



## WEEKLY DAIRY OUTLOOK

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

This short weekly newsletter provides you with a summary of current dairy prices, translates product prices into component prices, and summarizes major dairy related news.

Table 1. Spot dairy products prices on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>, and their implied component prices.

	June 5 2026	June 12 2026	Change	Month to date
CME Cheddar blocks (\$/lb)	1.4725	1.4875	+0.0150	1.4800
CME Butter (\$/lb)	1.6925	1.6675	-0.0250	1.6800
CME Dry whey (\$/lb)	0.6700	0.6800	+0.0100	0.6750
CME Nonfat dry milk (\$/lb)	2.0450	1.7850	-0.2600	1.9150
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Butterfat (\$/lb)	1.77	1.74	-0.03	1.76
Protein (\$/lb)	2.07	2.15	+0.08	2.11
Other solids (\$/lb)	0.42	0.43	+0.01	0.43
Nonfat solids (\$/lb)	1.79	1.53	-0.26	1.66
Class III (\$/cwt)	15.20	15.41	+0.21	15.31
Class IV (\$/cwt)	22.25	19.84	-2.41	21.05

### Comments

Nonfat dry milk price continued its downward decent on the CME cash market last week, loosing 26 ¢/lb from the prior Friday’s closing. Trading was active with 51 loads changing hands during the week. The NFDN price correction is not over. Based on current world prices, NFDN price will have to fall in the \$1.50-\$1.60 price range for the U.S. to keep its export markets. Futures traders have already figured this out as the August futures closed at \$1.56/lb. Butter prices also dropped on both the cash and futures markets, albeit more moderately. Butter trading was intense on the cash market with 161 loads changing hands during the week.

Table 2. Six-month strip of dairy futures at closing time last Friday, and changes in their 6-month averages from the prior Friday closings<sup>1</sup>.

	Cheese (\$/lb)	Butter (\$/cwt)	Dry Whey (\$/cwt)	NFDN (\$/cwt)	Class III (\$/cwt)	Class IV (\$/cwt)
June	1.563	167.500	64.500	190.125	15.98	20.85
July	1.610	170.000	65.025	169.000	16.51	19.22
August	1.636	174.500	66.500	155.800	16.82	18.22
September	1.689	178.525	67.500	151.850	17.44	18.15
October	1.740	182.250	69.000	150.900	18.01	17.94
November	1.761	184.500	69.000	152.000	18.25	18.06
Average	1.667	176.213	66.921	161.613	17.17	18.74
Weekly Change	-0.014	-5.204	-1.421	-3.846	-0.27	-0.47

<sup>1</sup> Futures prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange

Based on the next 6-month of futures, the implied 6-month prices of milk components used in Class III and nonfat solids used in Class I, II, and IV pricings, Class I Base Skim, and projected Base Class I are reported in Table 3. Note that the June Class I Base Skim and Class I Butterfat prices were released on May 20 (the \$16.75/cwt in Table 3 for skim, and \$1.7185/lb for butterfat, the latter not being reported in the Table, but used to calculate the \$22.18/cwt for the June Base Class I price, which in this instance is not a projection but an actual price since Class I price is forward priced).

Table 3. Translation of futures dairy product prices into implied futures component prices and Class I Base Skim Mover (numbers in italics have already been announced by USDA).

	Butterfat (\$/lb)	Protein (\$/lb)	Other Solids (\$/lb)	Nonfat Solids (\$/lb)	Class I Base Skim (\$/cwt)	Projected Base Class I (\$/cwt) <sup>1</sup>
June	1.75	2.38	0.39	1.65	<i>16.75</i>	<i>22.18</i>
July	1.78	2.50	0.39	1.44	15.30	20.90
August	1.84	2.53	0.41	1.31	13.36	19.13
September	1.89	2.65	0.42	1.27	12.14	18.15
October	1.93	2.77	0.44	1.26	11.78	17.97
November	1.96	2.81	0.44	1.27	11.75	18.10
Average	1.86	2.61	0.41	1.36	13.51	19.41
Weekly Change	-0.06	+0.02	-0.01	-0.04	-0.03	-0.28

<sup>1</sup> Adding the location specific Class I differential to the Projected Base Class I would give a ‘raw’ projected Class I price for a given location. It is a ‘raw’ projection because this does not include any processor assessments and Class I ESL adjustments. Class I is for milk standardized to 3.5% butterfat and 96.5% skim. See <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/ProposedClassIDifferentialsMap.pdf> for a map of Class I differentials.

- Table 4 reports price quotations for butter, skim milk powder/nonfat dry milk (SMP/NFDM), whole milk powder (WMP), and cheddar from the top three exporting blocks of countries (the European Union taken as a whole) in early-June, and their relative biweekly price changes.

Table 4. World price quotations of 4 major dairy commodities as of June 7, 2026.

	US\$/lb			Biweekly Change (%)		
	E.U.	Oceania	U.S.	E.U.	Oceania	U.S.
Butter	2.09	2.66	1.57	-1.8	-1.5	-3.1
SMP/NDM	1.47	1.67	2.18	+2.4	+2.8	-4.6
WMP	1.76	1.70	2.40	-1.0	+1.4	-6.4
Cheddar	1.65	2.10	1.54	-3.2	-1.9	-5.5

Source: DG Agri