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THE FRIDAY FACTS

Weekly Market Prices

Date	Butter	NDM		Cheese	
		West - Mostly*	Blocks	Barrels	
03/05/10	\$1.4500	\$1.0000-\$1.0700	\$1.2975	\$1.2500	
02/26/10	\$1.4050	\$1.0000-\$1.0900	\$1.3400	\$1.2900	
02/19/10	\$1.3600	\$1.0400-\$1.1000	\$1.4125	\$1.3775	

*Largest proportion of U.S. NDM sales fall into this category.

CME Class III Futures Price Settlement

Delivery	03/05/10	02/26/10
March	\$12.89	\$13.05
April	\$12.89	\$12.90
May	\$13.14	\$13.16
June	\$13.95	\$13.60
July	\$14.55	\$14.09
August	\$15.10	\$14.65
September	\$15.23	\$14.84
October	\$15.20	\$14.90
November	\$14.98	\$14.80
December	\$14.94	\$14.75
January	\$14.55	\$14.70
February	\$14.30	\$14.55
March	\$14.37	\$14.70

Dairylea's fixed price contract recorded price line can be reached daily at 1-800-654-8838, ext. 5445. To place an order, request ext. 5581. DFA members can call Katie Krupa at 1-800-926-2667, ext. 5581.

Great Lakes Cheese Expansion Update

The Great Lakes Cheese expansion of their cheddar plant in Adams, NY, continues to progress. They have started the phase where they are ramping up the expansion/new equipment and increasing raw milk volumes. It is expected that they will be at the plant's full capacity by the second or third quarter of 2010.

Producer-Handler Decision Finalized

The USDA has issued a final decision in the producer-handler hearing that will limit the producer-handler exemption to plants with less than 3 million pounds of total monthly bottled milk sales. This decision will require these plants to contribute to the pool, like any other large Class I handler.

February Class III Price

The USDA announced the February Class III milk price at \$14.28 per hundredweight, down 22 cents from January, but \$4.97 above February 2009. The February Class IV price was announced at \$12.90, down 95 cents from January but \$3.45 above a year ago.

January 2010 Milk Marketing Statistics

Numbers adjusted for 30.5 days	% change from Dec-09	% change from Jan-09
DMS Milk Marketed	1.24%	- 2.14%
Total NY, PA and VT Milk Marketed	0.81%	- 1.49%
Total US Milk Marketed	1.68%	- 0.59%

January Dairy Products Production

According to the USDA's Dairy Products report butter production of 162 million pounds is up 7.5 percent from December but 7.2 percent below January 2009. American type cheese amounted to 347.7 million pounds, down 0.5 percent from December, and down 1.6 percent from a year ago. Total cheese production was 842.3 million pounds, down 2.3 percent from December, but 2.2 percent above a year ago.

Market Update

Cheese prices ended down for the week as buyers continue to be bearish. Domestic NDM prices were down, despite production and inventory declines. The USDA sold some of its older powder inventory this week for animal feed, with more available. We continue to watch the market for signals that will impact milk prices.

Weekly Grain Review

Market fluctuation (+/- \$/ton) compared to:

Commodity	1 year ago	6 months ago	1 month ago	1 week ago
Corn Meal	+ 3	+ 11	+ 1	n/c
Soybean Meal	+ 5	- 47	- 14	- 17
Canola Meal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Whole Cottonseed	+ 24	+ 9	+ 7	n/c

CBOT Close

Corn: \$3.6475 (- \$0.1325)
 Soybean Meal: \$257.90 (- \$15.30)
 Whole Cottonseed (CNY): \$242 - \$245
 March-Aug.: \$245 - \$248

- Corn Meal - Export support for corn is slow. Bearish outlook on supply. The spring planting season could be wet and late.
- Soybean Meal - Demand for US beans remains strong but the South American harvest is getting into full swing with the favorable weather. Global stocks are expected to increase.
- Canola Meal - Suppliers are filling contract orders as best they can. Availability seems to be improving for now.
- Whole Cottonseed - Prices are steady to slightly lower. Trucks are readily available. Planting intentions are about the same as last year.

Call JoAnn at Eagle Dairy Direct: 1-866-591-2925, ext. 5527.

Regional Livestock Report

Good Cows	\$0.50 - \$0.59/lb.
Lean Cows	\$0.39 - \$0.49/lb.
Heavy Beef Bulls	\$0.55 - \$0.63/lb.
Grower Type Bull Calves (back to feed)	\$0.50 - \$0.95/lb.
Heifer Calves	\$0.50 - \$1.90/lb.
Bob Veal	\$0.05 - \$0.23/lb.

Cull Cows: 78% - over \$0.40;
 12% - between \$0.32 - \$0.39;
 4% - between \$0.26 - \$0.31;
 6% - under \$0.25

Calves: 0% - over \$2.00;
 3% - between \$1.00 and \$1.99;
 22% - between \$0.70 and \$0.99;
 20% - between \$0.40 and \$0.69;
 55% - under \$0.40

Fresh Cows: \$1300 - \$1600
 Springing Heifers: \$1100 - \$1400
 Fresh Heifers: \$1050 - \$1500
 Springing Cows: \$800 - \$1200
 Open Heifers: \$675 - \$1050
 Bred Heifers: \$650 - \$1125
 Service Bulls: \$500 - \$775
 Started Heifers: \$300 - \$700