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Blocks back below \$1.40

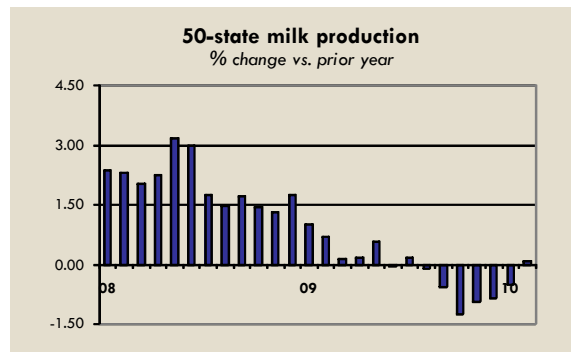
Milk futures were generally steady today alongside a sixth straight day of losses on the cheese market. Blocks fell below \$1.40 for the first time this month, and once again little buying support was evident.

The butter-powder complex is firmer. Spot NDM and NDM futures closed out the week with additional gains. Futures covering the rest of the year average \$1.2106, up 2.6¢ on the week and the highest since January.

Butter futures were up for the week as well. Contracts covering MAY-SEP increased 4.9¢, and every contract from JUN10 to MAR11 is at least \$1.60.

The March "Milk Production" report comes out Monday afternoon. Output was up 0.1% in February, the first increase since last July (*see chart*). Cow numbers increased 6,000 head in the first two months of the year.

NASS dairy product prices for the week ending April 10: cheddar blocks \$1.3166 (+3.10¢ vs. the prior week); barrels \$1.3598 (+5.95¢); butter \$1.4749 (+2.25¢); nonfat dry milk \$1.1111 (+4.54¢); dry whey 36.34¢ (+1.88¢). **cme group**



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FUTURES & OPTIONS VOLUME AND OPEN INTEREST →

Futures Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III [3 Pit, 563 Electronic]	566	29,705
Class IV	3	195
NDM (cash settle)	5	851
Dry whey	32	1,957
Butter (cash settle)	11	3,455

Options Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III	370	47,583
Class III midi	16	440
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 \$1.3975 (-1.50) • Barrel cheese \$1.3650 (-1.75) • AA Butter \$1.5600 (NC) • NDM Extra Grade \$1.2100 (+0.25) • NDM Grade A \$1.2925 (+1.75) **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 16 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. (¢)
APR10	12.85	NC	55 4431	13.00 @ 0.00	-1	12.75 @ 0.01	-1	36.700	-0.300	110.250	+1.250	148.000	NC
MAY	13.09	-3	87 4662	13.25 @ 0.20	-3	13.00 @ 0.22	-1	36.500	NC	114.250	+0.750	156.500	+0.500
JUN	13.35	-3	151 4343	13.50 @ 0.42	-2	13.25 @ 0.44	+1	34.000	+1.000	121.250	+0.250	162.000	+1.000
JUL	13.97	-14	83 3040	14.00 @ 0.00	NC	13.75 @ 0.49	+3	34.500	-0.500	122.750	+0.250	161.000	NC
AUG	14.70	+3	48 2867	14.75 @ 0.77	+1	14.50 @ 0.69	-2	34.500	NC	124.000	+0.500	161.500	NC
SEP	15.09	-4	36 2734	15.25 @ 0.78	-2	15.00 @ 0.81	+2	34.500	-0.500	125.500	+1.000	162.500	NC
OCT	15.00	NC	25 2523	15.00 @ 0.89	NC	15.00 @ 0.89	NC	35.000	NC	127.000	+1.500	164.000	-0.500
NOV	14.73	+2	38 2464	14.75 @ 0.85	+1	14.50 @ 0.74	-1	35.000	NC	125.000	+0.750	163.000	NC
DEC	14.75	+5	25 2307	14.75 @ 0.00	NC	14.75 @ 0.00	NC	34.000	NC	119.500	+1.400	163.500	NC
JAN11	14.67	+2	4 136	15.00 @ 0.00	NC	14.50 @ 0.00	NC	31.570	+1.025	112.000	NC	164.000	NC
FEB	14.61	+1	6 71	15.00 @ 0.00	NC	14.50 @ 0.00	NC	30.000	NC	111.000	NC	160.000	NC
MAR	14.65	+15	1 39	15.00 @ 0.00	NC	14.50 @ 0.00	NC	28.570	+0.025	112.000	NC	162.000	NC

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