

ORGANIC DAIRY MARKET NEWS

Information gathered September 21 – October 2, 2026.

ORGANIC DAIRY MARKET OVERVIEW

The Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP) was formed through cooperative agreements between the USDA and non-profit organizations and invested \$100 million from 2022-2026 to provide technical assistance and support for transitioning and existing organic farmers. As of June 30, 2026, groups involved with TOPP hosted over 3,100 events during the life of the program and provided technical assistance to around 7,600 people. The program led to the creation of 4,100 mentorship pairs, which represents 158,000 acres of farmland transitioning to organic, 88,100 of these acres are now certified organic. The TOPP initiative ended on September 30, 2026, though participating organizations plan to continue providing support for new and transitioning farmers. To find out more about these organizations, or find helpful resources visit the TOPP website at the following link:

<https://www.organictransition.org/>

At Arizona State University, the Swette Center for Sustainable Food Systems launched a new mentorship program, as a follow up to TOPP, named Kernel, on October 1. Kernel is working with regional partners previously involved with TOPP, to support mentoring relationships, and to provide assistance for transitioning farmers. The program plans to support the growing organic industry and provide opportunities for future generations of farmers. To learn more about Kernel, visit:

<https://www.grow-organic.org/>

The Vermont Monthly Organic Dairy Report, a report created as part of the Organic Dairy Initiative sponsored by the 2018 Farm Bill, covering July 2026 was released on October 02, 2026. This report showed the weighted average price for fluid milk decreased 3.41 percent from June. Total volume, average monthly production per cow, and weighted average butterfat increased from last month. Daily production per cow and weighted average protein decreased. To view this report in its entirety visit:

https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/vt_da001.pdf

	Volume (lbs)	Avg	Daily Prod/Cow	Butterfat	Protein
May 2026	1,146,694	\$37.80	55.29	4.08%	3.19%
June 2026	773,087	\$39.89	55.66	3.91%	3.17%
July 2026	952,058	\$38.53	53.88	3.92%	3.13%
% Change	23.15%	-3.41%	-3.20%	0.26%	-1.26%

The Pennsylvania Monthly Organic Dairy Report, a report created as part of the Organic Dairy Initiative sponsored by the 2018 Farm Bill, covering July 2026 was released on October 02, 2026. This report showed the weighted average price for fluid milk decreased 2.37 percent from June. Daily production per cow increased from last month. Total volume, monthly production per cow, weighted average butterfat, and weighted average protein decreased. To view this report in its entirety visit:

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	Volume (lbs)	Avg	Daily Prod/Cow	Butterfat	Protein
May 2026	993,513	\$42.40	37.18	4.26%	3.28%
June 2026	892,590	\$42.63	33.93	4.22%	3.19%
June 2026	812,842	\$41.62	34.68	4.14%	3.09%
% Change	-8.93%	-2.37%	2.21%	-1.90%	-3.13%

The USDA AMS National Organic Program (NOP) provides an email notification service, the Organic Insider, to send out updates to the organic community. The NOP Organic Insider from September 25th discussed a publication in the Federal Register titled National Organic Program: Notice of Intent to Extend and Revies a Previously Approved Information Collection (2027). This publication is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget to collect necessary information for the Organic Foods Production Act and for the enforcement of organic regulations. The public is welcome to make comments regarding the accuracy or necessity of information collected through November 24, 2026.

To learn more from Organic Insider, view archives, or register to receive updates by email visit:

<https://www.ams.gov/reports/organic-insider>

ORGANIC DAIRY FLUID OVERVIEW

Federal Milk Market Order 1, in the Northeast, reports utilization of types of organic milk by regulated plants. During August 2026, organic whole milk utilization totaled 18.068 million pounds, down from 17.24 million pounds the previous year. The butterfat content, 3.28 percent, is up from 3.29 a year ago. The utilization of organic reduced fat milk, 15.94 million pounds, decreased from 15.45 million pounds a year ago. The butterfat content, 1.56 percent, is up from 1.50 percent last year.

European organic milk average pay prices for July 2026 increased in Austria and France, but decreased in Germany and Bavaria, compared to June. The average pay price in July 2026 was up from a year ago in France, but down in Austria, Germany, and Bavaria.

Organic Milk Pay Prices in Europe – July 2026

Country	Euros/100KG	*(USD/100KG)	% Change Jun 2026	% Change Jul 2025
Austria (1)	54.88	\$62.62	+0.64	-11.56
Austria (2)	60.98	\$69.58	+1.18	-9.77
Germany	63.93	\$72.95	-0.54	-2.65
Bavaria	64.67	\$73.79	-0.29	-2.16
France	50.78	\$57.94	+6.30	+1.10

*Results are based on July 15, 2026, exchange rate of 1 Euro/1.14103 USD. Austria (1) prices exclude "haymilk," Austria (2) prices include "haymilk" which is produced by cows mainly fed grasses and dry hay, rather than silage.

A large Dutch organic milk processor announced that the guaranteed price for organic farm milk in October 2026 is 65.25 EUR/100 kilograms (kg) (\$76.11 USD), down 0.25 from September 2026. Organic markets are relatively steady, and the processor stated the lower price is to correct for the previous period. The guaranteed organic price applies to 100 kg of milk with standard component levels: 3.57 percent protein and 4.49 percent fat. The amounts apply to an average supply of 600,000 kg of milk annually.

A cooperative announced their October organic milk pay price increased 1.82 pence per liter (ppl) in the UK, which includes a .06 ppl increase for the quarterly exchange adjustment, 58.25 pence per liter (ppl), \$0.77 USD. The announcement stated global milk supplies have stabilized but remain high, commodities markets are in balance, and the outlook for organic markets is stable.

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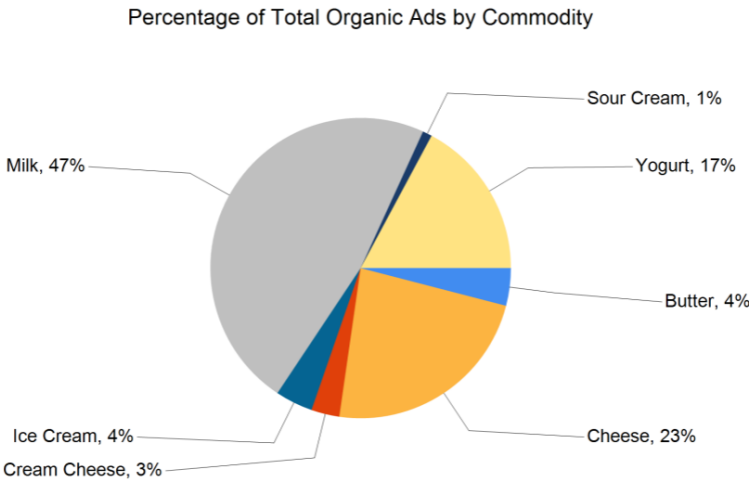
In a recent report from a Pacific Northwest livestock auction, the top 10 organic cull cows traded higher than conventional cull cows, while the overall price for organic cull cows was higher than conventional cows. The average price for the top 10 organic cows auctioned was \$155.22 per hundredweight, compared to an average price of \$162.50 per hundredweight for the top 10 conventional cows auctioned. The average weight for the top 10 conventional cows was 1,561.5 pounds compared to 1,050.0 pounds for the top 10 organic cows. The overall price for organic cows auctioned was \$136.68 per hundredweight with an average weight of 951.4 pounds, while the overall price for conventional cows auctioned was \$122.8 per hundredweight with an average weight of 1,155.7 pounds.

NATIONAL ORGANIC GRAIN AND FEEDSTUFFS

The following was reported by USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News (LPGMN) in the National Organic Grain and Feedstuffs Report. Compared to last period, trade was active with good demand. The new crop corn and soybean harvest is limited with the expectation to be fully underway in a couple of weeks. Country elevator: spot market old crop feed corn sold 1.21/bu higher delivered. Forward contracts this period are set for Q3 2026 to Q1 2029 delivery. There were no comparable spot market trades for feed soybeans. Forward contracts this period are set for Q3 2026 to Q4 2028 delivery. Feed Mill: spot market old crop feed corn sold 94 cents/bu lower delivered; new crop 23 cents/bu lower delivered. Forward contracts this period are set for Q3 2026 to Q3 2027 delivery. Spot market old crop feed soft red winter wheat sold 39 cents/bu higher delivered. Forward contracts this period are set for Q3 2026 to Q4 2026 delivery. Crush Facility: spot market old crop feed soybeans sold 6 cents/bu higher delivered. Forward contracts this period are set for Q3 2026 to Q4 2026 delivery. The next report will be published on Wednesday, October 14, 2026.

ORGANIC DAIRY RETAIL OVERVIEW

In Week 40, organic dairy ads increased 40 percent from last week and every organic commodity except milk appeared in more ads compared to the prior survey. Cream cheese and sour cream were absent from the Week 39 ads but were present this week. Ice cream had the largest week-over-week gain in ads, moving up 210 percent this week. The most advertised organic commodity was milk.



Organic milk ads decreased 5 percent this week. Organic gallon milk ads fell 38 percent while half-gallon ads were down 3 percent. The weighted average advertised price (average price) for organic half-gallon milk gained 10 cents to \$4.37 this week. Conventional milk sold in the same package size had an average price of \$1.77. The Week 40 organic premium for half-gallon milk is \$2.60.

Ads for the second most advertised organic commodity, cheese, were up 111 percent from last week's survey. 6-8-ounce sliced style cheese appeared in more ads than any other organic cheese product. Ads for this product were up 171 percent, and the average price was \$4.76, down 1 cent from last week. Conventional 6-8-ounce sliced style cheese had an average price of \$2.53, leaving an organic premium of \$2.23 for Week 40.

The third most advertised organic commodity was yogurt, appearing in 100 percent more ads this week. The most advertised organic yogurt product was regular style in 32-ounce containers, with ads up 73 percent. The average price for this product was \$5.13, down 11 cents. Conventional 32-ounce regular style yogurt had an average price of \$3.64, and this week's organic premium was \$1.49.

Organic butter remained the fourth most advertised organic commodity for the third week in a row, appearing in 124 percent more ads compared to last week. Organic 8-ounce butter did not appear in retail ads this week, after appearing in Week 39. Ads for 1-pound organic butter increased 216 percent in Week 40, and the average price is down 25 cents to \$7.97. Conventional 1-pound butter's average price is \$3.58, making an organic premium for this product of \$4.39.

NATIONAL ORGANIC DAIRY
WEIGHTED AVERAGE ADVERTISED PRICES

COMMODITY	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Butter - 8 oz.	n.a.	\$4.48	\$4.64
Butter - 1 lb.	\$7.97	\$8.22	n.a.
Cheese - 6-8 oz. Block	\$8.85	\$9.49	\$7.13
Cheese - 6-8 oz. Shred	\$4.71	\$4.99	\$4.67
Cheese - 6-8 oz. Sliced	\$4.76	\$4.77	\$5.99
Cream Cheese - 8 oz.	\$4.52	n.a.	n.a.
Ice Cream - 48-64 oz.	\$9.33	\$9.48	\$8.55
Milk - Half Gal	\$4.37	\$4.27	\$4.60
Milk - Gallon	\$7.49	\$7.60	\$7.83
Sour Cream - 16 oz.	\$4.14	n.a.	\$3.42
Yogurt - 4-6 oz. Yogurt	\$1.85	n.a.	\$1.25
Yogurt - 32 oz. Greek	\$4.66	\$5.00	\$6.61
Yogurt - 32 oz. Yogurt	\$5.13	\$5.24	\$4.29