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## CWT reactivates export assistance for cheddar

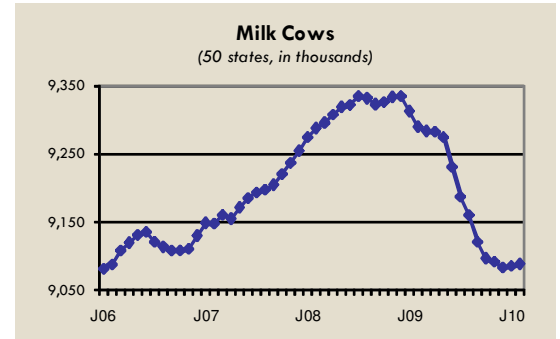
Blocks and barrels each increased a quarter cent today. It was the first gain on blocks since Feb. 11.

CWT reactivated its export assistance program for cheddar cheese. Bids for bonuses will be accepted by noon Wednesday each week and awards will be given Thursday. The CWT export assistance program was last used in December 2008.

Total U.S. cow numbers increased 6,000 head in January and February after falling 252,000 head last year, according to USDA's "Milk Production" report released yesterday (see chart). The big gainers were Arizona and Washington, which each added 3,000 cows over the two-month stretch, and Idaho and Pennsylvania, which each added 2,000.

The Class I base price for April is \$13.22, down \$1.12 from March and the lowest price since November. This price yields an MILC payment of 21¢.

NASS dairy product prices for the week ending March 13: cheddar blocks \$1.3901 (-4.77¢ vs. the prior week); barrels \$1.3370 (-6.02¢); butter \$1.4367 (+2.81¢); nonfat dry milk \$1.0490 (+0.62¢); dry whey 38.02¢ (-0.37¢). **cme group**



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## FUTURES & OPTIONS VOLUME AND OPEN INTEREST →

### Futures Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III [0 Pit, 1275 Electronic]	1,275	30,603
Class IV	0	195
NDM (cash settle)	5	933
NDM (deliverable)	0	1
Dry whey	60	2,025
Butter (cash settle)	33	3,389

### Options Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III	1,062	49,814
Class III midi	10	421
Dry whey	0	588
Butter (cash settle)	0	94

Futures and options volume and open interest from previous trading day.

**SPOT PRICES** (with change, in cents, from previous day): Block cheese \$1.2700 (+0.25) • Barrel cheese \$1.2650 (+0.25) • AA Butter \$1.4700 (+1.00) • NDM Extra Grade \$1.1200 (NC) • NDM Grade A \$1.1150 (NC) **MILK PRICES** (with change, in dollars, from previous month): February Class III milk (USDA) \$14.28 (-\$0.22) • February Class IV milk (USDA) \$12.90 (-\$0.95)

## March 19 Trading Activity

	Class III Futures				Class III Options Calls			Class III Options Puts			Dry Whey Futures		NDM Futures		Butter Futures – Cash settle	
	Settle (\$)	chg. (¢)	volume & open interest from previous day		Settle (\$)	chg. (¢)	Settle (\$)	chg. (¢)	Settle (¢)	chg. (¢)	Settle (¢)	chg. (¢)	Settle (¢)	chg. (¢)		
MAR10	12.81	+1	27	4006	13.00 @ 0.01	NC	12.75 @ 0.03	-1	37.750	+0.075	105.750	NC	143.750	+1.250		
APR	12.45	+2	226	4753	12.50 @ 0.15	NC	12.25 @ 0.10	-1	34.000	NC	109.000	NC	146.000	+1.500		
MAY	12.99	+10	201	4363	13.00 @ 0.33	+5	12.75 @ 0.22	-5	31.250	-0.500	111.000	NC	147.500	NC		
JUN	13.69	+9	343	3560	13.75 @ 0.47	+4	13.50 @ 0.40	-5	31.000	-0.750	114.500	+0.750	149.000	NC		
JUL	13.95	NC	95	2591	14.00 @ 0.61	NC	13.75 @ 0.54	NC	31.000	-0.750	116.000	+1.000	152.750	NC		
AUG	14.30	-11	165	2505	14.50 @ 0.69	-1	14.25 @ 0.71	+5	31.000	-0.500	117.250	NC	154.500	NC		
SEP	14.75	-13	116	2333	14.75 @ 0.81	-8	14.75 @ 0.81	+5	33.000	NC	117.500	NC	156.250	NC		
OCT	14.68	-15	40	2161	15.00 @ 0.65	-7	14.50 @ 0.70	+7	31.750	+0.250	118.500	NC	157.250	NC		
NOV	14.58	-18	30	2082	14.75 @ NA	NA	14.50 @ NA	NA	32.580	NC	119.500	NC	158.500	-0.500		
DEC	14.58	-10	26	1996	14.75 @ NA	NA	14.50 @ NA	NA	32.000	-0.500	117.000	NC	160.470	NC		
JAN11	14.20	-6	3	107	14.25 @ NA	NA	14.00 @ NA	NA	29.500	-0.575	111.000	NC	159.000	NC		
FEB	14.10	-5	2	52	14.25 @ NA	NA	14.00 @ NA	NA	29.070	NC	111.000	NC	160.000	NC		

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