

# Daily Dairy Report

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## EXPORTS NEARLY CUT IN HALF IN JANUARY

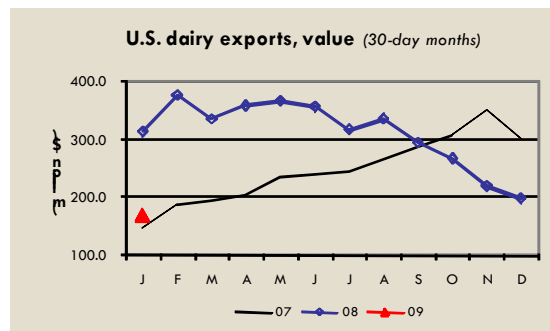
Milk futures closed out the week with heavy activity and another day of gains, though prices faded in the afternoon. APR and MAY were up more than 50¢ at one point this morning but settled up 17¢ and 3¢, respectively. Cheese prices advanced on unfilled bids. No trades took place.

U.S. dairy exports in January were valued at \$175.4 million, down 46% from a year ago, according to USDA/FAS data released this morning. Exports were down for the fifth straight month (see chart).

Exports of SMP/NDM were 48.4 million lbs., down 32%. Shipments of cheese were 18.3 million lbs., down 22%. Exports of butterfat were just 4.0 million lbs., down 72%. Overseas sales of dry whey were 31.3 million lbs., up 17%.

Packaged fluid milk sales have improved in recent months. In the November-January period, sales were 14.33 billion lbs., up 0.7% from a year ago, according to Federal Order and California data. In January, sales of whole milk were down and sales of reduced-fat, lowfat and fat-free were higher than a year ago. Sales of organic milk were down 4.2% vs. prior year.

NASS dairy product prices for the week ending March 7: cheddar blocks \$1.2531 (+2.30¢ vs. the prior week); barrels \$1.2580 (+1.77¢); butter \$1.1161 (+2.18¢); nonfat dry milk 81.49¢ (-0.43¢); dry whey 16.19¢ (+0.51¢). **cme**



## MARCH 13 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. (¢)
MAR09	10.31	+4	23	4822	10.50 @ 0.01	NC	10.25 @ 0.04	-2	15.750	NC	82.000	NC	113.000	NC
APR	10.87	+17	145	4498	11.00 @ 0.28	+7	10.75 @ 0.28	-9	18.500	NC	83.000	NC	120.000	NC
MAY	11.07	+3	93	4337	11.25 @ 0.42	+1	11.00 @ 0.46	-2	19.750	NC	85.950	NC	126.000	NC
JUN	11.86	+7	210	3907	12.00 @ 0.55	+3	11.75 @ 0.56	-3	22.000	NC	87.500	NC	129.500	NC
JUL	12.99	+7	203	2816	13.00 @ 0.73	+3	12.75 @ 0.61	-4	24.000	NC	89.000	NC	134.000	NC
AUG	13.96	+14	44	2756	14.00 @ 0.86	+7	13.75 @ 0.77	-7	26.000	NC	90.500	NC	134.250	+0.500
SEP	14.47	+10	16	2679	14.50 @ 0.97	+5	14.25 @ 0.87	-5	27.000	NC	91.000	NC	136.750	+0.250
OCT	14.80	+19	10	2392	15.00 @ 0.98	+9	14.75 @ 1.05	-9	27.500	NC	92.500	NC	138.700	+0.450
NOV	14.98	+10	10	2240	15.00 @ 1.15	+5	14.75 @ 1.04	-5	27.500	NC	94.750	NC	140.250	NC
DEC	15.05	+13	10	2315	15.25 @ 1.14	+7	15.00 @ 1.20	-6	27.500	NC	95.000	NC	140.250	+0.250
JAN10	15.09	+12	1	242	15.50 @ 1.13	+6	13.00 @ 0.44	-3	26.000	NC	99.500	NC	141.000	NC
FEB	15.09	+10	3	192	16.00 @ 0.99	+4	13.00 @ 0.48	-3	26.000	NC	115.000	NC	141.000	NC

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

Block cheese	\$1.2500 (+0.25)
Barrel cheese	\$1.3175 (+0.75)
AA Butter	\$1.1850 (+0.25)
NDM Extra Grade	\$.8500 (NC)
NDM Grade A	\$.8325 (NC)

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

Feb. Class III milk (USDA)	\$9.31 (-\$1.47)
Feb. Class IV milk (USDA)	\$9.45 (-\$0.14)

### ➤ Futures Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III.....	771	33,660
[*80 Pit, 691 Electronic]		
Class IV.....	0	218
NDM.....	0	998
Dry whey.....	67	1,479
Butter (cash settle).....	24	4,444

### ➤ Options Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III.....	235	47,167
Class III Midi.....	1	151
Dry whey.....	12	167
Butter (cash settle).....	0	45

Futures and options volume and open interest from previous trading day

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