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MMPA celebrates grand opening of Remus cottage cheese facility

MMPA hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 16 to celebrate the grand opening of its Remus, Mich., processing facility and publicly announced their partnership with Good Culture to produce cottage cheese at the site. The milestone marks the official launch of operations at the facility MMPA acquired last year, expanding the cooperative's processing capabilities and introducing cottage cheese to its product portfolio.

"This partnership is a major step forward for Good Culture, allowing us to scale, maintain control over our supply, and get our products onto more shelves nationwide," said Jesse Merrill, CEO and Co-Founder of Good Culture. "From day one, our brand has been built on doing things the right way, and working with a values-aligned partner makes it possible to grow without sacrificing the quality our consumers know and trust."

The Remus plant signals MMPA's continued evolution as a dairy processor focused on building new markets for members' milk. With investments in Remus and recent growth at its Ovid plant, MMPA is expanding its ability to meet changing consumer demand, grow with innovative customers and create long-term value for the dairy farm families who own the cooperative.

Pictured (L-R): Brenda Flory, Senior Business Development Manager, Michigan Economic Development Corporation; Congressman John Moolenaar (MI-02) Jesse Merrill, CEO and Co-founder of Good Culture, Joe Diglio, MMPA President & CEO; Doug Chapin, MMPA Board Chairman; Tim Boring, Director of Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; and Lee Carte, Wheatland Township Supervisor.

MMPA OYDCs visit Washington, D.C.

Dale and Lynnae Dick and Mason and Whitney Smith, 2025 MMPA Outstanding Young Dairy Cooperator winners and runners-up respectively, joined other young dairy farmer leaders from throughout the U.S. in Washington, D.C. in June for the National Young Cooperators (YC) Program's annual Dairy Policy and Legislative Forum, held in conjunction with NMPF's June Board of Directors meeting.

The three-day event included discussions about political engagement and dairy policy issues, along with training on how to be an effective advocate and spokesperson for dairy. MMPA OYDCs visited Capitol Hill and spoke with members of Congress and their staffs advocating on issues ranging from agricultural labor to the recent return of New World screwworm to the United States.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 1: MMPA Photo Contest Closes

August 25 & 26: Virtual Membership Briefings

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As we all know, June is Dairy Month, and there was no better way to celebrate than the grand opening ceremony we recently held in Remus surrounding our cottage cheese facility and the public announcement of our new partnership with Good Culture. We had a great turnout and a beautiful day to celebrate a significant milestone for our cooperative. There was plenty of excitement, not only about the start of this partnership, but also about the opportunities it creates for us well into the future.

Accomplishing something like this in such a short period of time takes a tremendous amount of teamwork and strong partnerships. We were pleased to have Representative John Moolenaar and Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Director Tim Boring join us for the event. Their presence reinforced the importance of maintaining strong relationships with policymakers as we continue advocating on your behalf on issues that matter to dairy farmers, including the Farm Bill, labor reform and trade.

That work continues to pay dividends. Recently, there was positive movement regarding the H-2A program with guidance released confirming that dairy work can qualify for H-2A workers when a farm can show it has a temporary or seasonal labor need. While there is still more work to be done, it is encouraging to see that our voice, and the voice of the dairy industry, is being heard when it comes to the importance of labor and workforce solutions for agriculture.

Continuing that engagement with policymakers, we recently traveled to Washington, D.C., where we participated in the annual ice cream social with members of Congress. It provided an excellent opportunity to showcase dairy products and have meaningful conversations with senators and other leaders about the importance of our industry. Events like these help strengthen relationships and ensure dairy farmers have a seat at the table when important decisions are being made.

As we approach the Fourth of July, we also recognize a remarkable milestone of 250 years as a nation. It's a reminder of the values that have shaped our country and the opportunities that continue to lie ahead.

I wish all of you and your families a safe, happy and enjoyable Fourth of July.

—Joe Diglio, MMPA President & CEO

UPDATES & REMINDERS

Save the Date: MMPA Virtual Membership Briefings: August 25 and 26

MMPA members are invited to attend virtual membership meetings on Tuesday, August 26th at 1 p.m. or Wednesday, August 27th at 10 a.m. During both meetings, members will hear from MMPA leadership and receive an update on markets and cooperative happenings. Both meetings will cover the same content and provide an opportunity for members to ask questions and engage with MMPA leadership. Registration for these meetings will be required and will be shared next month.

New World Screwworm in the United States, MDARD implements new domestic animal entry requirements to prevent spread of NWS

The USDA has confirmed several detections of New World Screwworm (NWS) in Texas and New Mexico. Federal and state animal health officials have ramped up surveillance, testing and trapping efforts while working to track where the infestations may have originated. They're also releasing sterile insects, reaching out to livestock owners and veterinarians to help contain the spread.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) updated requirements for certain warm-blooded domestic animals, including cattle, entering the state. The specific requirements, which can be found on MDARD's website, vary based on the NWS status of the state or region of origin.

New World screwworm is a destructive pest whose larvae feed on the living tissue of warm-blooded animals, causing painful wounds, infections, production losses and, in severe cases, death. Dairy cattle can become infested through open wounds or natural body openings, with newborn calves particularly vulnerable because healing navels can provide an entry point for larvae.

Producers should closely monitor cattle, especially newborn calves and animals with wounds, for signs of infestation. Watch for draining or non-healing wounds, unusual irritation or discomfort, and the presence of maggots or eggs in wounds or around body openings. Additional information, resources and updates are available at screwworm.gov.

MMPA Photo Contest deadline is July 1!

The 2026 MMPA Photo Contest submission deadline is July 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.

For more information: www.mimilk.com/photo-contest

MARKET REPORT

Statistical Summary | FOR MILK MARKETED IN APRIL 2026

MMPA Reporting

Average All Milk Price

\$20.03

Average Butterfat

4.29%

Average Protein

3.31%

Average SCC

160,000 cells / mL

Total Milk Production

0.06% over April 2025

AMS Survey Prices

(monthly average, per pound)

Cheese

1.6427 / LB

Butter

1.7707 / LB

Milk Powders

Nonfat Dry Milk

1.7788 / LB

Dry Whey

0.6443 / LB

Market Statistics - Mideast Federal Order #33

	# This Month	# Year Ago	% Change
Total Class 1 Sales	571,981,887	511,520,173	11.82%
Total Class 2 Sales	342,839,782	132,772,925	158.22%
Total Class 3 Sales	687,844,169	678,308,987	1.41%
Total Class 4 Sales	78,693,141	206,385,712	-61.87%
Total Production	1,681,358,979	1,528,987,797	9.97%
Class 1 Utilization	34.0%	33.5%	

Mideast Federal Order #33

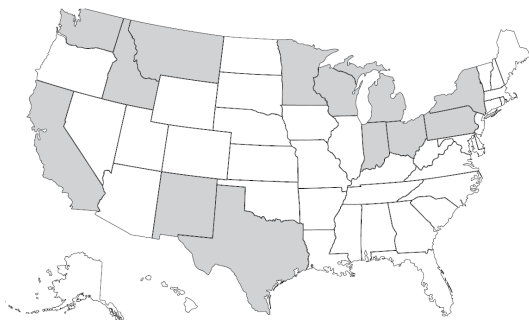
Total Producers.....	3,332
Avg. Daily Production per farm.....	16,820
Avg. Protein Test	3.35%
Avg. Butterfat Test	4.32%
Avg. Oth Solids Test	5.74%

Component Pricing Information -
Mideast Federal Order #33

Protein Price /lb.	\$2.5190
Butterfat Price /lb.	\$1.8692
Other Solids Price /lb.....	\$0.3888
Class III Price @ 3.5%	\$16.82
Prod. Price Diff /cwt. - Mich Mkt	\$1.82
Uniform Price @ 3.5%.....	\$18.64
SCC Adjustment /cwt /1000.....	\$0.00082

National Trends*

(production in millions of pounds)



*For 24 States

	2026	2025	% Change
California	3,550	3,471	+2.3
Wisconsin	2,797	2,718	+2.9
Texas	1,578	1,511	+4.4
Idaho	1,545	1,500	+3.0
New York	1,388	1,375	+0.9
Michigan	1,079	1,037	+4.1
Minnesota	902	882	+2.3
Pennsylvania	823	840	-2.0
New Mexico	507	509	-0.4
Washington	479	515	-7.0
Ohio	489	480	+1.9
Indiana	399	378	+5.6
Total U.S.*	19,176	18,659	+2.8
U.S Y-T-D*	75,479	73,236	+3.1

MMPA participates in Michigan Dairy Foods Awareness Day at the Capitol

In honor of June Dairy Month, Michigan's dairy industry came together on June 17 for the annual Michigan Dairy Foods Awareness Day, held on the Capitol Lawn in Lansing. This event shines a spotlight on the vital contributions of Michigan's dairy sector to the state's economy and food supply.

Throughout the day, state legislators had the opportunity to sample a variety of complimentary dairy snacks and beverages while connecting directly with local dairy processors.

This year, MMPA proudly distributed Good Culture, highlighting the recently announced partnership and our continued commitment to innovation and nutrition in dairy products.



MARKET NEWS | USDA Dairy Market News - June 12, 2026

FLUID MILK: Farm milk output is tightening in the East as the flush tapers and unseasonably high temperatures add stress to cows and pastures. Milk production is steady in the Central region and ranges from steady to lighter across the West, where volumes remain generally adequate to meet processing needs. Class II cream demand continues to strengthen, driven by seasonal ice cream production. Eastern and Central plants are purchasing spot loads from the Midwest and West, while Western cream supplies are meeting regional needs. Class III demand is softening in the East, whereas Central manufacturers report steady to strong demand supported by contracted milk volumes. Western Class III demand remains steady. Class IV butter inventories are considered plentiful, with steady demand in the East and Central regions and mixed demand in the West.

BUTTER HIGHLIGHTS: Salted butter supplies are plentiful, cream continues shifting more into seasonal ice-cream production, and butter spot trading remains active with a steady tone. In the Central region, milk and cream production remains healthy, though rising temperatures are a growing concern. Strong Class II and III cream demand continue to limit spot cream availability for Class IV use, and some plants are bringing in outside cream to keep churns full. In the Western region, milk output continues to meet cream needs, and intermittent Class II downtime is adding modest spot cream availability. Butter manufacturers report light demand, while churns remain active.

CHEESE HIGHLIGHTS: Eastern milk supplies are tight for cheese production as heat accelerates the end of the spring flush and lowers cheese milk components. A major plant returning to five-day operation has reduced Class III milk availability. Condensed skim is tight, export demand exceeds supply, and inventories are falling. Central region milk supplies for Class III are balanced. Spot milk movement has increased due to downtime, with prices of \$7 under to flat Class. Cheesemakers run busy schedules, curds are steady, and export demand is strong. Western cheesemakers report adequate milk despite seasonally lighter output. Domestic and international demand is steady, and retail is outpacing food service. Inventories are somewhat tight, though spot cheese loads are available.

DRY PRODUCTS: Nonfat dry milk prices declined sharply for low/medium heat across all regions. In the Central and East regions, high heat prices also fell significantly at the top of the range but held steady at the lower end. High heat prices in the West edged lower throughout the range. Dry buttermilk prices moved lower across the range in the Central and East regions, while the West remained unchanged. Dry whey prices were steady in the Central and East regions but softened in the West. Lactose prices eased slightly at the bottom of the range and were steady elsewhere. Whey protein concentrate (WPC) 34% prices were mostly steady, with some downward movement at the top of the range. Dry whole milk prices strengthened at the lower end of the range and held firm at the upper end.



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.



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