

# Daily Dairy Report

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## April milk production -0.1%

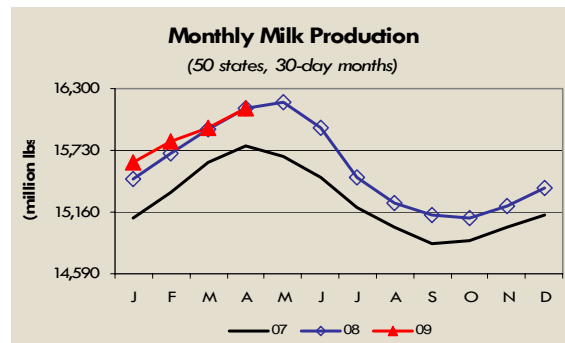
Spot market trading activity was relatively calm today ahead of the monthly milk production report. Cheese, butter and power all settled unchanged; the only trades were 2 sales of Grade A NDM. Milk futures were mostly lower to unchanged, with JUL09 falling to a new low.

Milk production in the 50 states in April was estimated at 16.115 billion lbs., down just 0.1% from a year ago, according to USDA's "Milk Production" report released this afternoon. March production was revised 47 million lbs. higher, so instead of being down 0.3%, it was up fractionally.

Cow numbers fell just 2,000 head from March to April, to 9.284 million. Culling activity slowed as producers waited to see if CWT bids were accepted before sending cows to slaughter.

Production per cow was 57.9 lbs. per day last month, up 0.1 lbs. (+0.2%) from April 2008, USDA says.

Holiday schedule: CME Group will be closed next Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. Regular hours for both floor and electronic trading will be in effect on Friday, May 22, and Tuesday, May 26. [cme.com](http://cme.com)



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## FUTURES & OPTIONS VOLUME AND OPEN INTEREST

### Futures Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III [*171 Pit, 1032 Electronic]	1,203	28,676
Class IV	0	212
NDM (cash settle)	8	867
NDM (deliverable)	0	2
Dry whey	44	1,395
Butter (cash settle)	42	4,862

### Options Volume and Open Interest

	Volume	Open Interest
Class III	183	42,672
Class III midi	1	199
Dry whey	15	153
Butter (cash settle)	0	80
NDM (cash settle)	0	18

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

**SPOT PRICES** (with change, in cents, from previous day): Block cheese \$1.1325 (NC) • Barrel cheese \$1.0800 (NC) • AA Butter \$1.2650 (NC) • NDM Extra Grade \$0.8600 (NC) • NDM Grade A \$0.8800 (NC) **MILK PRICES** (with change, in cents, from previous month): April Class III milk (USDA) \$10.78 (+\$0.34) • April Class IV milk (USDA) \$9.82 (+\$0.18)

## May 18 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. (¢)		
MAY 09	9.83	NC	199	4809	10.00 @ 0.02	-1	9.75 @ 0.05	NC	22.150	NC	83.500	+0.500	122.500	+0.350		
JUN	10.32	NC	167	5090	10.50 @ 0.19	-1	10.25 @ 0.23	-1	25.500	NC	84.500	NC	128.000	NC		
JUL	11.68	-17	252	3510	11.75 @ 0.50	-10	11.50 @ 0.44	+5	26.250	NC	86.500	-0.500	133.500	NC		
AUG	13.13	-16	166	3172	13.25 @ 0.67	-10	13.00 @ 0.66	+6	29.000	+0.750	89.250	+0.250	134.250	NC		
SEP	14.08	-7	73	2798	14.25 @ 0.80	-4	14.00 @ 0.83	+2	29.000	NC	92.500	NC	135.000	-1.000		
OCT	14.66	-6	44	2595	14.75 @ 0.96	-4	14.50 @ 0.91	+1	30.000	-0.250	94.500	+0.250	138.000	-0.500		
NOV	14.87	-4	51	2380	15.00 @ 1.05	-3	14.75 @ 1.05	+1	30.500	+0.500	95.030	NC	140.000	NC		
DEC	14.94	-5	42	2453	15.00 @ 1.16	-4	14.75 @ 1.09	+1	30.250	NC	95.500	NC	142.000	-0.500		
JAN 10	14.94	-17	39	407	15.00 @ 1.15	-10	14.50 @ 0.96	+6	31.000	+0.250	99.500	NC	143.500	NC		
FEB	14.97	-8	25	323	15.25 @ 1.12	-5	14.50 @ 1.00	+2	31.500	NC	115.000	NC	144.500	NC		
MAR	15.30	-6	26	299	15.50 @ 1.24	-4	15.25 @ 1.30	+2	31.750	+0.250	116.000	NC	152.000	NC		
APR	15.60	+3	27	182	17.00 @ 0.88	NC	14.50 @ 0.88	-2	31.000	+0.500	117.000	NC	154.000	NC		

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