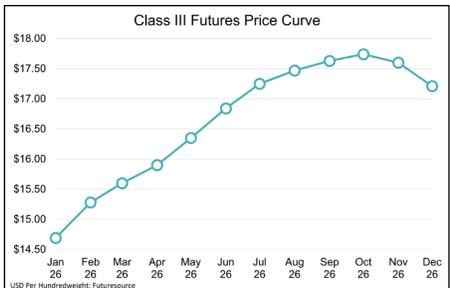
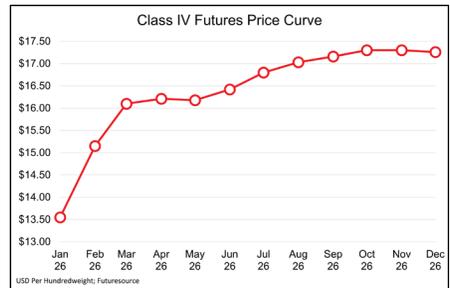
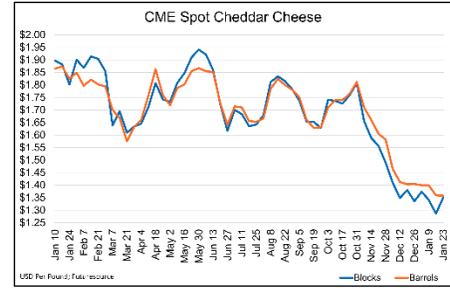


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- Butter leapt to \$1.5750 per pound, \$0.2200 higher. An 11.5-cent jump on Friday was the largest single-day gain since September 2023. But more upside is possible with USDA reporting stocks down 7.0% year-over-year after the markets closed for the week. Blocks also recovered from multi-year lows and rose to \$1.3550 per pound, up \$0.0650 from last Friday. Barrels settled at \$1.3600 per pound, \$0.0025 higher.
- December milk output reached 19.6 billion pounds, up 4.4% year-over-year and in line with expectations. California production was up 9.6% over an easy comparison in December 2024 due to an avian influenza outbreak. Total output for 2025 hit 231 billion pounds, a new all-time high. Growth was supported by higher cow numbers. The dairy herd increased by 9,000 head, bringing year-to-date cow numbers up 212,000 over 2024.
- Grain futures recovered some after the bearish WASDE report released earlier this month sent markets downward. March corn futures rose to \$4.3050 per bushel, up \$0.0575 on the week. March soybeans climbed to \$11.6775 per bushel, \$0.1000 cents higher.
- The US economy grew at its fastest pace in two years, with the GDP rising 4.4% in Q3. Consumer spending, which makes up 70% of the GDP, climbed 3.5%.



	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
Jan-26	\$14.69	-\$1.24	\$13.55	+\$0.15				\$16.92	\$8.45
Feb-26	\$15.28	+\$0.17	\$15.15	+\$1.65				\$17.73	\$9.00
Mar-26	\$15.60	+\$0.31	\$16.10	+\$2.10	\$4.31	\$10.68	\$299.90	\$18.13	\$9.30
Apr-26	\$15.90	+\$0.29	\$16.21	+\$1.81				\$18.10	\$9.30
May-26	\$16.35	+\$0.21	\$16.18	+\$1.48	\$4.38	\$10.80	\$302.10	\$18.07	\$9.29
Jun-26	\$16.84	+\$0.49	\$16.42	+\$1.36				\$18.30	\$9.51
Jul-26	\$17.25	+\$0.60	\$16.80	+\$1.42	\$4.44	\$10.93	\$306.70	\$18.75	\$9.91
Aug-26	\$17.47	+\$0.48	\$17.03	+\$1.28		\$10.91	\$308.10	\$19.19	\$10.34
Sep-26	\$17.63	+\$0.33	\$17.16	+\$1.09	\$4.42	\$10.76	\$308.90	\$19.66	\$10.80
Oct-26	\$17.74	+\$0.30	\$17.30	+\$1.01			\$309.00	\$20.16	\$11.21
Nov-26	\$17.60	+\$0.10	\$17.30	+\$0.91		\$10.82		\$20.42	\$11.36
Dec-26	\$17.21	-\$0.04	\$17.26	+\$0.79	\$4.55		\$312.50	\$20.42	\$11.22
Average	\$16.63		\$16.37		\$4.42	\$10.81	\$306.74	\$18.82	\$9.97

Tale of the Tape					
Market	This Week	Last Week	Change	Last Year	Change
	Barrel Cheddar (CME Average, USD/LB)	\$ 1.3581	\$ 1.3590	0%	\$ 1.8250
Block Cheddar (CME Average, USD/LB)	\$ 1.3500	\$ 1.2865	+5%	\$ 1.8019	-25%
Butter (CME Average, USD/LB)	\$ 1.4763	\$ 1.3155	+12%	\$ 2.5250	-42%
Nonfat Dry Milk (CME Average, USD/LB)	\$ 1.2819	\$ 1.2490	+3%	\$ 1.3500	-5%
Dry Whey (CME Average, USD/LB)	\$ 0.7350	\$ 0.7170	+3%	\$ 0.7088	+4%
WPC34 (AMS Central/West AOM, USD/LB)	\$ 1.5250	\$ 1.5250	0%	\$ 1.5925	-4%
Lactose (AMS West AOM, USD/LB)	\$ 0.5100	\$ 0.5100	0%	\$ 0.3850	+32%
Dry Buttermilk (AMS West AOM, USD/LB)	\$ 1.1450	\$ 1.1300	+1%	\$ 1.3700	-16%
Midwest Class II Cream (AMS Multiple)	1.16	1.14	+2%	1.21	-4%
Midwest Spot Milk Basis (AMS, USD/CWT)	-\$1.50	-\$1.88	+20%	\$0.00	-150%
Class III Milk Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/CWT)	\$ 15.34	\$ 15.07	+2%	\$ 19.30	-21%
Class IV Milk Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/CWT)	\$ 15.15	\$ 13.86	+9%	\$ 20.60	-26%
Cheese Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/LB)	\$ 1.4750	\$ 1.4600	+1%	\$ 1.8030	-18%
Butter Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/LB)	\$ 1.6250	\$ 1.4508	+12%	\$ 2.5938	-37%
Nonfat Dry Milk Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/LB)	\$ 1.2900	\$ 1.2050	+7%	\$ 1.3600	-5%
Dry Whey Futures (CME, Contract 2, USD/LB)	\$ 0.6825	\$ 0.6800	0%	\$ 0.6853	0%