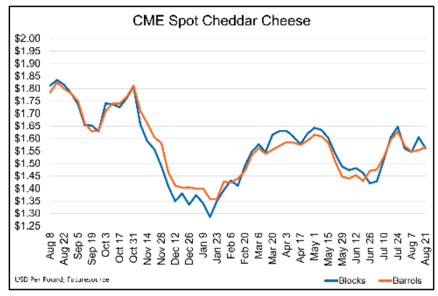
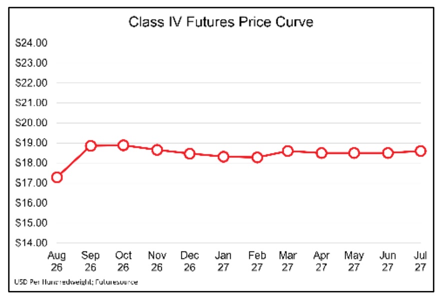
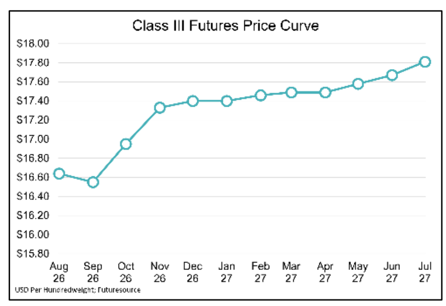
Weekly Dairy Market Report

August 25, 2026

- Several dairy markets moved higher this week. CME NDM extended last week's rebound alongside strength in global milk powders. Nonfat dry milk climbed $0.0550 to finish Friday at $1.8000 per pound, while SMP jumped 7.4% at Tuesday's GDT auction. Spot blocks tumbled $0.0725 to $1.5275 per pound, while barrels and butter each added $0.0025, closing at $1.5650 and $1.4625, respectively.
- July US milk production advanced 2.2% year-over-year, well above expectations of +1.4%. Cow numbers held near June at 9.71 billion head, up 199,000 from a year ago. Midwest output climbed 3.0% despite no increase in cow numbers, while California production slipped 0.8%.
- USDA's latest *Crop Progress* report showed corn and soybean conditions relatively steady, while the Pro Farmer Crop Tour found variable yield potential across the Corn Belt, with several states below last year. Corn and soybean futures rose Friday amid the latest crop outlook. September corn finished at $4.8375 per bushel, up $0.2475 from last Friday, and September soybeans closed at $12.2500 per bushel, $0.4725 higher on the week.
- Walmart's US comparable sales rose 2.6% in the second quarter, down from 4.1% in Q1, its slowest growth in six years. The slowdown comes as consumers, particularly lower-income shoppers, remain cautious amid higher prices and energy costs.







	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	$16.64	+$0.10	$17.29	+$0.04				$18.30	$9.74
Sep-26	$16.55	--$0.88	$18.86	--$0.04	$4.84	$12.25	$317.70	$19.50	$10.36
Oct-26	$16.95	--$0.50	$18.89	+$0.04			$320.50	$20.30	$11.04
Nov-26	$17.33	--$0.11	$18.66	+$0.01		$12.40		$20.38	$11.22
Dec-26	$17.40	--$0.07	$18.47	--$0.02	$5.09		$325.80	$20.48	$11.22
Jan-27	$17.40	$0.00	$18.32	--$0.06		$12.54	$328.40	$20.81	$11.01
Feb-27	$17.46	+$0.06	$18.28	--$0.22				$20.60	$10.75
Mar-27	$17.49	+$0.06	$18.60	+$0.18	$5.24	$12.59	$331.30	$20.46	$10.54
Apr-27	$17.49	--$0.03	$18.50	+$0.08				$20.16	$10.24
May-27	$17.58	$0.00	$18.50	$0.00	$5.30	$12.64	$333.70	$19.95	$9.99
Jun-27	$17.67	--$0.02	$18.50	--$0.20				$19.93	$9.95
Average	$17.31		$18.46		$5.15	$12.51	$327.67	$20.08	$10.55

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Market	This Week	Last Week	Change	Last Year	Change
Barrel Cheddar (CME Average, USD/LB)	$ 1.5650	$ 1.5535	+1%	$ 1.8000	-13%
Block Cheddar (CME Average, USD/LB)	$ 1.5620	$ 1.6050	-3%	$ 1.8155	-14%
Butter (CME Average, USD/LB)	$ 1.4510	$ 1.4755	-2%	$ 2.2835	-36%
Nonfat Dry Milk (CME Average, USD/LB)	$ 1.7925	$ 1.6570	+8%	$ 1.2625	+42%
Dry Whey (CME Average, USD/LB)	$ 0.6975	$ 0.6895	+1%	$ 0.5775	+21%
WPC34 (AMS Central/West AOM, USD/LB)	$ 2.1200	$ 2.1200	0%	$ 1.5750	+35%
Lactose (AMS West AOM, USD/LB)	$ 0.6700	$ 0.6700	0%	$ 0.4400	+52%
Dry Buttermilk (AMS West AOM, USD/LB)	$ 1.1450	$ 1.6850	-32%	$ 1.2150	-6%
Midwest Class II Cream (AMS Multiple)	1.33	1.33	0%	1.29	+3%
Midwest Spot Milk Basis (AMS, USD/CWT)	+$1.00	+$2.50	-60%	+$1.38	-28%
Class III Milk Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/CWT)	$ 16.61	$ 17.43	-5%	$ 18.27	-9%
Class IV Milk Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/CWT)	$ 18.86	$ 18.90	0%	$ 17.97	+5%
Cheese Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/LB)	$ 1.6020	$ 1.6850	-5%	$ 1.8640	-14%
Butter Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/LB)	$ 1.5450	$ 1.5903	-3%	$ 2.3503	-34%
Nonfat Dry Milk Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/LB)	$ 1.7300	$ 1.7048	+1%	$ 1.2715	+36%
Dry Whey Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/LB)	$ 0.6868	$ 0.6830	+1%	$ 0.5760	+19%