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"I sat down my first day with my list of 10 things I wanted to do here: Save the world, save Medicare, save Medicaid, balance the budget, and get whole milk back in schools. So this is a great day to have a hearing like this" -- Sen. Roger Marshall M.D. (R-Kan.), prime sponsor of S. 222.
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Hearing overwhelmingly endorses whole milk in schools

'It doesn't matter what our politics are, we all care about our kids'

By SHERRY BUNTING
Special for Farmshine

WASHINGTON, D.C. — “We need to be the change-makers that our students and farmers both need. We need to bring back the ability to offer milk fat choice in schools, including nutrient dense whole milk – which, by the way, is just 3.25 to 3.5% fat,” said Krista Byler, a witnesses during the April 1 hearing by the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Nutrition to “review the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act, S. 222, and improve children’s health.”

April 1, the day of the hearing, was a great day for America’s children and dairy farmers, and that’s no April Fools joke! (See related article, featuring a statement by Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act champion, Rep. Glenn ‘GT’ Thompson.)

The hearing opened with a reminder from Senate Ag Chairman John Boozman (R-Ark.) that the whole milk bill had passed the House in the last Congress “by an impressive 330 to 99 vote” and his desire to “make progress in the Senate.”

Ranking Member Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) expressed her support for the bill and thanked Sen. Roger Marshall (R-Kan.) for introducing it. She also set the stage to broaden the hearing to other school nutrition matters. (To be covered in a separate article at another time).

The hearing ended with universal expressions of bipartisan support, thanking the Senate’s ‘milkman’ Marshall. Several Senators urged moving the bill forward as a standalone without delay.

“If we can do something that’s good, let’s

do it, and then we’ll do the next thing that’s good,” said Senator Peter Welch (D-Vt.), the Bill’s prime co-sponsor, addressing the Chair. “This committee has an opportunity to help the Senate be a better Senate, we can take a bill like this that we agree on and move it before we get a full farm bill.”

“It doesn’t matter what our politics are, we all care about our kids. I hope as we pursue this whole milk opportunity for our kids and our farmers that it’s the beginning of a real commitment to nutritious, locally produced, natural foods.”

In between the open and close, the Senate Ag Committee heard from and questioned five witnesses, spending the first chunk of time with Dr. Eve Stoody, director of the Nutrition Guidance and Analysis Division at the

Center for Nutrition Policy, within the Food Nutrition Service of the USDA.

She is tasked with supporting the development of the Dietary Guidelines (DGA) since the 2010 edition and is the self-described career subject matter expert on the DGA process.

She revealed that 90% of Americans don’t consume the daily recommended amount of dairy, a statistic that has worsened over time, setting the stage for nutrient shortfalls.

“Across the board... whatever the form is, we need to have greater consumption of dairy,” she said, citing national survey data showing that on any given day, the percentage of adolescents reporting drinking milk was 75% in the 1970s, just under 50% in the early 2000s, and about 35% in the most recent data.

Chairman Boozman asked what justification

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LETTER from a READER

Wondering what's next

Editor,
Spring is in the air! The grass is turning green, farmers are returning to their fields, and we are anticipating a full summer of fun outdoor activities.
And, as always, you publish one of your most unique and intriguing articles of the year combined with your most creative writing. Using virtual reality goggles to make the most efficient and productive livestock even more so is amazing! It makes me wonder what's next.
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Volunteers needed to grow milk / dairy education movement

By RENEE TROUTMAN
Special for Farmshine

MT. AIRY, Pa. — The call went out for volunteers and additional involvement at the 97 Milk meeting held at the Durlach Fire Hall on Tuesday, March 25 if the momentum and growth 97 Milk has witnessed in its first six years of existence is to continue.

“Everything we’ve done is totally volunteer,” shared 97 Milk board secretary Chris Landis as he listed the events planned in the coming months. “We have a very dedicated team that makes things happen. The reality is we need more people to keep this going.”

“We need at least one person in every state to take hold of this,” stated Ann Diefendorf of the New York 97 Milk chapter. “Get at least one bale set up in every state and get started.” Ann can definitely stand behind her statement as she has single-handedly created dozens of bales that proclaim the benefits and necessity of whole milk.

Faithfully making the six hour drive to appear at the 97 Milk meetings were the New York team of Duane Spaulding, Jay Hoyt, along with Diefendorf to give an update on what their chapter does for the cause of whole milk education. Those efforts include distributing milk in parades, attending community events, and reaching out to the media. The energy level of their volunteerism on behalf of 97 Milk is phenomenal on their own time and dime. “We are heavily booked this summer!” exclaimed Spaulding.

Despite the public 97 Milk meetings being a time of optimism and encouragement, dairy farmer attendance was lacking. “Dairy farmers, why are you here?” asked 97 Milk marketing manager Jackie Behr. “I wish more of



Going far beyond the call of duty throughout the year and every year since 97 MILK was started in January of 2019 are Duane Spaulding, Jay Hoyt and Ann Diefendorf. The impact that they make in milk/dairy education in Schoharie County, N.Y. and beyond is nothing short of heroic. “We need at least one person in every state to take hold of this,” stated Ann.

Photo by Dieter Krieg

you would be here. I wish we had this room full of dairy farmers because this directly affects you and how you get paid.” Behr discussed the importance of butterfat as one of the components that determine the formula for a farmer’s per hundredweight milk price.

“Why does it matter to you that we’re promoting whole milk?” Behr proposed, as she went on to explain the reasons whole milk education is making an impact and what drives the mission of 97 Milk and its volunteers. She commended the service of the

board members and other volunteers.

There is a search for new board members to relieve those originals serving on the board for six years, one of those being Landis. “I don’t know if there’s a perception that you have to be a dairy farmer to be involved in this organization? That’s not the case.”

Speaking about his time on the board, Landis said, “It’s rewarding and involvement is a necessary thing. It’s a movement not only to reach consumers, but to tell the dairy industry what we’re about and why we need

to do this. We’ve put a lot of time and effort in. We don’t want to sit and fizzle out.”

“I’m very passionate about 97 Milk. I’m not going anywhere,” Behr said. “But we need people from the outside because the same people can’t keep putting more and more time into things. Consumers want to hear from farmers!”

Behr went on to ask, “Was it worth volunteering at a 97 Milk event?” Those in attendance who had gave a resounding yes. “Getting 97 Milk to grow is about having a presence at community events. The events are rewarding but do require volunteers,” she said.

Other avenues of involvement were discussed besides volunteering. Behr would like agribusinesses to add a clickable 97 Milk ad banner to their website so that traffic may send additional people towards 97milk.com. There’s no cost and it would help to increase milk education. Dairy farmers can opt for the voluntary milk check-off from their milk checks to go to 97 Milk or of course simply donate.

Many dairy agribusinesses were present with representatives from PA Farm Bureau, Clover Farms, Fisher & Thompson, R&J Dairy Consulting, First Citizens National Bank, Ephrata National Bank, and DHIA along with press from Lancaster Farming, Farm & Dairy, and Farmshine. U.S. Senator Dave McCormick, U.S. Congressman Lloyd Smucker, and PA State Senator Chris Gebhard had staff members present. Morning donuts were provided by Sporting Hill Feed Mill and lunch was sponsored by Premier Select Sires.

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We salute Tom and Doris Armstrong on 70 years of marriage

By DIETER KRIEG
Farmshine Editor

SELLERSVILLE, Pa. — According to U.S. Census Bureau statistics, only one-tenth of 1 percent of all marriages last 70 years or more.

Among those very, very few couples are Tom and Doris Armstrong of Sellersville, Pa. Long-time *Farmshine* readers likely remember Tom as the artist behind *Rural Route*, a cartoon strip that featured a seasoned farmer named *Little Luke*. Week after week, Tom had readers chuckling, even if they might have had a bad day.

Tom and Doris, who are both 94, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on April 2nd. I had visited two weeks prior, unaware of that fact.

Tom doesn't forget birthdays.

Year after year, I've received a home-made, always amusing birthday card from Tom, who just doesn't ever run out of ideas to tickle a chuckle out of the recipient. All of his annual Christmas cards are also created by his hand. And then there was also the one he sent following my heart attack in August of 2018. I had mentioned in an editorial that it felt like having an anvil on my chest ... and sure enough, he sent a full-color version of the vision within just days.

Quick-witted, Tom has a philosophy of life that is first of all Christ-centered and exemplary. And it's also very down-to-earth and realistic. As a man with personal farming experience and countless encounters with people in agriculture, he knows what he's talking and drawing about. Always with a twist of humor, of course. Positively always.

Here is an example. Picture this:

Little Luke finds himself before a judge, stating: *"No, your honor, I did not know the milk inspector was behind me when I engaged the manure spreader."*

Or this one:



Tom and Doris Armstrong have known each other since the 5th grade, but she didn't like him at first.
Photo by Dieter Krieg

Standing by his workbench attempting to fix some unrecognizable contraption, Little Luke loses patience with himself, exclaiming: *"This is the last time I wait 'till Spring to put together something I took apart last Fall!"*

Okay, so much for the purpose of an introduction of the man behind the cartoon. After all, the intent of this article is to bring attention to one of the most rare achievements in human life: 70 years of marriage. To repeat, only one-tenth of 1 percent of all marriages last this long.

While obviously very compatible, Tom and Doris aren't nearly as alike as two wings on a swan. He's the more light-hearted one, ready with a joke, while she provides the more serious side. When she explains that fact, she speaks of her 57.5 years as a school teacher, most of it with 11th and 12th graders, for which she was certified. A graduate of West Chester State Teachers College, she well remembers the start

of her career. "Every place I sent my application, they immediately turned it over to an elementary school, even though I had no elementary school training!"

Either way, Mrs. Armstrong made sure that the kids knew from the first day forward who was in charge.

Tom, on the other hand, was always more easy-going, appreciating animals and agriculture, which summarizes his early employment after graduating from Penn State in 1955 with a degree in animal husbandry. After that he worked at a John Deere dealership in nearby Silverdale while raising sheep on his mini farm on the outskirts of Sellersville. A little bantering with regular customers was second-nature to him. For sure, his quick wit won him many friends.

The young-at-heart 94-year old suspects he got his sense of humor from his father. "He was a salesman; he had to have a sense of humor," he explained with a chuckle.

"We've known each other since the 5th grade," Doris answered when asked how she met Tom. "I didn't like him at first; he was the new kid in the class."

Be that as it may, they started dating as seniors in high school and married a few years later.

What does it take to be together all these years and still be smiling?

Doris chuckled as Tom beat her to answering the question.

"It's been a great life," Tom humbly acknowledged. "We've been blessed; we really have."

"Yes, we have," Doris affirmed.

"I've been blessed a whole lot more than I deserve and I know I didn't earn it," Tom said slowly ... every word spoken with deep humility.

A brief thought led him to say: "Times change." Then he corrected himself, stating: "Times don't change; people change." It was a reflection on lost customs and current culture with it's ever more distractions.

The beat goes on. As in two hearts enlivened by eternal love.

Never going to bed angry was mentioned as being one key to keeping a marriage happy. Hearing that, Tom's irresistible and instant wit was evident as he joked: "It might be 3 o'clock in the morning!"

A bit more of his humor: "When people ask about our children; they've got it all wrong. We have no children. We've got two senior citizens!"

"I'm happy," Tom affirmed. His quick wit, smile and the sparkle in his eyes confirm it.

"We can't complain about anything," Doris seconded. "I loved what I did for as many years as I did it. We have wonderful neighbors here in this facility and people from church are so helpful."

"Most of them are 30 years younger than us," Tom laughed.

It's plain to see that this couple is happy and indeed very blessed. Seventy years worth.

"Our sons suggest that we write a book on how to age gracefully," Tom laughed again.

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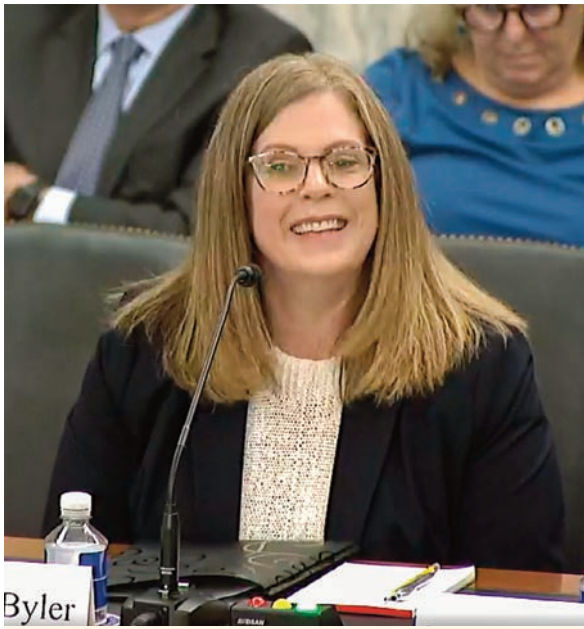
tion was used to remove whole and 2% milk from schools in 2010.

Instead of addressing that question, specifically, Dr. Stoodly said the current Dietary Guidelines recommend “most” dairy be low-fat or fat-free, but the guidelines (10 years later) in 2020 were constructed as overall dietary patterns with more flexibility.

“It’s also a reality that we kind of have a number of calories that individuals should consume, so across the guidelines we recommend consuming foods from all of those different food groups and that most should have little to no added sugars or saturated fat to help us stay within those calorie limits,” she said. “We don’t have a lot of room in the calories of the diet to consume milk and dairy with higher fat.”

Stoodly parsed this as a population-level guideline: “That doesn’t mean whole milk and higher fat dairy can’t be part of a healthy diet, but it’s really important to look at the overall diet. The DGAs are there to provide flexibility based on needs and preferences.”

(This confusing ambiguity opened the door for the next panel to walk through, even though only two of the remaining four witnesses talked about the whole milk bill, while the other two talked exclusively about USDA’s recent cuts to programs like the local farm-to-school cooperative grants and concern about changes to how school lunch eligibility. Even those witnesses agreed that simplifying regulations and providing flexibility allows schools to focus on the quality of the meals



Byler
“What I want to really drive home are two main data points: The 50% increase in milk consumption and the 95% reduction in milk waste, just because we offered a variety of milk (fat) choices.” -- Krista Byler, Union City Area Schools Foodservice Director and District Chef

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instead of being bogged down by red tape.)

“I’m here because this issue matters to the children I serve, so it matters to me,” said witness Dr. Keith Ayoob, associate professor of Pediatric Nutrition at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City.

Ayoob runs a diagnostic and treatment clinic working with mostly low-income children and their families in the Bronx.

“A plethora of research demonstrates consumption of cow’s milk provides children with better bone health, a lower risk of type II diabetes, and a lower risk for cardiovascular disease,” he shared, as he zeroed-in on milk’s 13 essential nutrients,



“My kids in my clinic have said they find skim milk ‘watery.’ They may take that carton of milk. The school will get reimbursed. But I’m concerned that they drain that carton, not just take a few sips.” -- Dr. Keith Ayoob, Assoc. Professor, Pediatric Nutrition, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

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including 3 of the 4 under consumed nutrients calcium, potassium and Vitamin D.

Ayoob said saturated fat does not occur in foods in isolation, and new research shows the protein-fat matrix “behaves differently” in the body. “While other foods that are lower in saturated fat can also lower cardiometabolic risk, they can’t deliver the 13 essential nutrients in milk.

Milk delivers a package I’ve not been able to find in any other food or beverage.”

Krista Byler of Spartansburg, Pennsylvania testified next. She is the foodservice director and district chef at Union City Area School District with 20 years of experience. Or, as

she puts it: “The professional chef turned lunch lady.”

The granddaughter and wife of former dairy farmers, she was the one witness to bring a combined experience in dairy farming, culinary arts, and childhood nutrition, saying she believes “access to good quality nutrient dense whole food is a basic right of education.”

Byler spoke from the heart, bringing experience and data. She described the impact of the 2010 Childhood Nutrition Reauthorization’s school milk changes on students and dairy farm families.

“It was heartbreaking... we were seeing a huge increase in waste and a huge decline in the amount of milk that I was actually ordering because our children were not choosing to take the milk,” she said.

In 2018, Byler attended an event with the School Nutrition Association where she met Rep. Glenn ‘GT’ Thompson (R-Pa.) – the decade-long champion for The Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act.

At that meeting, Byler said she heard her peers also talking about the large amounts of waste. She was later introduced to the Grassroots Pennsylvania Dairy Advisory Committee of dairy farmers and school-involved parents, affiliated with what later became the separate milk education nonprofit 97 Milk.

(The Grassroots PA Dairy Advisory Committee is chaired by Bernie Morrissey, with current participants that include dairy farmers Nelson Troutman of Berks County (the

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APRIL 7, 1 p.m. Special Dairy Sale, Dewart Livestock Market, Watons town, Pa. Sale managed by Dewart Livestock Market.

APRIL 7, 1 p.m. Special Draft Horse Sale, New Holland Sales Stables, New Holland, Pa. Sale managed by New Holland Sales Stables.

APRIL 8, 12 p.m. Dairy Sale & 22nd Annual Haiti Benefit Sale, Middleburg Livestock Auction, Middleburg, Pa. Sale managed by Middleburg Livestock Auction.

APRIL 9, 10:30 a.m. Dairy Cow & Heifer Sale, New Holland Sales Stables, New Holland, Pa. Sale managed by New Holland Sales Stables.

APRIL 9, 12-1 p.m. Cantendo Acres Grazeland Jerseys Online Complete Dispersal, Creston, Ohio. Sale managed by Kreeger and Associates.

APRIL 11, 10 a.m. Boudway Farms Complete Dispersal, Chateaugay, N.Y. Sale managed by Fraley Auction Company.

APRIL 11, 1 p.m. Monthly Dairy Sale & Special Spring Heifer Sale, Kish Valley Dairy Sales, Belleville, Pa. Sale managed by Kish Valley Dairy Sales.

APRIL 11, 6:30 p.m. 54th Annual Public Livestock Auction, Shippensburg, Pa. Sale managed by John C. Diehl Sons.

APRIL 12, 9 a.m. Annual Spring Machinery Sale, Penns Valley Livestock, Centre Hall, Pa. Sale managed by Penns Valley Livestock.

APRIL 12, 11 a.m. Indiana Holstein Association Multi-Breed Sale, Columbia City, Ind. Sale managed by Indiana Holstein Association.

APRIL 12, 11:30 a.m. Pride of Posthaven Sale, Hobart, N.Y. Sale managed by Hosking Sales.

APRIL 12, 7 p.m. Franklin County Youth Dairy Club Calf Sale, Chambersburg, Pa. Sale managed by Franklin County Youth Dairy Club.

APRIL 16, 5 p.m. Evandale Farms Equipment Reduction Auction, North East, Pa. Sale managed by C and C Auctioneers.

APRIL 19, 8 a.m. Special Easter Horse Sale, New Holland Sales Stables, New Holland, Pa. Sale managed by New Holland Sales Stables.

APRIL 19, 9 a.m. Annual Spring Consignment Machinery Sale, Hosking Sales, New Berlin, N.Y. Sale managed by Hosking Sales.

APRIL 26, 11 a.m. Pennsylvania Guernsey Blue Halter Sale, Bedford, Pa. Sale managed by the Pa. Guernsey Breeders Association.

MAY 1, 7:15 p.m. Annual Heifer Turn-Out Sale, Brubacker's Quality Dairy Sales, Shippensburg, Pa. Sale managed by Brubacker's Quality Dairy Sales.

Dairyman's Datebook

APRIL 3-5, National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors (NAMBC) 43rd annual convention, Comfort Suites Hotel, 945 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, Pa.

APRIL 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Animal care workshop at the Belleville Community Center, 95 N. Penn Street, Belleville, Pa. Optional dairy farm tour: Kish View Farm.

APRIL 15, Deadline to apply for the Dairy of Distinction Award. Contact your state program director.

APRIL 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Animal care workshop, Troy Fire Hall, 88 Firehouse Drive, Troy, Pa. Optional dairy farm tour: Gorrell Dairy LLC.

APRIL 16, 9:30 a.m. Farm Succession Workshop, 625 Evan City Road, Butler, Pa.

APRIL 17, 10 a.m. No-Bull Sires informational meeting, Cogan Sky Farm, 288 Caldwell Road, Trout Run, Pa. Free donuts, coffee and lunch provided.

APRIL 25, 6 p.m. Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders annual awards banquet, American Legion, 3721 Business Route 220, Bedford. RSVP to Holly McCarty: 813-523-1168

APRIL 26, Ohio Dairy Palooza, Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana-Canfield Rd., Canfield.

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No-Bull Sires invites you to meeting, April 17

TROUT RUN, Pa. — No-Bull Sires will hold an engaging and informative Spring meeting on Thursday, April 17, at Cogan Sky Farm, 288 Caldwell Road, Trout Run, Pa. Farm owners Kenneth Martin and family have five milking daughters of the "Game Changer" bull at No-Bull Sires which attendees will be able to see.

Ben Masemore, sire analyst and one of the owners of No-Bull Sires, will be the main speaker. Rusty Herr and Ethan Wentworth, respectively of Lancaster County, Pa. and York County, Pa. are the other two owners of the dynamic and growing genetics company.

Ben will share how and why the company got started as well as talk about the breeding philosophy and their individual

ual bulls.

The meeting will be hosted by No-Bull distributor Richard Mellinger of Lancaster and aAa analyst William Ile of Wellsville, Pa. Bill will share the "how and why" of aAa analyses. The benefits of breeding your cows to the correct bull pays dividends for a long time.

There will be a time for questions and answers for both speakers - so be prepared to come and learn.

Donuts and coffee will be available at 9:30 a.m.; the meeting will start at 10 a.m. and will be over by 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided! All farmers from far and wide are welcome to come to this meeting. The value of what you can learn will far surpass the door prizes or discounts that will be offered.



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Gordon Wood saw 'the good ones'

MANSFIELD, Pa. — Gordon M. Wood, whose name became synonymous with show-winning Registered Holsteins over a period that spanned several decades, passed away on Wednesday, March 26, at The Gatehouse in Williamsport, Pa. He was 97.

Gordon was the owner and manager of Gor-Wood-D Farms and Wood's Auction Service. The latter assured many successful dispersals throughout Pennsylvania and New York State. He was known, too, for the annual sales he hosted for a period of 50 uninterrupted years.

Aside from his fervent involvement with Registered Holsteins and the auction business, Gordon served as president for both the Tioga Valley Bulk Milk Producers and the Rutland Sullivan Joint School Board. He was a proud member of the Northeast Dairy Cooperative and served as a board member for both Farm Credit and the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, where both he and his son, Ron, were inducted into the Association's Hall of Fame.

Gordon was a connoisseur of the Holstein cow and had a keen eye for "the good ones". Gor-Wood-D exhibited over 15 champion and reserve champion animals from 1975 thru 2003 including grand champion titles for three years in a row from 1983-1985 at the Northeast Pennsylvania Championship show.

In addition, Gor-Wood-D was named Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor of that District show 12 times in 13 years, from 1979-1992 and was named Premier Breeder from 1986-1991 at the Pennsylvania State show in Harrisburg.

Gordon was whole-heartedly committed



Gordon M. Wood

to the betterment of agriculture. He was a mentor to many who were starting out in farming, sharing his knowledge and passion for the industry with everyone he met.

Born on June 18, 1927, Gordon was a son of Earl and Gladys (Heater) Wood. He is survived by his loving partner of 47 years, Shelia Mortimer; sons, Tim (Terri) Wood of Tioga, Pa., Ted (Lisa) Wood of Mansfield, and Jason

(Trena) Mortimer of Carlsbad, N.M.; daughter, Julie (Jeff) Gerber of Addison, N.Y.; daughter-in-law, Debra Wood of Mansfield; grandchildren, Ryan (Casey) Wood, Laura (Gary) Ball, Molly (Justin) Christman, Heather (Dan) Ream, Chris (Amy) Wood, Tyler (Hazel) Wood, Brady (Katie) Wood, Emmarie Gerber, Elliott Gerber; and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Bob Wood and Ron Wood; mother of his sons and first wife, Dorothy Wood; brothers, Wilbur Wood, Charlie Wood, Delos Wood, Melvin Heater and Dick Wood; and special Uncle and Aunt, Judd and Eleanor Heater.

Family and friends are invited to call on Sunday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Monday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to noon at Buckheit Funeral Chapel and Crematory, 637 South Main Street, Mansfield.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, April 7, at noon with Pastor Kevin Marple officiating. Burial will take place in Jobs Corners Cemetery in Millerton, Pa.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Tioga County Agriculture Association, (earmarked "In Memory of Gordon Wood or "Dairy Barn"), Address: P.O. Box 57 Middlebury Center, PA 16935.

Carl Bender loved community and cows

ACCIDENT, Md. — Carl Lavern Bender, 85, a well-known and respected Maryland Holstein breeder, passed away on March 28 at his Western Maryland residence.

Born October 2, 1939, in Springs, Somerset County, Pa., he was the son of the late Norman and Beulah (Yoder) Bender.

A life-long dairy farmer, he is a former president of the Maryland Holstein Association. He was a member of the Garrett County Tax Appeals Board, Goodwill Mennonite Home Board, Garrett County Soil Conservation District, Garrett County Fair Board and Cherry Glade Mennonite Church where he was a Sunday School teacher.

Surviving are his wife, Martha (Mast) Bender; three sons, Richard (Doreen) Bender, Kenton (Holly) Bender, Dennis (Machelle) Bender,



Carl L. Bender

all of Accident; two daughters, Lillian (Randal) Beitzel, Bittinger, Md., Janelle (Ben) Ganson, Rock Hill, S.C.; three sisters, Erma Miller, London, Ohio, Doris Yoder, Grantsville, Md., Jane Moser, Springs, Pa.; 22 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted in his church on Tuesday, April 1 with Pastor Titus Mast officiating. Internment was in the Cherry Glade Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be directed to Hospice of Garrett County, P. O. Box 271, Oakland, MD 21550.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.newmanfuneralhomes.com.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Bender, Oren Bender; five sisters, Viola Orendorf, Maryanna Yoder, Miriam Yoder, Arlene Bender and Eva Jean Maust.

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Hoard's Dairyman article Jan 2025: Staph aureus is a subclinical threat

"Mastitis can be caused by many pathogens, but if you ask any dairy veterinarian or farmer which is the most damaging, the odds are good that their response will be Staphylococcus aureus."

"Staph. aureus is especially dangerous because it persistently infects cows"

Dr. Justine Britten, Pres. Udder Health Systems, NMC board: "In my personal experience, every dairy is impacted to some degree by Staph. aureus," and "If Staph. [aureus] was easier to see, farmers would be a lot less tolerant of it," {translation — you don't pay attention to the problem so they will test your milk samples}

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Feed the soil and grow your yields with a balanced diet of nutrients

By JASON IMES, director
Market Development Omya Kansas

WATHENA, Kan. — Let's dig into how balancing key nutrients can boost soil health, crop yields and profits.

Working with a nutrient management expert is advised, especially when starting. Agronomists recommend that farmers work with nutrient management service providers such as certified crop advisers, third-party service providers, retail fertilizer personnel and experts with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

The Big Six: essential soil nutrients

There are six nutrients that every farmer should be familiar with. Nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, magnesium and sulfur—these six nutrients form the backbone of soil fertility. Each has a vital function in plant growth and development:

- Nitrogen (N): Promotes leafy growth and chlorophyll production
- Phosphorus (P): Supports root development and energy transfer
- Potassium (K): Regulates water uptake and strengthens stems
- Calcium (Ca): Builds cell walls and improves nutrient uptake
- Magnesium (Mg): Essential for photosynthesis
- Sulfur (S): Aids protein synthesis and chlorophyll formation



Maximizing soil health is essential to maximizing profitability.

Photo by Dieter Krieg

With the cost of nitrogen and other key fertilizers rising sharply after the pandemic, it pays to make sure you're using the right amounts.

A balanced and tailored approach to managing soil nutrients

Nutrient management alone won't guarantee bumper crops, but as part of a balanced soil health approach tailored to your land and specific crops, it can be the difference between a strong yield and a weak one. To get the most out of your nutrient management

efforts, you also have to observe conservation practices to limit runoff and practices that prevent organic materials from leaving fields.

Nutrient management becomes fully effective only when combined with soil health best practices.

A research paper from the Department of Agronomy at Iowa State University, explains the synergy: "In combination, these practices reduce agricultural non-point source pollution (pollution caused by diffuse runoff) and enhance economically sustainable crop pro-

duction. However, increased nutrient management practice implementation requires increased producer awareness and well-informed crop advisers."

Four soil practices for healthy crops and healthy profits

NRCS identifies four key practices that complement nutrient management for overall soil health:

- Maximize the presence of living roots
- Minimize disturbance
- Maximize soil cover
- Maximize biodiversity

Efficient nutrient management is a win-win for farmers and the environment. By giving our soils the balanced nutrition they need, we can grow healthier crops, minimize environmental impacts, reduce input costs and increase profits.

As the NRCS puts it: "Maximizing soil health is essential to maximizing profitability."

Prioritizing these practices boosts nutrient management effectiveness and treats your soil like the complex, living system it is. By feeding it a balanced diet of essential nutrients under optimal conditions, you'll reap the rewards in your fields and bottom line.

The science and financing of nutrient balancing

Achieving the right nutrient balance for your fields and crops involves some serious agronomy and financial investment, which is why the USDA offers a bushel of nutrient management resources. The agency says farmers who implement a nutrient management plan can save "an average of \$30 per acre on their fertilizer bill."

Nutrient use efficiency is about applying the right source of nutrients at the right rate, time and place to match crop needs. This optimizes yield while minimizing losses to the environment. Too little of any nutrient can limit growth, while excess can lead to runoff, environmental issues and wasted material. Every field has different chemistry and nutrient needs vary by crop, so a site-specific approach is needed.

Soil testing is the foundation of efficient nutrient management. Regular testing helps farmers track nutrient levels and make informed decisions about fertilizer applications. The goal is to maintain optimal ranges for each nutrient based on crop needs and soil type. As precision farming technology advances with new testing tools constantly coming to market, farmers can collect soil health data from different parts of the same field to address issues with pinpoint accuracy.

Nutrient needs vary

Corn is a heavy nitrogen feeder, typically needing one pound of N per bushel of expected yield. It also requires significant amounts of phosphorus and potassium.

Soybeans fix their own nitrogen but benefit from starter N early in the season. They have high demands for phosphorus and potassium.

Wheat needs a balanced nutrient profile, with partic-

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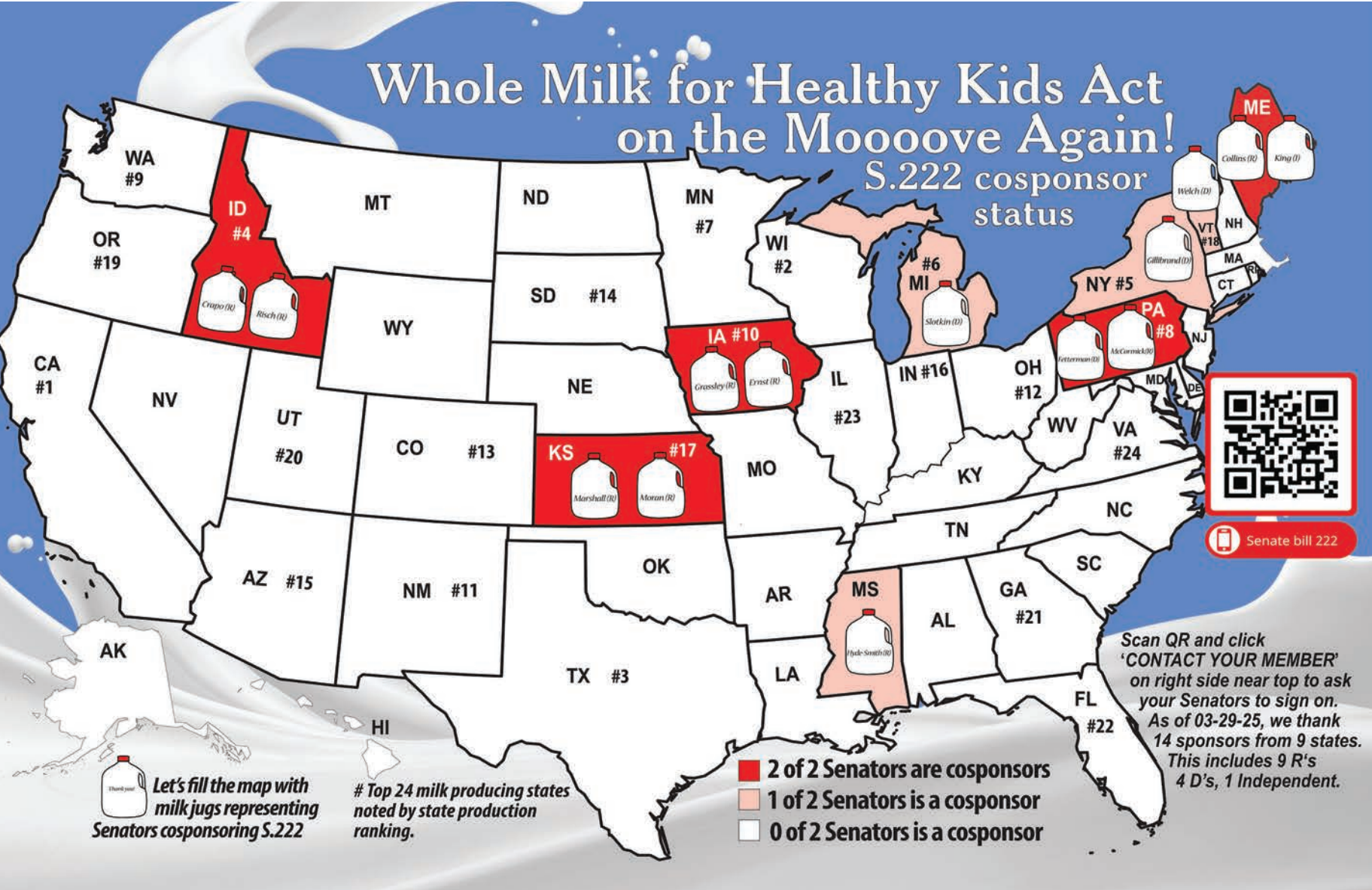
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Check the map and contact your Senators this week to cosponsor Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act, S. 222

The Senate map above shows a lot of white. We need to fill it with more milk jugs and turn states red -- the color of the cap on whole milk in the grocery store. The Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act is moooving again, but needs your participation, especially this week on the heels of the full Senate Ag Committee hearing on Capitol Hill Tues., April 1st, where a school foodservice director from northwestern Pennsylvania was one of five witnesses, and she shared data from her school's one-year "milk choice" trial.

During the trial, offerings to students were temporarily expanded to include milk fat variety -- flavored and unflavored, whole and 2%, in addition to 1% and fat-free. The student council participated in a recycling program, which required all unconsumed milk to be emptied into 'milk buckets' so the empty cartons could be sent to recycling. This allowed the amount of milk wasted daily to be measured. **The trial resulted in a 50% increase in total milk consumption, as evidenced by the increased orders, and a 95% decrease in waste.** Much additional insight was gleaned in the post-trial student surveys. Senate bill 222 would bring back to schools the choices of whole and 2% flavored and unflavored milk after 15 years of USDA's prohibition of these options from schools (and many daycares), as they are required to offer only fat-free and 1% milk to children over age 2.

In the 118th Congress, the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act got overwhelming House support in the bipartisan 330 to 99 vote on Dec. 13, 2023. But it was blocked in the Senate during 2024. Now it begins again in the 119th Congress as S. 222 in the Senate and H.R. 649 in the House. We thank H.R. 649 prime sponsor on the House side, Rep. G.T. Thompson of Pennsylvania and prime cosponsor Rep. Kim Schrier of Washington State, a pediatrician, along with 112 additional cosponsors from 39 states. We also thank S. 222 prime sponsor Sen. Roger Marshall of Kansas, a medical doctor and prime cosponsor Sen. Peter Welch of Vermont, along with 12 additional cosponsors from 9 states.

To help get the bill over the finish line this time, take action today. Contact your U.S. Senators, and your U.S. Representative to express support and ask them to cosponsor, or thank them if they have. Let them know you believe in providing children with a range of milk fat options, including whole milk, both flavored and unflavored, to meet their nutritional needs.

Our children and grandchildren are relying on us to shape a future where they have the freedom to make healthy choices and the opportunity to choose nutritious, delicious whole milk. Let's unite in bringing science, truth, and freedom to federal nutrition policies, ensuring that our schools are permitted to offer these options for the growth and development of the next generation. Together, we can do something positive for our children and our farmers.

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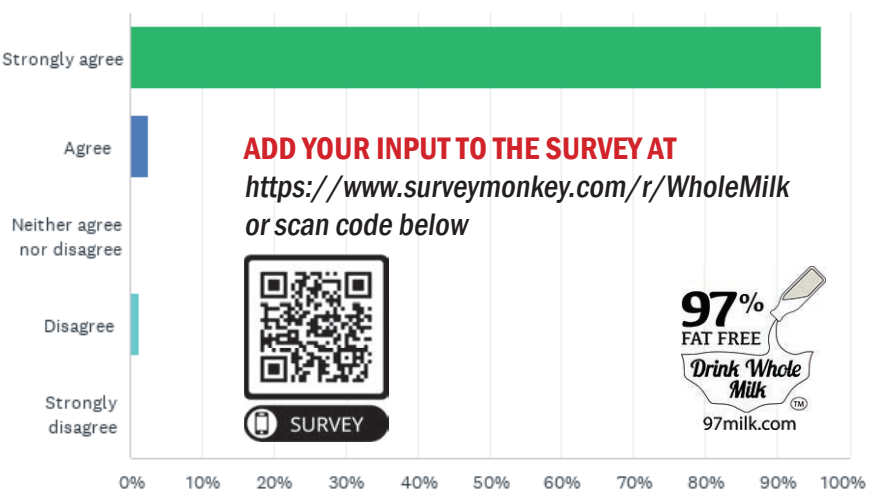
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97 MILK's Public Survey

Question 6: Agree or Disagree: I support legislation (Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act S. 222 / H.R. 649) to allow schools to expand choices to include whole and 2% milk.



RESPONDENTS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT H.R. 649 / S. 222

- 96% strongly support the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act
- 3% simply support the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act

WHAT RESPONDENTS DID NOT REALIZE

- 87% did NOT know whole milk is standardized to 3.25 to 3.5% fat.
- 61% did NOT know Dietary Guidelines require U.S. schools to limit saturated fat to levels of older adult men with active heart disease, despite no evidence that this is healthy for growing children.
- 26% did NOT know the federal government prohibits whole and 2% milk in schools and most daycares, allowing only fat-free and 1% to be offered to children over 2.
- 23% did NOT know childhood obesity is up and essential nutrients are under-consumed.

WHO RESPONDED?

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|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 56% parents/31% grandparents/5% students | 6% government officials |
| 56% concerned citizens | 58% involved in agriculture |
| 32% were dairy farmers | 16% health professionals |
| 16% teachers/education professionals | 8% coach or fitness professional |

Senate from page 5

original milk baleboard painter), along with Dale Hoffman and Tricia Adams of Potter County, certified RN school nurse Christine Ebersole of Blair County, Dr. Ed Silverman, a retired internal medicine physician, Mike Sensenig of Sensenig’s Feed Mill, and this reporter who helps in communication. Like the separate board comprising 97 Milk, all the work is done by volunteers without compensation.)

This grassroots committee invited Byler to do some data collection. She explained that in the 2019-20 school year, with the blessing of her school board of directors, they conducted a school milk choice trial at the middle school and high school, offering all levels of milkfat, both flavored and unflavored.

“The results are astounding.” Byler said, referencing her written testimony to find more complete data and survey results.

“What I want to really drive home are two main data points: The 50% increase in milk consumption (evidenced by ordering more milk) and the 95% – that’s right – the 95% reduction in milk waste, just because we offered a variety of milk choices that fit our students’ needs,” she said to the visibly astonished Senators who had previously unsuccessfully asked the first witness from USDA for such data.

“That’s incredible. It’s amazing when we give a little education and we give the choices, eventually the consumer makes the right choice,” said Sen. Marshall who is a medical doctor and prime sponsor of the bill in the Senate. He described his frustration in seeing the impact of osteoporosis and osteopenia, when bone density has not been built in the first 26 to 28 years of life.

Byler explained that the school student

council helped collect, measure, and document the waste, and they “took a little heat after the 2020 school year when we (ended the trial) and went back to not being able to offer the variety.

Overwhelmingly, students said they want something that is satisfying. Athletes, especially, were very vocal about wanting something that sticks with them. It’s a perfect recovery drink.”

Dr. Ayoob agreed: “My kids in my clinic have said that they find skim milk ‘watery.’ They may take that carton of milk. The school will get reimbursed. But I’m concerned that they drain that carton, not just take a few sips. Not only is there less food waste but more nutrition goes into the children.”

Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-Calif.) reminisced that he didn’t grow up with much money in the bank, but was blessed to have a dairy down the street. “Today when I get a carton of milk at the store, my habit is still to shake it because growing up that cream rose to the top, and we knew we had to shake it if we were going to enjoy it.”

“Our kids want to do better. They want to eat better. We have their attention,” said Sen. Jim Justice (R-W.Va.), who spent his days with students as a longtime coach. “We have an opportunity here to step up. I am absolutely, wholeheartedly in favor of moving forward with whole milk.”

Every Senator present and asking questions expressed or implied support from both sides of the aisle.

With a nod to “the milkman Sen. Marshall,” Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) said he had to read through the list he had been provided of the organizations that are opposed to the bill, including the American Heart Association, American Academy of Pediatrics,

and American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. He then asked the USDA representative what health organizations are for it? Dr. Stoodly said she didn’t have that information.

(Perhaps more to the point, were her continued circular answers that forced this realization: The “population-level guidelines” get drilled down to individuals in governmental feeding environments, which then feed into the health and nutrition organizations and back again. Meanwhile, individual health and nutrition practitioners are out there seeing real people as individuals every day, wondering how to get off the spinning merry-go-round.)

Sen. Durbin pressed Dr. Stoodly on the adolescent surveys in the USDA testimony.

“I’m really surprised the percentage reporting drinking milk is even 35% today with all of the advertising on soda and pop drinks, and the advertising of milk virtually zero, the way I see it. Moving more in the direction of those pop drinks, it certainly can’t be good for kids – for their teeth or their health.”

Chairman Boozman asked Dr. Ayoob how policymakers have gotten it so wrong in drawing a correlation between whole milk and obesity?

“Actually, the correlation is inverse,” Dr. Ayoob declared. “A review of the studies in my written testimony show that greater consumption of dairy foods, including whole fat milk, has been associated with less obesity and less cardiometabolic risk.”

He said in 2010 when whole and 2% milk were first removed from school meals, obesity prevalence was about 17%. Since that re-

moval, it has increased. “It’s now 21%, and it’s higher, about 25%, in black and Hispanic children, the population that I work with.”

Ranking Member Klobuchar came back to calcium, asking Dr. Ayoob to explain why it’s so important at this stage.

“We don’t have our whole lives to build our bone bank. We have the first 25-ish years,” he replied. “If they skip milk in school, that might seem like it’s no big deal for a day, maybe even for a week. But if they forgo a glass of milk every day they are in school for 12 years, we’re going to graduate kids with a diploma and not very good bones.”

“We owe our kids better than that. Osteoporosis and osteopenia are really pediatric diseases with adult consequences.”

Sen. Marshall drove this point home in his questions for all witnesses. He talked about the milk fat as carrying key vitamins and facilitating absorption. He and Dr. Ayoob talked back and forth about how replacement beverages, like soda, take the missed opportunity with milk and add further negative impacts.

“No matter what type of milk is offered in school, none of it is nutritious until students drink it, and they don’t drink it often enough, which presents nutrition and dietary gaps, especially in low-income groups, where 77% of a child’s opportunity for milk intake is from school meals,” said Dr. Ayoob.

“Chef Byler, what’s your advice to us as we look at bringing whole milk back to schools?” asked Sen. Marshall.

“It’s been said very well by others today, that we can do better,” she replied. “If we just bring back the milk choice to schools, we would see a huge increase in consumption, a huge decrease in waste, and satisfaction for our students would be through the roof.”



‘Well done, Krista’

"Well done Krista, I have had nothing but outstanding feedback on your testimony. We are actually in discussion about which body should go first in passing the bill. Your testimony may have provided the momentum for the Senate to lead, and then send it to the House. Either way, I raise a glass of milk as a toast!"

— Congressman GT Thompson

This note was provided to the Grassroots Pennsylvania Dairy Advisory Committee and shared with Farmshine on Wednesday morning, April 2, a day after School Foodservice Director and District Chef Krista Byler of Spartansburg, Pennsylvania testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Nutrition in a hearing to review The Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act.

GT is the longstanding champion of this bill as prime sponsor in the House (H.R. 649), while on the Senate side, the bill is S. 222, sponsored by the Senate 'milk man' Roger Marshall. (See hearing coverage beginning on page 1).

HPAI conference call scheduled by CDE

HARRISBURG, Pa. – The Center for Dairy Excellence will host the next monthly Pennsylvania Agriculture HPAI Conference Call on Wednesday, April 9, at 1 p.m. EST for producers and stakeholders from all animal ag industries.

With the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture continuing to detect HPAI in commercial poultry flocks across the state, panelists will answer questions about required surveillance for dairy farms in the control buffer zones around an infected poultry or dairy premise. This is not the strain that has infected dairy cattle in California and other states. It is the strain that has been transmitted through wild geese in the Eastern Fly-Way Zones. This continues to be part of the quarantine order in an effort to exercise precaution to protect dairy farms and poultry facilities in that area. Panelists will also answer questions about Pennsylvania’s overall response efforts, the ongoing HPAI health situation, biosecurity planning, and more.

Individuals who join the conference call on April 9 will be able to ask real-time questions to each panelist. To ensure as many questions can be addressed as possible, questions can be submitted in advance of the call. Text 717-585-0766 to submit questions or email ctr-dairyexcellence@gmail.com.

To join the conference call on April 9:
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Youths from all around invited to Ohio’s Dairy Palooza

CANFIELD, Ohio — Dairy Palooza, the Buckeye State’s premier dairy youth event, will take place on April 26th at the Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana-Canfield Road.

There will be something for everyone and youths from across the state border are welcome to attend as well. Unlike many educational programs like this one, live cattle of all breeds will be on the premises for hands-on experiences and training.

The program is appropriate for all ages and content can be used for 4-H club meetings and individual benefits. Cloverbuds will have their own program and sessions. The afternoon workshops will have advice on the age groups for each.

Morning sessions include Quality Assurance training and a special session on writing thank-you notes. There will also be adult sessions that will address current issues within the dairy industry.

Afternoon sessions will include a wide va-

riety of topics about dairy projects such as nutrition, showing, fitting , and clipping, showmanship related to the scorecard. Science is also highlighted as it relates to dairy and dairy products and taste sampling.

Cookies and coffee and milk are offered in the morning. A pizza lunch and an ice cream snack will also be served.

On-line registration and a minimal fee are required. The fee includes a t-shirt and gifts that relate to the Palooza program.



Perry County Junior Holstein club victorious

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — The Perry County Junior Holstein club competed at the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein convention, held in Gettysburg on February 7th-9th. Junior members represented Perry County well with a second place in the dairy bowl contest's junior division. The team consisted of Owen Brofee, Vance Brofee, Greg Loy and Ben Corman, and was coached by Dr. Jim Osborne and Harrison Boaz.

Other highlights from the convention included a top five senior division dairy bowl team placing; Owen Brofee was third in the Holstein essay contest and Lila Kretzing won first place in the extemporaneous speaking contest. The Club members are grateful to Dr. Osborne and his wife, Irene, for all of the support they provide to the Club.



Friday, April 4, 2025 — 11

Perry County Junior Holstein Club members, left to right, back row: Ben Corman, Owen Brofee, Gavin Neff, Evan Fleisher, Greg Loy, Vance Brofee, Melvin Grant Innerst. Middle row: Lila Kretzing, Olivia Neff, Jessica Fleisher, Sadie Innerst (Pennsylvania Alternate Dairy Princess), Luke Kretzing. Front row: Harrison Boaz, Dr. James Osborne, Irene Osborne.

Northeast Order administrators to rotate a few months

BOSTON, Mass. — John D. Marcucci was recently designated to serve as the acting market administrator for the Northeast Order, effective April 1 to June 30, 2025; while Steven G. Quadros was designated to serve as acting market administrator of the Order, effective July 1 to September 30, 2025. This shall continue on a 3-month rotational basis until a permanent appointment is made.

Retiring from the market administrator position, effective March 31, is Shawn M. Boockoff, who had been with the Federal Milk Marketing Order Program for almost 38 years.

Tickets are discounted until May 11

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The Dairy Excellence Foundation will host its annual farm-to-fork celebration, "A Toast to Dairy," on Thursday, June 12, 2025 from 6-9 p.m. at Melhorn Manor, 977 West Main Street, Mount Joy, Pa.

The cost is \$85 per person. Individuals who purchase tickets by May 1 will receive \$10 off each ticket. Additional discounts are available for group purchases of eight or more tickets.

The event includes meal stations sourced with Pennsylvania Preferred ingredients, a selection of artisan cheeses, locally crafted wines and brews, and other networking activities. Individuals who purchase tickets by May 1 will receive an early-bird discount with \$10 off each ticket.

The event will feature guided, interactive cheese tastings paired with chocolate-themed food and beverages, a dessert bar, and samples from local wineries, breweries and distilleries. Attendees will receive a tasting passport to enjoy samples at each stop. The event will also include raffles, live music hour, a caricature artist, an outdoor courtyard, and opportunities to network with individuals from the dairy community and beyond.

To purchase tickets: Visit centerfordairyexcellence.org/toasttodairy or call the Foundation at 717-346-0849.

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President Trump's "Liberation Day" announcement late Wednesday afternoon, April 2 was termed the reciprocal tariffs. "If you don't do it to us, we won't do it to you," he said, announcing a 25% tariff on all foreign-made cars starting at midnight and that the U.S. would be implementing reciprocal tariffs, including 34% on imports from China, on top of the previous 20%, making it a 54% tariff; 20% on imports from the EU; 46% from Vietnam; 32% from Taiwan; 24% from Japan; 49% from Cambodia; 10% from the United Kingdom; and 30% from South Africa, among others.

For Canada and Mexico, the big news is that reciprocal tariffs will not be "stacked on top" of what is already in place. The fentanyl/border security round stays as-is, unaffected by this order. This means the USMCA-compliant goods from Canada and Mexico will have a zero percent tariff; whereas non-USMCA goods from Canada and Mexico will see a 25% tariff, which is where it is right now. Meanwhile energy and potash will be 10%, which is also what is already in place right now. Goods from these countries that are not subject to reciprocal tariff "stacking" include steel and aluminum, autos and auto parts, and pharmaceuticals.

Around 60 countries are noted for reciprocal tariffs in the executive order, the majority of which are set at half the amount that those countries place on U.S.-produced goods.

Mexico has indicated it won't retaliate with a long list of tit for tat. Retaliatory tariffs are expected from Canada and the EU on dairy goods; however, the news that U.S. retaliatory tariffs will not be stacked on top of what is now baked-in for Canada, may ease it in spots. China has already placed 10 to 15% tariffs on most dairy products -- on top of what China already charges the U.S. over and above what Oceania countries pay to export dairy to China.

With U.S. dairy imports higher year-on-year for the past 3 to 4 years, particularly on a milk fat basis, and with U.S. dairy commodities selling at a 10 to 40% discount to global index prices, the U.S.



is not a go-to for other countries' dairy products right now, but U.S. products are still attracting international buyers at these steep price discounts in the face of the cloudy tariff picture.

As the industry discounts its dairy products while the global index is advancing, it demonstrates export sales have truly become the tail wagging the dairy dog lower on farm mailbox milk prices at levels not expected. As export demand is being created at these discounts, we see the spot market making a feeble recovery this week.

Meanwhile, dairy-on-beef fats and both Holstein and dairy-beef calves are hitting some new highs, while cull cow prices softened this week and dairy replacement prices remain strong.

Futures: Class III retreats, Class IV gains

Milk futures flip flopped this week as Class III contracts slipped lower while Class IV advanced. On the close Wednesday, April 2, Class III milk futures were mixed to mostly lower, with the 12-month average for Apr25-Mar26 slipping to \$17.85, down 15 cents/cwt from the prior week's 12-month March25-Feb26 average. The 12-month average for Class IV contracts gained 23 cents at \$18.68.

**CME spot dairy markets inch higher
U.S. cheese, butter discounted 30-40% under global indexes**

The dairy product spot markets on the CME started the week with a technical issue Monday that delayed the brief 10 to 15 minute daily internet auction. There were no bids or offers for dry whey, and there were only offers in the cheese, butter, and nonfat dry milk trade. But that didn't stop 5 days of trading Thurs., Mar. 27 through Apr. 2 trading large volumes of cheese and butter. All dairy commodities were higher week-on-week, except dry whey.

Spot cheese prices moved higher for the second consecutive week, although they continue to trail the advancing Global Dairy Trade (GDT) industrial bulk cheddar price index, up 1.7% in the biweekly GDT auction April 1st. The U.S. CME 40-lb block cheddar spot price at \$1.6650/lb on Wed., Apr. 2 was up 2 1/2 cents from the prior week and now stands at a 31% discount (61 cents/lb) to the GDT global index of \$2.2767/lb the day before. At this never before seen discount on U.S. cheddar vs. GDT, it's no wonder 61 loads of blocks traded on the CME spot clearance this week - triple the volume of the active trade levels we've already seen of late. On Wed., April 2, the 500-lb barrel cheese price was pegged at \$1.6975/lb, up 6 cents from the prior week, with 19 loads changing hands. Dry whey fell a penny and a half at 49 1/2 cents/lb with 5 loads trading.

On the Class IV side, in the face of 44 loads trading over 5 days, the spot butter market inched another 2 cents higher this week at \$2.34/lb Wed., Apr. 2. Still, the U.S. CME spot butter price discount vs. the global market grew to \$1.14/lb -- a nearly 40% discount. Nonfat dry milk gained back twice what was lost a week ago, pegged at \$1.1725/lb Wednesday a light 5-day load count of 9. The discount to the global index is around 13 cents/lb, or about 10%.

Components slip: Fat \$2.62, Protein \$2.53

Class and component prices for March milk were lower across the board, according to the USDA announcement this week. Protein slipped 7 cents per pound to \$2.46/lb. Butterfat fell 20 cents to \$2.62/lb. Solids nonfat and other solids were also lower than a month ago. Class index prices were all roughly \$1 to \$1.50 lower. Class III milk value at 3.5% test dropped \$1.56 at \$18.62 per cwt., but was still \$2.28 higher than a year ago. Class IV slipped \$1.69 at \$18.21/cwt. -- the biggest year-on-year tumble also, down \$1.88 from the Class IV index price at 3.5 test in March 2024. Class II lost 96 cents at \$20.12, now fully \$1.00 below year ago value. The March Class I base price mover set six weeks ago, at \$21.02, significantly beat all other class prices when indexed at 3.5 test in March.

Feb. All-Milk \$23.60, DMC margin \$13.12

The February Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) margin lost 73 cents, nearly double what it gained in January. At \$13.12/cwt, the Feb. 2025 margin is the lowest since July of 2024.

Influencing the decline were the 23-cent increase in the feed cost calculation at \$10.48 for February and the 50-cent loss in the All-Milk price at \$23.60. While lower than January's, the Feb. 2025 All Milk price is still \$3.10 higher than it was in February a year ago. In fact, the DMC margin has been above the highest margin coverage level of \$9.50 since March 2024. Additionally, the Feb. 2025 national average butterfat test came in 0.03 lower than January's at 4.43. January was unchanged from December at 4.46, suggesting month-on-month gains in butterfat tests are leveling off; however, the Feb. 2025 test is still 0.14 above Feb. 2024, consistent with the persistent linear year-on-year gains.

Planting intentions ease grain markets lower

USDA's 2025 Prospective Planting Report Monday showed farmers intend to plant 95.3 acres of corn, up 5% from 2024 and 83.5 acres of soybeans, down 4% vs. year ago. Total combined plantings are up 1.1 million acres. Pennsylvania and Ohio intentions are down 2% and 4% respectively for corn acreage year-on-year (YOY). New York's intentions are up just 1% and up 3% for soybeans, while Ohio soybean planting intentions are up 1%, and Pennsylvania farmers intend to plant 3% fewer acres to soybeans, meaning total corn and soybean acres are down in the Keystone state. Of the Midwest states, Wisconsin has the largest intended planting reduction for soybeans on a percentage basis, off by 12%. YOY.

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New and re-invented Brown Swiss sale sets record in Maryland

FREDERICK, Md. — The new and re-invented Maryland Brown Swiss Sale greeted Spring on Friday, March 21, at the Frederick Fairgrounds with a record-setting average for this sale series.

Featuring a new sale committee, sale force, date, time, and logo, this continues a long tradition as the 51st annual sale.

After many years under the outstanding leadership of Cindy Warner, the torch was passed to the new sale committee consisting of Joy Widerman of Gettysburg, Pa.; Jenna Lenhart from Thurmont, Md., Billie Jo Rhodes of Churchville, Va. and Dylan Fry of Chestertown, Md. The sale also featured Jake Hushon's pedigree debut, and was auctioned by Chris Hill of MD-Hillbrook Sales.

A sizeable crowd was on hand to appreciate the high-quality offerings, which featured a special line-up of heifers of all ages. The crisp March day was filled with enthusiasm and energy from the crowd, as well as fervent on-line bidding via Cowbuyer.

The ignition of spirit from quality consigners and satisfied buyers led to the in-demand heifers commanding a final average of \$3243 on 34 live lots; the highest in sale history. There were also six embryo packages offered from breed-leading cows across the country, with an average of \$495 each. A diverse group of buyers hailed from nine states, Canada, and Italy.

This popular Spring sale continues to produce high quality

show animals, with numerous sale alumni earning honors in the Bell Ringer and All-American contests.

Among the many highlights, the top three individuals were:

High seller: \$9000 – Peach Kist C Tampa ETV, a December '24 Collapse daughter from the famed family that produced Peach Kist Total Tango (3E-95).

Consignor: Jenna Lenhart of Maryland; purchased by Kyle Johnson of Pennsylvania.

Second high seller: \$7800 – Cripple Creek Diego Wicked, a September '24 Doboy daughter of Top Acres Diego Wizer (EX-91), Reserve All-American '23, hailing from the Wizard family.

Consignor: Lukas Foote, N.Y.; purchased by Paige Knott of West Virginia.

Third high seller: \$7300 – Clearview Daredevil Bonnie, a springing senior 2-year old sired by Daredevil from generations of Clearview breeding that is sure to be one to watch at the shows this year.

Consignor: Kyle Kucas of Pennsylvania; purchased by Ashlyn McDougal, W. Va.

Additional consignments selling for over \$5000 were Blessing Garbro K Pasadena (Kickstart x All-Glo Carter Popsicle (3E-94) selling for \$5800 to John Schilling of Louisiana and Empire HT Lexi (Harts Thunder x Empire DD Lexy (VG-88) selling for \$5600 to Peter Vail of New York.

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April 15 is deadline to enroll in USDA ‘safety net’

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Farmers have until April 15 to enroll in USDA's Key Commodity Safety Net Programs for the 2025 crop year.

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-County or PLC, which provide crop-by-crop protection, or ARC-Individual, which protects the entire farm. Although election changes for 2025 are optional, producers must enroll, with a signed contract, each year. If a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm, the contract will continue for 2025 unless an election change is made.



If producers do not submit their election revision by the April 15 deadline, the election remains the same as their 2024 election for eligible commodities on the farm. Also, producers who do not complete enrollment and sign their contract by the deadline will not be enrolled in ARC or PLC for the 2025 year and will not receive a payment if one is triggered. Farm owners can only enroll in these programs if they have a share interest in the commodity. To learn more about FSA programs, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center.

Feed the soil from page 8

ular emphasis on nitrogen and sulfur to boost protein content.

Don't neglect secondary nutrients

While nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium often get the most attention because they're needed in higher amounts, secondary macronutrients like calcium, magnesium and sulfur are increasingly important. For example, sulfur deficiency can lead to lower yields in crops like corn, soybeans, alfalfa and wheat.

Agronomists at Purdue and Michigan State say sulfur deficiency is becoming more common due to "reduced atmospheric S deposition, continued and increasing crop removal of S, higher amounts of crop residues, greater use of no-tillage and earlier planting into cool, wet soils."

Calcium and magnesium are also critical. They're needed for healthy plants and soil structure. In acidic soils, liming with calcium carbonate or dolomitic limestone (which contains both calcium and magnesium) improves nutrient availability and crop performance.

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Prescribed fire and no-till management impact soil microbes

BATON ROUGE, La. — In some ways, farming is like cooking. Cooking would be much easier if we could leave the kitchen after eating and not come back until we make the next meal. But someone needs to put away the leftovers, do the dishes, and clean up the table.

Similarly, there's work to do in farm fields after harvest and before planting the next spring. Crop residue, for instance.

Using no-till and prescribed fire management are two potential ways to manage crop residue. Both practices help keep organic matter and nitrogen in the soil. However, research was needed to understand how these two practices can affect long-term soil health.

Lisa Fultz, a researcher at Louisiana State University's Ag-Center, wants to help farmers determine the best way to manage their residue between growing seasons. To do this, she and her team decided to learn more about how no-till and prescribed fire management affect nutrients and microbes in the soil. "Both of these practices have minimal physical disturbance to the soil," says Fultz.

However, both of these practices also come with drawbacks. No-till can cause poor conditions for crop growth like low spring temperatures and increased moisture, which promotes disease. Prescribed fire can leave bare soil vulnerable to erosion.

Fultz's team focused the research on wheat and soybean rotations and continuous corn production systems. "These are common practices not only in the Mid-South, but across many areas of the world," she explains.

"Wheat and corn production leave behind residue," she says. "Common practices, like conventional tillage, are highly disruptive. The need to identify viable conservation practices is growing in importance."

Crop residue and its degradation by soil microbes is an important part of the carbon cycle. Plants store carbon during the growing season, then microbes use the plant residue for food. The carbon then gets stored in the soil in a chemically stable form.

"Fresh, green material in no-till fields is easy to break down and provides rich nutrients for soil microbes," says Fultz. "Ash from burned residue is more chemically stable, but it doesn't provide a nutrient source for microbes."

The team found that impacts from crop management practices, like crop rotation or fertilization, outweighed the influence of prescribed fire for residue management. Researchers found some decreases in microbial activity after yearly prescribed burns.

Findings show prescribed fire had some possible short-

term benefits for soil nutrient availability, but timing is crucial. Prescribed burning of wheat residue provided an increase of nitrogen for about seven days. These benefits should be weighed against other possible impacts, like carbon dioxide production and crop yield.

We still need to learn the long-term influence of prescribed fire on the soil biological community," says Fultz. "While short-term impacts were measured, the long-term influence on soil nutrients, biological cycles and soil health are not known."

No two farm management systems are the same, and their success is defined by the user. Scientists continue to examine possible scenarios to provide accurate and sustainable recommendations to farmers.

"I have always been interested in soil conservation and the potential it has to impact many facets of life," says Fultz. "By improving soil health, we can improve air and water quality, store carbon, and provide stable resources for food production."

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Holstein Foundation to present seminar

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — Holstein Foundation’s virtual Spring into Action Seminar will take place on Tuesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. EDT. The hour-long session titled, *Looking at Dairy Differently: Exploring Consumers & Careers*, is sponsored by Dairy Management Inc. (DMI).

The interactive webinar will focus on how DMI shapes dairy marketing efforts to resonate with today’s consumer. DMI’s Vice President of Marketing, Lamont Frazier, will walk youth through various consumer-focused campaigns, including examples of successful campaigns, such as one focused on sustainability efforts around water.

The seminar will also highlight different career paths in the dairy industry. Youth will learn about how Frazier’s career, which includes work with brands like Gatorade, McDonald’s, Coke, Marriott, and Boeing, led him to his current role at DMI. He will also share

his background as a college athlete to jobs including interactions with the NBA and NFL.

“This seminar gives youths the opportunity to learn more about how the dairy checkoff builds trust with consumers and dairy careers in marketing and advertising,” says Diedra Harkenrider, director of development for the Holstein Foundation. “We are excited to be partnering with DMI on these topics for youth and the broader dairy community in an interactive, virtual format.”

Information from the Spring into Action Seminar will also be incorporated into the Holstein Foundation’s Dairy Bowl and Dairy Jeopardy contests in 2025. All youth with an interest in agriculture, Junior Holstein Association members, coaches, parents, and advisors are encouraged to attend the seminar.

Those interested in participating in the free seminar should register by April 18th. Call 1-800-952-5200 to do so.

Soil compaction tool patented

ELDORA, Iowa — Terraform Tillage has announced that it has received a U.S. patent for its SmartProbe System, a technology that helps measure and map yield-robbing soil compaction.


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9-TRACTORS: CASE/IH MXU125; 7140; C80; NH TL100ATN75D3415, MF399, White 2-85, IH 986; CASE 621C WHEEL LOADER ONLY 4200 HRS.-NICE; NH L565 SKID STEER ONLY 2787 HRS.

HAYING EQUIPMENT: CASE/IH SB541 Baler -used 2 seasons; NH 7450 & 1411 discbines; 5 metal rack hay wagons; NH 3414 round rake; Pequea TT4000 4x tedder; NH 256 rake; JD 640 rake; Gehl 8 V rake; NH 166 inverter; 36’ skelton elevator

FORAGE EQUIPMENT: NH FP 230 FORAGE HARVESTER; NH 824 corn head; NH 27P hay head; 2 H&S HD twin auger SU wagons on 15 ton gears -like new; Myers 4518 SU wagon; NH F62B blower; Kelly-Ryan 9’ bagger;

TILLAGE & PLANTING EQUIPMENT: DISCS: CASE/IH 475 16’; JD 235 18’; JD 225 10’ plow; White 252 10’; Brillion 12’ cultipacker; IH 720 5x plow; Case/IH 5100 drill; C/IH 900 6x planter;

GENERAL FARM EQUIPMENT: Kuhn Knight 3142 TMR mixer ; Kuhn Knight 8114 manure spreader; H&S 310 TA manure spreader; NH 185 box spreader; 2-20’ feeder wagons—1 w/ headgates; 84” snowblower; Woods mower; sev elec motors; not many smalls be on time


DAIRY & BARN EQUIPMENT: Brock 7 ton feed bin; Wic bale chopper ; 2 Wic 32 feed carts; 400’ 2” SS pipeline; 7 1/2 hp vac pump; 8 Boumatic milkers; Boumatic 22 plate cooler; Boumatic 1000 gal bulk tank (has leak);

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To qualify for the scholarships, students must demonstrate a commitment to working in the dairy industry. Recipients are selected based on academic performance, interest in a dairy-related career, evidence of leadership, character and integrity, and application compliance. Pennsylvania residents who are full-time undergraduate students currently enrolled in a qualifying field of study or high school seniors who are planning to enroll in a qualifying field of study are given consideration for this scholarship. Qualifying fields of study include

dairy and animal science, agricultural marketing and business, nutrition, food science, agriculture and extension education, agricultural communications, agricultural engineering, or related fields. Students can receive the \$3000 scholarship twice during their undergraduate academic career. Students employed by the Center for Dairy Excellence as an intern or in another

capacity are not eligible to apply during the period in which they are working for the Center. To submit an online application or to learn more about the scholarship opportunities, contact Michelle Shearer at 570-768-8316 or by email at mshearer@centerfordairyexcellence.org or visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/scholarships



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CDE DAIRY MARKETS & MANAGEMENT UPDATE

All prices — APRIL 2, 2025 — except where noted

February DMC Margin and Forecasts. On the heels of the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) deadline that closed on March 31st, the USDA announced the February 2025 margin at \$13.12 per hundredweight (cwt).

While we saw a 73-cent drop from January’s \$13.85 per cwt, the margin is still \$3.62 above the \$9.50 trigger. This means indemnities were not paid out at any coverage level. February marks the second consecutive month for the program year 2025 that dairy farmers will not see payments.

February 2025’s all-milk price fell 50 cents from January’s \$24.10 per cwt to \$23.60. While we saw a month-over-month drop, year over year, the all-milk price increased \$3.00 per cwt. Looking back five years, February 2025’s all-milk price was recorded at \$18.90 per cwt, so we see the all-milk price has climbed 24.9% or \$4.70 per cwt to February 2025.

For February 2025, total feed costs rose 23 cents from January’s \$10.25 per cwt to \$10.48. Month over month, corn prices jumped 22 cents per bushel, fueling the increase in total feed costs despite a modest increase of \$1 per ton from \$242 to \$243 and a moderate \$12.19 per ton decrease in soybean meal price from \$316.97 to \$304.78.

Year over year, total feed costs are down 68 cents or 6.1% from \$11.16. Compared to February 2020, total feed costs are \$1.38 higher this February with corn at \$3.78 per bu., premium alfalfa hay at \$210.00 per ton, and soybean meal at \$295.28 per ton.

Shifting our focus forward to the future, current margin forecasts are projected to fall to \$10.99 per cwt in May, rebound to \$13.31 in November, and close out the year at \$13.20 based on the DMC Decision Tool (updated Apr. 1).

If these projections hold true, we could potentially not see payments for the entirety of program year 2025. The all-milk

price is projected to drop to \$21.93 in March, decline to \$20.43 in May, recover to \$22.83 in November, then slightly dip to \$22.71 in December to close out the year.

For the remainder of 2025, total feed cost forecasts are expected to fluctuate between \$9.35 and \$9.90 per cwt.

Corn prices are projected to trend downward through December with an average of \$4.29 per bu. Currently, premium alfalfa hay forecasted prices average \$200.65 per ton for program year 2025.

Based on current projections, soybean meal prices drop to \$302.21 in June but increase through December to \$313.69 per ton with a current average of \$311.45 for 2025.


It is important to remember that forecasts are not guaranteed and can change quickly based on shifting market conditions. Unfortunately, we don’t have a crystal ball, and markets are unpredictable, so it never hurts to take extra steps to protect your farm.

Taking advantage of Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs can help during tough times.

Even though the DMC deadline has passed, the USDA is issuing up to \$10 billion directly to agricultural producers through the Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP) on corn, wheat, soybeans, and more for the 2024 crop year.

ECAP is designed to help agricultural producers mitigate the impacts of increased input costs and falling commodity prices.

The program is now open, and producers must submit ECAP applications to their local FSA county office by August 15, 2025.



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CME DAILY FUTURES & OPTIONS TRADING — APRIL 2, 2025 AT THE CLOSE

	APR-25	MAY-25	JUN-25	JUL-25	AUG-25	SEP-25	OCT-25	NOV-25	DEC-25	JAN-26	FEB-26	MAR-26	TREND
CLASS III MILK FUTURES (\$/CWT) vs. wk ago: Apr-Jun25 dn \$0.05-0.25; Jul-Sep25 up \$0.05; Oct-Dec25 dn \$0.20-0.40; Jan-Mar26 firm. 12-Month Avg. 17.85 ↓↓													
	17.13	17.27	17.18	17.80	18.25	18.50	18.59	18.18	18.14	17.89	17.66	17.69	↓↓
CLASS IV MILK FUTURES (\$/CWT) vs. wk ago: Contracts \$0.10-0.25 higher across the board, except Apr25 and Nov-Dec25 unchanged. 12-Month Avg. 18.68 ↑↑													
	18.01	18.28	17.84	18.27	18.46	18.72	18.88	18.99	19.30	18.79	18.82	18.82	↑↑

MILK BASIS (MAILBOX minus CLASS 3 \$/CWT) 2018-23 AVG FOR NORTHEAST & MIDEAST STATES OF PA, NY, NEW ENGL., OH vs. NAT'L AVERAGE - YOUR INDIVIDUAL BASIS WILL VARY

	Mailbox	18.64	18.27	18.52	18.15	18.68	18.38	18.65	18.35	18.62	18.41	19.27	18.75	20.20	19.76	20.58	20.17	20.25	19.64	19.22	18.75	18.82	18.25	18.96	18.48
Class III		17.31	17.31	17.33	17.33	18.16	18.16	18.16	18.16	17.59	17.59	17.60	17.60	18.72	18.72	19.07	19.07	17.30	17.30	16.81	16.81	16.03	16.03	16.98	16.98
BASIS		1.33	0.96	1.19	0.82	0.52	0.22	0.49	0.19	1.03	0.82	1.67	1.15	1.48	1.04	1.51	1.10	2.95	2.34	2.41	1.94	2.79	2.22	1.98	1.50

CORN FUTURES (\$/BU)

	MAY-25	JUL-25	SEP-25	DEC-25	MAR-26	MAY-26	JUL-26	SEP-26	DEC-26	MAR-27	MAY-27	JUL-27	TREND
	4.526	4.604	4.366	4.450	4.586	4.664	4.714	4.514	4.520	4.632	4.722	4.744	↓↓

SOYMEAL FUTURES (\$/TON)

	MAY-25	JUL-25	AUG-25	SEP-25	OCT-25	DEC-25	JAN-26	MAR-26	MAY-26	JUL-26	AUG-26	SEP-26	TREND
	286.1	293.6	296.1	298.1	299.4	303.5	305.7	306.7	308.7	311.6	311.2	310.0	↓↓

U.S. AVG PREMIUM ALFALFA & ALFALFA/GRASS HAY 20-22% CP - Source: USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report

	NOV-23	DEC-23	JAN-24	FEB-24	MAR-24	APR-24	MAY-24	JUN-24	JUL-24	AUG-24	SEP-24	OCT-24	NOV-24	DEC-24	JAN-25	*FEB-25
	240.41	231.70	254.85	224.50	205.02	220.17	175.00	211.69	185.21	196.44	199.57	206.63	192.20	184.82	184.49	*189.60 ↑↑

DMC OFFICIAL GROSS MARGINS per cwt(USDA All-Milk, com, alfalfa & Ill. soybean, feed for ALL CLASSES of dairy cattle on farm)

DMC	OCT-23	NOV-23	DEC-23	JAN-24	FEB-24	MAR-24	APR-24	MAY-24	JUN-24	JUL-24	AUG-24	SEP-24	OCT-24	NOV-24	DEC-24	JAN-25	*FEB-25
	9.44	9.58	8.44	8.48	9.44	9.65	9.60	10.52	11.66	12.33	13.72	15.57	15.17	14.29	13.38	13.85	*13.12 ↓↓
ALL MILK	21.60	21.70	20.60	20.10	20.60	20.70	20.50	22.00	22.80	22.80	23.60	25.50	25.20	24.20	23.30	24.10	*23.60 ↓↓
FEED \$	12.16	12.12	12.16	11.62	11.16	11.05	10.90	11.48	11.14	10.47	9.88	9.93	10.03	9.91	9.92	10.25	*10.48 ↑↑

DAIRY COMMODITIES - GLOBAL BIWEEKLY Internet Auction (\$/LB) 04/01/25

Weighted Avg. 1 to 6 mo. FORWARD CONTRACTS per metric ton converted to \$/LB

NEXT GDT AUCTION 04/15/25

ALL-PRODUCT INDEX	1.9283 ↑↑	1.1%
MILKFAT (AMF)	3.0421 ↑↑	2.3%
BUTTERMILK POWDER	1.2736 ↓↓	5.6%
LACTOSE	0.5136 ↓↓	2.6%

U.S. CME SPOT DAILY (\$/LB) 04/02/25

Prev. 5 day Lds Spot price Weekly Avg

	9	1.1725 ↑↑	1.1692 ↑↑
NFDM	44	2.3400 ↑↑	2.3400 ↑↑
BUTTER	61	1.6650 ↑↑	1.6525 ↑↑
CHEESE-40	19	1.6975 ↑↑	1.6608 ↑↑
CHEESE-500	5	0.4900 ↓↓	0.4950 ↓↓
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U.S. WEEKLY USDA NDPSR (\$/LB) WK ENDING 03/29/25*

FMMO PROD MIL. LBS WTED AVG \$

	24.0	1.1829 ↓↓
NFDM	4.7	2.3412 ↓↓
BUTTER	13.0	1.7507 ↓↓
CHEESE-40	13.3	1.6836 ↓↓
CHEESE-500	6.5	0.5148 ↓↓
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ANNOUNCED FEDERAL ORDER PRICES (\$/CWT) NASS ALL-MILK

CL I ADV ↓↓	*CL II ↓↓	*CL III ↓↓	*CL IV ↓↓	*ALL-MILK-U.S.	*ALL-MILK-PA
19.57 (APR)	*20.12 (MAR)	*18.62 (MAR)	*18.21 (MAR)	*23.60 (FEB) ↓↓	*24.30 (FEB) ↓↓
MONTH AGO					
21.02	21.08	20.18	19.90	24.10 4.66F	24.70 4.39F
YEAR AGO					
19.18	21.12	16.34	20.09	20.60 4.30F	21.90 4.19F

U.S. AVG. BRED COWS & HEIFERS (3rd trimester) per head as reported by USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report

JAN-24	FEB-24	MAR-24	APR-24	MAY-24	JUN-24	JUL-24	AUG-24	SEP-24	OCT-24	NOV-24	DEC-24	JAN-25	*FEB-25
1635	N/A	N/A	N/A	2115	2016	N/A	N/A	2800	N/A	2250	N/A	N/A	\$2921 (1td)

U.S. AVG. MILKING COWS per head as reported by USDA Monthly National Dairy Comprehensive Report

JAN-24	FEB-24	MAR-24	APR-24	MAY-24	JUN-24	JUL-24	AUG-24	SEP-24	OCT-24	NOV-24	DEC-24	JAN-25	*FEB-25
1792	N/A	N/A	N/A	2120	2254	1624	N/A	N/A	2800	2489	N/A	N/A	N/A

CATTLE - DAIRY PURPOSES (\$/HD) USDA and other East and Midwest auction reports combined 4-week rolling average as of MAR 21, 2025

*MILK COWS (NASS) U.S. Avg.	FRESH	HEIFERS: Springing	Bred	Beef x	OPEN: 300-600 lbs	Beef X 600-900 lbs	Beef X 900-1100 lbs	BULLS (800-1300lbs)			
*\$2660 JAN-25 ↑↑	*\$2600 OCT-24	3000	3500	2650	2500	1000	1300	1875	1900	1800	1800
YEAR AGO											
\$1890 JAN-24	\$1850 OCT-23	2600	2100	2400	2000	950	N/A	1250	N/A	1525	2200

PA Auction Markets Mar. 27-Apr. 1, 2025

CULL MARKET COWS (\$/CWT LIVEWEIGHT)


Premium White	Breakers	Boners	Lean
WEEK AGO			
N/A	150.35	143.35	129.35
YEAR AGO			
N/A	120.00	118.00	117.35

FED STEERS (\$/CWT LIVE)

Choice & Prime 1250-1550 lb	Holstein	Beef-X-Dairy	WK AGO	YR AGO
	N/A	207.85 ↑↑	N/A	205.10
		875.00 ↑↑	785.00	1025.00
		960.00 ↑↑	785.00	1025.00

BULL CALVES: No. 1 & 2, 90-130 lbs


70-85 lbs	Holstein	Beef-X-Dairy	WK AGO	YR AGO
	N/A	207.85 ↑↑	N/A	205.10
		875.00 ↑↑	785.00	1025.00
		960.00 ↑↑	785.00	1025.00



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Mixed hay	135-150
Orchard	135-210
Timothy	150-310

Livestock Auction

April 1, 2025

Mixed hay	3.50-4.50
Orchard	3.75
Grass	3.75-9.00
Straw	5.00

Morrison's Cove Auction

March 31, 2025

Round bales	80-135
Large square bales	100-200
Hay by the bale	4.00-4.75

Wolgemuth Auction

March 31, 2025

Alfalfa	275-365
Mixed hay	105-440
Timothy	160-395
Grass	120-300
Straw	180-210
Orchard	105-260

Dewart Auction

Dewart, Pa.
March 31, 2025

Cattle: 177
Slaughter cattle:
Heifers:
HiCho & Prm 207-211
Choice 202-207
Slaughter cows:
PrmWht 65-75% lean 138-148
Breakers 75-80% lean 132-144
Boners 80-85% lean 128-144
Lean 85-90% lean 104-134
Slaughter bulls 135-166
Calves: 328
Feeder calves:
#1 Hol bulls 800-1000
#2 Hol bulls 550-810
#3 Hol bulls 310-515
Utility bulls 20-120
Hol heifers 675-950

Livestock Auction

Hackettstown, N.J.
April 1, 2025

Bulls	1.38-1.62
Calves	2.35-8.00
Cows	.63-1.40
Feeders	1.85-2.85
Steers	1.49-2.60

Morrison's Cove

Martinsburg, Pa.
March 31, 2025

Cattle: 83
Cows:
Good 1.20-1.35
Lean 1.05-1.25
Light/Thin .75-1.05
Bulls:
1300-1999 lbs. 1.50
Fat cattle:
Holstein choice 1.60-1.70
Holstein select 1.40-1.60
Holstein feeders 1.00-1.70
Calves: 82
Holstein bulls:
100-110 lbs. 6.00-8.30
90-99 lbs. 7.50-8.90
80-89 lbs. 6.00-9.00
70-79 lbs. 7.50-8.70
Holstein heifers:
90-100 lbs. 6.00-8.00
70-89 lbs. 4.00-7.00

New Holland Auction

New Holland, Pa.
March 31, 2025

Cattle: 1344
Slaughter cattle:
Steers:
HiCho & Prm 211-230
Choice 202.50-219
Select 187.50-207.50
Heifers:
HiCho & Prm 218-225
Choice 200-210
Select 190-197.50
Slaughter cows:
Breakers 75-80% lean 137-147.50
Boners 80-85% lean 129-140
Lean 85-90% lean 112-147.50
Slaughter dairy cows:
Breakers 75-80% lean 121-145
Boners 80-85% lean 115-144
Lean 85-90% lean 90-140
Bulls:
1-2 138-202.50
Calves: 589
Feeder calves:
#1 Hol bulls 810-1050
#2 Hol bulls 700-975
#3 Hol bulls 500-625
Utility bulls 500-660
#2 Hol heifers 650-995
Utility heifers 200

Wyalusing Livestock

Wyalusing, Pa.
March 31, 2025

Cows:
Fat 1.20-1.35
Good .90-1.45
Lean .55-1.05
Holstein calves:
70-89 lbs. 3.50-6.50
90-110 lbs. 4.00-7.00
Feeder cattle:
200-300 lbs. 2.00-2.50
301-500 lbs. 1.90-2.40
501-700 lbs. 1.50-2.50
701-900 lbs. 1.20-1.90

Hosking Sales

New Berlin, N.Y.
March 31, 2025

Cattle:
Dairy cows 1.13
Bone utility .90-1.41
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Bulls over 1100 lbs. 1.49-1.72
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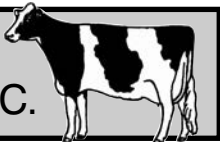
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Consignors: Please send all info with truckers for the catalog.

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Thank you - N.H.S.S.

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Monday, April 7th, approx. 1 p.m. Billy Howard sending load of draft horses. Acclimated, ready for spring work.

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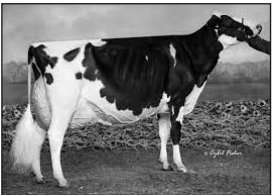
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