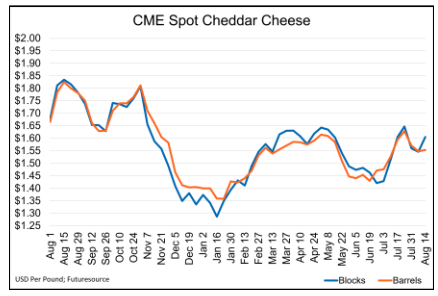
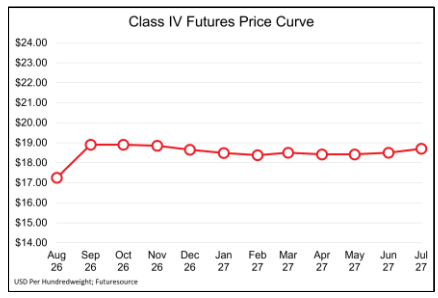
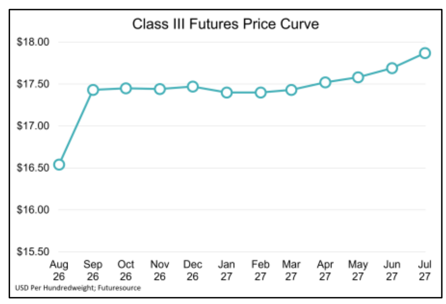
Weekly Dairy Market Report

August 18, 2026

- CME NDM prices surged to $1.7450 per pound on Friday, up $0.1675 on the week. Spot blocks added $0.0450 from last Friday, closing at $1.6000 per pound. Barrels finished the week at $1.5625, a $0.0150 gain. Butter moved the other direction, sliding $0.0525 from the week prior to $1.4600 per pound.
- Milk supply continues to be seasonally tighter in the Midwest. USDA reported spot milk premiums at a midpoint of $2.50 per hundredweight over class, up from -$0.50 last year. Class II cream multiples eased from 134 last week to 133 this week but remain well above 129 in 2025.
- USDA cut its corn yield prediction and increased export volume in the August *WASDE* report, which tightened new-crop corn ending stocks. The somewhat bullish report helped send corn markets climbing, and the September corn contract added $0.2000 from last Friday, jumping to $4.5900 per bushel. The report was more neutral for soybeans, but other headlines drove the market higher. August soybean futures closed at $11.7375 per bushel, up $0.1725 on the week.
- Lower gas prices helped ease inflation in July, with the Consumer Price Index up 0.1% from June and +3.4% from last July. Meanwhile, retail sales reached $763.6 billion in July, up 4.9% on the year.







	Milk Futures				Grain Futures			US All Milk	USDA DMC
	Class III Futures	Weekly Change	Class IV Futures	Weekly Change	Corn	Soybeans	Soybean Meal	Based on Futures	Margin Estimate
Aug-26	$16.54	--$0.24	$17.25	$0.00		$11.74	$308.70	$18.26	$9.81
Sep-26	$17.43	+$0.18	$18.90	+$0.95	$4.59	$11.78	$310.20	$19.27	$10.47
Oct-26	$17.45	--$0.05	$18.90	+$1.00			$311.80	$19.95	$11.03
Nov-26	$17.44	--$0.14	$18.85	+$1.00		$11.93		$19.94	$11.11
Dec-26	$17.47	--$0.10	$18.65	+$0.83	$4.83		$316.30	$20.09	$11.15
Jan-27	$17.40	--$0.10	$18.49	+$0.65		$12.08	$318.40	$20.45	$10.95
Feb-27	$17.40	--$0.06	$18.38	+$0.22				$20.23	$10.67
Mar-27	$17.43	--$0.09	$18.50	+$0.21	$4.99	$12.15	$320.40	$20.10	$10.46
Apr-27	$17.52	$0.00	$18.42	+$0.13				$19.97	$10.30
May-27	$17.58	--$0.03	$18.42	+$0.04	$5.07	$12.21	$322.30	$19.86	$10.16
Jun-27	$17.69	+$0.02	$18.50	$0.00				$19.89	$10.14
Average	$17.44		$18.50		$4.91	$12.02	$316.63	$19.82	$10.57

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Market	This Week	Last Week	Change	Last Year	Change
Barrel Cheddar (CME Average, USD/LB)	$ 1.5535	$ 1.5475	0%	$ 1.8250	-15%
Block Cheddar (CME Average, USD/LB)	$ 1.6050	$ 1.5460	+4%	$ 1.8345	-13%
Butter (CME Average, USD/LB)	$ 1.4755	$ 1.5030	-2%	$ 2.3010	-36%
Nonfat Dry Milk (CME Average, USD/LB)	$ 1.6570	$ 1.5675	+6%	$ 1.2605	+31%
Dry Whey (CME Average, USD/LB)	$ 0.6895	$ 0.6920	0%	$ 0.5965	+16%
WPC34 (AMS Central/West AOM, USD/LB)	$ 2.1200	$ 2.0950	+1%	$ 1.5750	+35%
Lactose (AMS West AOM, USD/LB)	$ 0.6700	$ 0.6700	0%	$ 0.4350	+54%
Dry Buttermilk (AMS West AOM, USD/LB)	$ 1.1450	$ 1.6850	-32%	$ 1.2150	-6%
Midwest Class II Cream (AMS Multiple)	1.33	1.34	0%	1.29	+3%
Midwest Spot Milk Basis (AMS, USD/CWT)	+$2.50	+$2.00	+25%	-$0.50	+600%
Class III Milk Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/CWT)	$ 17.37	$ 17.25	+1%	$ 18.34	-5%
Class IV Milk Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/CWT)	$ 18.90	$ 17.85	+6%	$ 18.18	+4%
Cheese Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/LB)	$ 1.6770	$ 1.6620	+1%	$ 1.8650	-10%
Butter Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/LB)	$ 1.5903	$ 1.6363	-3%	$ 2.4075	-34%
Nonfat Dry Milk Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/LB)	$ 1.7100	$ 1.5843	+8%	$ 1.2803	+34%
Dry Whey Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/LB)	$ 0.6830	$ 0.6825	0%	$ 0.5900	+16%