Month	Pay Period	Corn (\$/bu)	Alfalfa Hay (\$/ton)	Soybean Meal Central III AMS (GX_GR 117) (\$/ton)	All Milk \$/cwt	Feed Cost for MPP-Dairy (\$/cwt)	Milk Margin Above Feed Cost (\$/cwt)	Milk Margin/pay Period*	
Month	Period	(\$/BU)	(\$/ton)		5/cwt 017	(\$/cwt)	(\$/cwt)	Period	
August	4			_					
July	4	3.49	152.00	326.04	17.30	8.22286600	9.07713400		
June	3	3.43	152.00	300.72	17.30	7.97239600	9.32760400	8.97093	
May	- 3	3.45	155.00	307.63	16.70	8.08574050	8.61425950		
April	2	3.43	148.00	305.67	16.50	7.95397850	8.54602150	0.04000	
March	2	3.49	135.00	320.34	17.30	7.94807100	9.35192900	8.94898	
February	1	3.44	129.00	334.42	18.50	7.91571900	10.58428100	10.82023	Margin values are final when
January		3.40	128.00	332.34	18.90	7.84381900	11.05618100		full month data is first available and will not be
				2	016				revised with future data
December	- 6	3.33	129.00	321.02	18.80	7.69922100	11.10077900	10.54246	Feed costs and monthly milk margins are not rounded before calculating the pay period margin.
November	,	3.23	130.00	322.41	17.60	7.61585750	9.98414250		
October	- 5	3.29	135.00	323.27	16.60	7.75504650	8.84495350	9 16485	
September		3.22	137.00	337.95	17.30	7.81524850	9.48475150	3.10403	
August	4	3.21	138.00	340.80	17.10	7.83916800	9.26083200	8 42515	
July		3.60	140.00	371.49	16.10	8.51053150	7.58946850		Payment periods
June	3 -	3.82	142.00	408.57	14.80	9.04648550	5.75351450	5.76277	01 – January
May		3.68	147.00	376.35	14.50	8.72797650	5.77202350		 02 – March/A
April	2	3.58	153.00	303.81	15.00	8.16972750	6.83027250	7.14868	03 – May/Jur
March		3.57	144.00	276.22	15.30	7.83291300	7.46708700		04 – July/Aug
February	- 1	3.57	142.00	273.61	15.70	7.78632950	7.91367050	8.00928	• 05 – Sep/Oct
January		3.66	147.00	279.56	16.10	7.99511400	8.10488600		• 06 – Nov/De
				2	015				
December	- 6	3.65	150.00	289.78	17.20	8.10060300	9.09939700	9.55705 9.08207	
November		3.60	150.00	308.60	18.20	8.18529000	10.01471000		
October	- 5	3.67	156.00	327.97	17.70	8.48495550	9.21504450		
September	<u> </u>	3.68	157.00	333.62	17.50	8.55091100	8.94908900		
August	- 4	3.68	159.00	357.85	16.70	8.75640150	7.94359850	7.69510	
July		3.80	169.00	375.71	16.60	9.15340850	7.44659150		
June	- 3	3.58	178.00	335.03	16.90	8.74169450	8.15830550	7.99534	
May		3.62	192.00	320.23	16.70	8.86762650	7.83237350		
April	- 2	3.75	184.00	336.61	16.50	9.01788350	7.48211650	7.50415	
March		3.81	172.00	357.83	16.60	9.07381850	7.52618150		
February	- 1	3.79	172.00	370.38	16.80	9.14460500	7.65539500	7.99554	
January		3.81	174.00	380.02	17.60	9.26431500	8.33568500		
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December	- 6	3.78	183.00	431.73	20.40	9.73549950	10.66450050	12.02943	
November		3.58	184.00	441.39	23.00	9.60564050	13.39435950		
October	- 5	3.56	194.00	381.50	24.90	9.28099300	15.61900700	15.51136	
September		3.48	197.00	525.72	25.70	10.29628600	15.40371400		
August	4	3.63	209.00	490.32	24.10	10.36141600	13.73858400	13.21062	
July		4.05	216.00	450.79	23.30	10.61734650	12.68265350		
June	- 3	4.49	222.00	501.72	23.20	11.54591400	11.65408600	11.95748	
May	2	4.71	224.00	519.38	24.20	11.93913100	12.26086900	13.87422	
April		4.71	206.00	514.01	25.30	11.65306150	13.64693850		
March		4.51	191.00	495.71	25.20	11.09849650	14.10150350		
February	- 1	4.35	188.00	509.25	24.90	10.98526750	13.91473250	13.30692	
January		4.42	185.00	479.54	23.50	10.80089500	12.69910500		
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December	- 6	4.41	187.00	498.31	22.00		11.04447350	11.04319	
November	-	4.35	188.00	451.13	21.60	10.55808550	11.04191450		
October	- 5	4.61	193.00	443.63	20.90	10.85038850	10.04961150	9.01041	
September		5.40	194.00	500.39	20.10	12.12878650	7.97121350		

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Milk Margin minus Feed Cost Calculation Detail

The feed cost for each month is calculated by summing three calculated numbers:

- 1) the corn price per bushel times 1.0728; plus
- the soybean meal price per ton times 0.00735, plus
 the alfalfa hay price per ton times 0.0137.

The Milk Margin for each month is then calculated by subtracting the resulting composite feed cost from the all-milk price.

The paired month milk margin is calculated by taking the simple average of the milk margins that were calculated for the individual months in the pairing.

The paired months are specified in the 2014 Farm Bill and are January-February, March-April, May-June, and so on

An example calculation for January-February 2014:

- January corn price is 4.42 X 1.0728 = 4.7418
- January soybean meal price is 479.54 X 0.00735 = 3.524619
 January alfalfa hay price is 185 X 0.0137 = 2.5345

The January feed cost is the sum of these three products above: , which is \$10.80 /cwt.

The January Milk Margin is the All-Milk price, \$23.50 per cwt., minus the feed cost of \$10.80 per cwt. = \$12.70 per cwt.

Performing similar calculations for February yields a \$13.91 per cwt. margin.

* The January-February Milk Margin is the average of the January and February margins (\$12.70 plus \$13.91, divided by two) and equals \$13.30 per cwt.



^{*}At a milk margin (all-milk price minus feed cost) of less than \$8.00 per cwt, payments are possible depending on the level of coverage chosen by the dairy operation.