

# Daily Dairy Report

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## VERY HEAVY ACTIVITY ON CHEESE

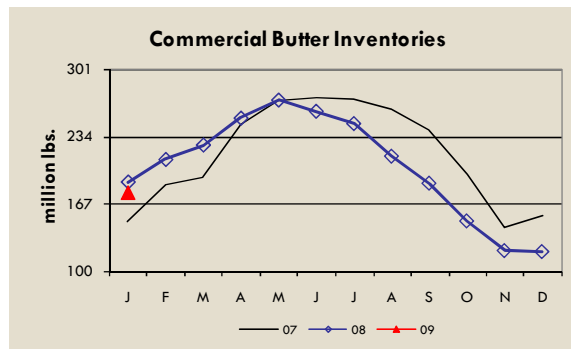
Continued declines in cheese prices were not enough to send milk futures lower for the sixth straight day. Class III contracts for MAR09-MAR10 increased 6¢. Sellers were aggressive in offering cheese prices lower again today. An offer to sell 20 loads of block at \$1.19 was purchased, but a follow-up offer to sell 10 more loads at \$1.19 was not, leaving blocks 6¢ above the support price. In all, 27 loads of block were traded, the most in a day since June 4, 2004.

FEB Class III futures went off the board at \$9.28. USDA's Class and Component prices come out tomorrow morning.

Butter futures jumped today after spot butter increased for the fourth straight day. APR-OCT09 futures increased 1.5-3¢.

USDA's Dairy Market News pricing database is now available through the department's Market News Portal at <http://www.marketnews.usda.gov/portal/da>. The portal provides access to daily and historical prices, and allows users to customize results in a variety of formats.

The CME Group will take down [www.cme.com](http://www.cme.com) at close of business March 7 in favor of the [www.cmegroup.com](http://www.cmegroup.com) site. The [www.cbot.com](http://www.cbot.com) site will be decommissioned at the end of March. Users are encouraged to start using the new site to become familiar with its layout and functionality. **cme**



## FEBRUARY 26 TRADING ACTIVITY

	Class III Futures			Class III Options Calls		Class III Options Puts		Dry Whey Futures		Nonfat Dry Milk Futures		Butter Futures – Cash settle	
	Settle (\$)	chg. (¢)	volume & open interest from previous day	Settle (\$)	chg. (¢)	Settle (\$)	chg. (¢)	Settle (¢)	chg. (¢)	Settle (¢)	chg. (¢)	Settle (¢)	chg. (¢)
FEB09	9.28	-1	42 4906	10.00 @ 0.00	NC	10.00 @ 0.72	+1	15.800	NC	82.750	NC	107.500	NC
MAR	10.27	+8	53 4827	10.50 @ 0.10	+2	10.25 @ 0.18	-5	16.250	NC	82.000	NC	112.750	+0.750
APR	10.37	+10	138 4430	10.50 @ 0.35	+4	10.25 @ 0.35	-5	17.750	NC	83.000	NC	120.000	+3.000
MAY	10.74	+9	94 4087	10.75 @ 0.52	+4	10.50 @ 0.41	-4	18.000	NC	85.250	+0.250	124.750	+2.500
JUN	11.33	+8	116 3545	11.50 @ 0.53	+3	11.25 @ 0.57	-4	21.000	NC	87.000	NC	127.750	+2.500
JUL	12.37	+2	83 2798	12.50 @ 0.68	+1	12.25 @ 0.67	-2	22.000	NC	88.500	NC	131.000	+2.250
AUG	13.17	+7	81 2766	13.25 @ 0.83	+3	13.00 @ 0.78	-3	22.750	NC	89.500	NC	132.500	+1.500
SEP	13.72	+4	82 2705	13.75 @ 0.95	+2	13.50 @ 0.85	-2	23.250	+0.250	91.500	NC	136.250	+2.250
OCT	14.00	+5	62 2368	14.00 @ 1.05	+3	14.00 @ 1.05	-2	25.000	NC	93.000	NC	137.000	+2.000
NOV	14.37	+4	73 2206	14.50 @ 1.09	+2	14.25 @ 1.08	-2	26.000	NC	94.750	NC	136.500	+0.500
DEC	14.41	+7	58 2281	14.50 @ 1.16	+3	14.25 @ 1.12	-3	26.000	NC	95.000	NC	137.500	+1.000
JAN10	14.50	+5	31 221	15.50 @ 0.88	+1			25.000	NC	99.500	NC	138.500	+1.500

### ➤ Spot Prices (with change, in cents, from previous day):

Block cheese	\$1.1900 (-3.50)
Barrel cheese	\$1.1800 (-3.00)
AA Butter	\$1.1450 (+1.00)
NDM Extra Grade	\$.8500 (NC)
NDM Grade A	\$.8325 (NC)

### ➤ Milk Prices (with change from previous month):

Jan. Class III milk (USDA)	\$10.78 (-\$4.50)
Jan. Class IV milk (USDA)	\$9.59 (-\$0.76)

### ➤ Futures Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III.....	951	37,684
[*36 Pit, 915 Electronic]		
Class IV.....	0	168
NDM.....	11	1,065
Dry whey.....	10	1,499
Butter (cash settle).....	16	4,605

### ➤ Options Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III.....	802	51,754
Class III Midi.....	0	146
Dry whey.....	0	160
Butter (cash settle).....	0	45

Futures and options volume and open interest from previous trading day

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