

# Daily Dairy Report

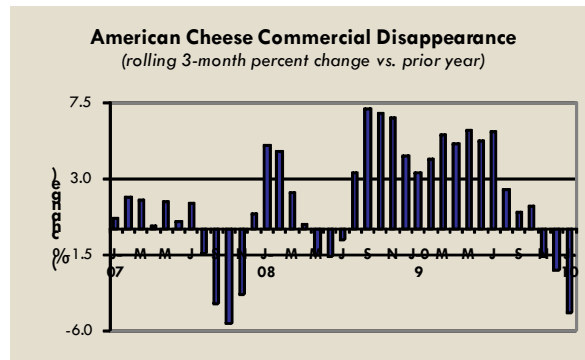
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## Blocks back to \$1.40

Blocks were bid to \$1.39 and barrels to \$1.37 before generating the first sales of the week. A subsequent sale of block took place at \$1.40 to set today's closing price. An offer to sell barrel at \$1.38 didn't garner any interest, the week's first offer. Milk futures were higher for most of the day, but trailed off and finished in the red. Grade A NDM was bid to \$1.20 before 3 loads traded.

Commercial use of American cheese slumped in the November-January period, according to USDA data. Disappearance was down 4.9% from the year before, the largest downturn since August-October 2007 (see chart). However, use of other-than-American surged nearly 7% vs. prior year, bringing total cheese use up 2.2% for the three-month stretch. Commercial disappearance of butter in the November-January period was down 2.1%.

The California 4b (cheese milk) price for March is \$11.13, down \$1.82 from February, and the lowest price since last July. The 4a (milk for butter/powder) price is \$12.84, unchanged from February. Federal Order prices for March come out Friday morning. **cme group**



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## FUTURES & OPTIONS VOLUME AND OPEN INTEREST

### Futures Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III [23 Pit, 1120 Electronic]	1,143	32,227
Class IV	0	207
NDM (cash settle)	48	969
Dry whey	17	2,188
Butter (cash settle)	43	3,569

### Options Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III	654	52,943
Class III midi	0	452
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 \$1.4000 (+4.75) • Barrel cheese \$1.3700 (+3.00) • AA Butter \$1.4925 (+0.25) • NDM Extra Grade \$1.1500 (NC) • NDM Grade A \$1.2000 (+1.50) **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 31 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	Settle (\$)	chg. (¢)	Settle (\$)	chg. (¢)	Settle (¢)	chg. (¢)	Settle (¢)	chg. (¢)	Settle (¢)	chg. (¢)
MARIO	12.78	NC	8	4125	13.00 @ 0.00	NC	12.75 @ 0.00	NC	37.580	NC	105.000	NC	144.000	NC
APR	12.64	+4	177	4767	12.75 @ 0.11	+2	12.50 @ 0.10	-2	34.000	NC	109.000	NC	147.000	NC
MAY	13.19	-14	210	4543	13.25 @ 0.28	-10	13.00 @ 0.22	+4	32.000	NC	111.000	NC	148.250	NC
JUN	13.96	-13	255	3809	14.00 @ 0.51	-8	13.75 @ 0.43	+5	32.000	-0.200	120.000	+2.000	150.500	-0.500
JUL	14.49	-8	146	2756	14.50 @ 0.63	-4	14.25 @ 0.51	+3	32.000	+1.000	119.000	NC	153.250	NC
AUG	14.83	-11	100	2690	15.00 @ 0.66	-6	14.75 @ 0.70	NC	31.500	NC	121.000	+1.000	154.000	NC
SEP	15.14	-8	85	2532	15.25 @ 0.76	-4	15.00 @ 0.74	-1	33.750	+0.500	122.000	NC	157.000	NC
OCT	15.05	-5	58	2327	15.25 @ 0.79	-2	15.00 @ 0.85	+2	32.500	+0.500	121.000	NC	157.000	NC
NOV	14.91	-3	62	2263	15.00 @ 0.83	-2	14.75 @ 0.79	-2	32.500	NC	122.500	+0.500	158.750	+0.750
DEC	14.63	-4	37	2136	14.75 @ 0.85	-2	14.50 @ 0.84	+2	31.500	-0.025	117.030	NC	159.000	-1.250
JAN11	14.47	-6	1	117	14.50 @ 0.94	-3	14.25 @ 0.84	NC	29.520	NC	112.000	NC	159.000	NC
FEB	14.37	-7	1	61	14.50 @ 0.93	-3	14.25 @ 0.92	+3	29.070	NC	111.000	NC	160.000	NC

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