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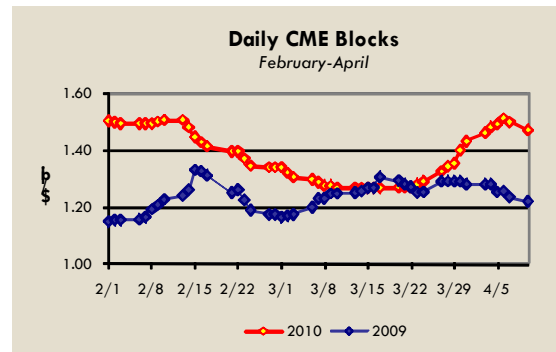
Cheddar block buyers no-shows in cheese pit

Weakness in spot cheese and milk futures carried over from last week. Class III futures opened lower, recovered slightly off their lows, but still posted double-digit losses in MAY-AUG contracts. After blocks climbed 24¢ in 11 days – mostly on unfilled bids – buyers remained absent today. A single load was offered 2.75¢ lower without a hit (*see chart*). Barrels dropped 2¢ on 4 trades and an uncovered offer. In the last four days, JUN and JUL milk contracts have fallen 78¢.

Butter and whey futures were higher last week and NDM futures were mixed. Futures were mostly steady today, reflecting quiet trading sessions in spot butter and powder. Butter futures are at least \$1.60 in the OCT10-MAR11 contracts.

May Class 1 prices in California are \$15.37 in the north and \$15.64 in the south, up \$1.00 from April prices. Federal Order Class I prices come out Friday, April 23.

CWT accepted 13 bids to provide export bonuses on 3.5 million lbs. of cheddar last week. Most of the product will be delivered between now and July. In three weeks, CWT has accepted export-assistance bids on 9.0 million lbs. of cheese. **cme group**



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FUTURES & OPTIONS VOLUME AND OPEN INTEREST →

Futures Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III [3 Pit, 1,986 Electronic]	1,989	28,889
Class IV	0	191
NDM (cash settle)	0	841
Dry whey	61	1,928
Butter (cash settle)	61	3,392

Options Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III	607	47,117
Class III midi	8	422
Dry whey	0	484
Butter (cash settle)	0	55

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

SPOT PRICES (with change, in cents, from previous day): Block cheese \$1.4700 (-2.75) • Barrel cheese \$1.4200 (-2.00) • AA Butter \$1.5000 (NC) • NDM Extra Grade \$1.1900 (NC) • NDM Grade A \$1.2650 (NC) **MILK PRICES** (with change, in dollars, from previous month): March Class III milk (USDA) \$12.78 (-\$1.50) • March Class IV milk (USDA) \$12.92 (+\$0.02)

April 12 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. (¢)
APR10	12.85	+4	156	4456	13.00 @ 0.03	+1	12.75 @ 0.04	-2	37.500	+1.000	109.000	NC	148.000	-0.750
MAY	13.53	-22	999	4572	13.75 @ 0.21	-11	13.50 @ 0.29	+8	34.850	-0.150	111.000	NC	153.000	NC
JUN	13.60	-17	400	4111	13.75 @ 0.45	-9	13.50 @ 0.47	+7	33.000	NC	119.000	NC	156.000	NC
JUL	14.15	-20	177	2884	14.25 @ 0.58	-10	14.00 @ 0.55	+8	33.500	NC	121.000	NC	156.000	NC
AUG	14.72	-14	93	2755	14.75 @ 0.80	-8	14.50 @ 0.70	+6	33.000	-0.500	122.000	NC	156.000	NC
SEP	15.05	-5	59	2672	15.25 @ 0.75	-3	15.00 @ 0.81	+1	33.000	-0.500	123.000	NC	158.000	NC
OCT	15.04	-2	28	2442	15.25 @ 0.80	-2	15.00 @ 0.88	NC	33.000	NC	122.000	NC	162.000	+1.000
NOV	14.75	+1	27	2412	14.75 @ 0.87	NC	14.75 @ 0.87	-1	33.250	NC	122.000	NC	162.000	+1.000
DEC	14.70	+2	32	2284	14.75 @ 0.89	+1	14.50 @ 0.81	-1	32.750	NC	117.030	NC	161.500	NC
JAN11	14.52	-1	4	125	15.00 @ 0.73	-1	14.50 @ 0.92	NC	29.520	NC	112.000	NC	162.000	NC
FEB	14.51	NC	3	64	15.00 @ 0.77	NC	14.50 @ 0.97	-1	29.250	NC	111.000	NC	160.000	NC
MAR	14.52	+2	2	34	15.00 @ 0.82	NC	14.00 @ 0.77	-1	28.000	NC	112.000	NC	162.000	NC

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