



Jerry Dryer's Forecast

The NASS April Dairy Products Report

To be released Wednesday, June 1 at 2 pm CT.

Summary:

Milk production was up 1.5% during April, but much of the increase was tilted toward areas of butter and powder production and milk output was actually lower in some key cheese production states. Domestic orders for most products were relatively good; export orders were very good.

Cheese Bottom Line:

American cheese production during April 2011 likely totaled 250 million pounds, as much as 8.0% below April 2010 when production was flat versus 2009.

USDA will probably report production of other cheeses up about 2.2% Therefore, total cheese production was virtually unchanged at 865 million pounds.

Butter Bottom Line:

My butter production estimate for April 2011 is pegged at 146.5 million pounds; up about 10% versus April 2010 when production was down 6.1%.

Dry Whey/Nonfat/Skim:

Dry whey production during April 2011 was probably up 6% versus one year ago, according to my estimates. There were several capacity changes during 1Q11 that carried over into April.

Nonfat dry milk production was down about 5% (totaling around 145.5 million pounds) and skim milk powder output was two and one-half times greater than April 2010; driven by export demand.

Total dry milk production: 183 million pounds, up 9% versus April 2010.

Should you have any questions regarding my estimates, please feel free to give me a call at 1-561-445-1074 or jld@ricedairy.com.

Kind regards,

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