Vermont Monthly Organic Dairy Report

May 2024

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MMN Slug ID 3727/Slug Name: VT DA001

Comments

"Price is better than last year at this time, but costs have also gone up from last year. Once costs go up, very seldom do they come back down."

"Due to the drop in price for the Spring flush of milk, we struggle to pay our bills."

Market Trends

Total Volume (+15.4%) & Average Daily Production (14.6%) increase from April.

Weighted Average Price drops 3.7% from April.

Fluid Milk Price (\$/cwt; does not include deductions for hauling)

| | Volume (lbs.) | Min Price | Max Price | Weighted Average Price |
|------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| March 2024 | 1,088,144 | \$33.68 | \$42.87 | \$36.59 |
| April 2024 | 958,104 | \$33.08 | \$41.85 | \$36.10 |
| May 2024 | 1,105,985 | \$32.10 | \$39.11 | \$34.77 |

Volume (daily and monthly production per lactating cow)

| | Volume (lbs.) | Avg. Daily Production/Cow (lbs.) | Avg. Monthly Production/Cow (lbs.) |
|------------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| March 2024 | 1,088,144 | 46.4 | 1,437.44 |
| April 2024 | 958,104 | 44.5 | 1,336.27 |
| May 2024 | 1,105,985 | 51.0 | 1,579.98 |

Butterfat & Protein Averages

| | Average Butterfat % | Average Protein % |
|------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| March 2024 | 4.64% | 3.38% |
| April 2024 | 4.59% | 3.34% |
| May 2024 | 4.38% | 3.32% |