## **Dairy**

U.S. milk output in August was 1.9 % more than 2015, due to a .5% larger herd and a 1.4 % rise in milk-per-cow yields. Dairy farmers added a net 16,000 head during the month, the biggest one-month gain since the spring of 2014 causing it to climb to its largest level in 22 years. Solid year over year gains in milk production are expected to endure this fall which could weigh on the dairy markets. Still, export interest for U.S. dairy is starting to escalate which could temper any seasonal price declines in cheese and butter this fall and be supportive of prices this winter.

Product Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Cheese Barrels (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Cheese Blocks (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
American Cheese	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb.)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Mozzarella Cheese	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Provolone Cheese	Steady	Good	Lower
Parmesan Cheese	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Butter (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Nonfat Dry Milk	Increasing	Ample	Higher
Whey, Dry	Increasing	Good	Higher
Class I Base	Increasing	Good	Higher
Class II Cream, heavy	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Class III Milk (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Class IV Milk (CME)	Increasing	Good	Lower

