support prices.

DRY PRODUCTS: Nonfat dry milk prices were mixed this week, with the Central and East regions holding steady at all heat levels except for an increase at the bottom of the high heat price range. The West region showed overall strength across heat levels, apart from the bottom of the low/medium heat range moving slightly lower. Dry buttermilk prices increased across all regions, with the most notable gains occurring in the West. Whey protein concentrate (WPC) 34% prices improved at both ends of the mostly range, even as the price range narrowed slightly. Dry whole milk prices moved lower this week, led by a sharper decline at the bottom of the range. Acid and rennet casein prices were unchanged.



**FARM SUPPLY
STORE**

The MMPA Farm Supply Store, based in Mt. Pleasant, offers a variety of products including sanitation chemicals, udder and milk prep supplies, minerals, milk replacers, hoses, filters, inflations, testing equipment and MMPA apparel. To order products, call 877-367-6455 or visit mimilk.com/farm-supply-store.



Featured Product: SureCare Premium Blue 5 Mil Gloves (\$4.43 OR \$4.21*)

**Valid on online orders only through June 24, 2026.*

