

Milk procurement prices likely to remain stable/ lower in near term



Recent industry analyses indicate that milk procurement prices are expected to remain stable or even experience slight decreases in the near future. Wholesale milk prices have registered a year-on-year increase in August 2023, showcasing the resilience of the dairy market. Additionally, South India is witnessing a consistent deceleration in milk price inflation, with rates falling from 12.8% in December 2022 to 9.6% in August 2023, despite some monthly fluctuations.

Crucially, milk procurement prices are anticipated to remain steady or slightly lower until the close of 2023. This optimism is bolstered by the arrival of a robust flush season, normal monsoon patterns, diminishing impacts of lumpy skin diseases, and stabilization in global supply chains.

Analysts maintain a positive outlook, forecasting a cyclical recovery in the dairy sector in the latter half of fiscal year 2024 and into fiscal year 2025. This outlook is supported by the industry's robust return ratios, which consistently surpass the cost of capital, and the potential for margin recovery in the second half of fiscal year 2024.

Kerala Elevates Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Departments to Independent Status After 67 Years

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In a groundbreaking move, the Kerala state government has officially granted independent status to the Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Departments, ending their 67-year association with the Agriculture Department. This transformation reflects the state's recognition of the distinct roles these departments play in its agricultural landscape.

Since the formation of the state in 1956, these departments had operated under the agriculture umbrella. However, with numerous veterinary hospitals, cattle development projects, and ICDP sub-centers now under the Animal Husbandry Department, the need for independence became evident.

Previously, official records referred to these entities as 'agriculture (dairy development)' and 'agriculture (animal husbandry),' despite the absence of 'agriculture' in their files, letters, and orders.

UP Launches "Mukhyamantri Swadeshi Gau Samvardhan Yojana" to Boost Indigenous Cow Breeds



The Uttar Pradesh government has unveiled the "Mukhyamantri Swadeshi Gau Samvardhan Yojana" as part of the Nand Baba Milk Mission, aimed at increasing the income of cow herders, fostering self-reliance, and conserving indigenous cow breeds. The program's eligibility criteria, subsidy benchmarks, objectives, and blueprint have been outlined in a recent directive.

Under this initiative, cow herders acquiring cows of Sahiwal, Tharparkar, Gir, and Sankar breeds from other states will receive subsidies covering transportation, transit insurance, and animal insurance expenses. They can benefit from a subsidy of up to 40% of their total expenses, capped at ₹80,000, upon procuring a maximum of two indigenous breed cows. The scheme will initially launch in 18 divisional headquarters districts, with plans for statewide expansion.

Lumpy Skin Disease Afflicts Nashik, Maharashtra; Cattle Trade Banned

Nashik, a district in Maharashtra, has been declared an affected area for lumpy skin disease among bovine animals, prompting an immediate ban on the purchase and sale of cattle. The viral ailment has spread to cattle in 12 out of the district's 15 talukas. Collector Jalaj Sharma stressed the need for preventive vaccination to control the epidemic.



Lumpy skin disease is characterized by fever and skin nodules resembling lumps, leading to temporary reductions in milk production, potential sterility among bulls, hide damage, and, in some cases, fatalities.

To contain the outbreak, the district has prohibited the purchase, sale, and transport of bovine livestock, seeking police assistance for enforcement. Nashik, a border district adjacent to Gujarat, has been designated an affected area under the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act.

Officials have been instructed to promptly contact the nearest veterinary clinic upon detection of a case and ensure proper carcass disposal. Recently, Nanded in Maharashtra was also declared an affected district, with over 3,600 animals afflicted by the disease.

Mobile Veterinary Unit Dedicated to Farmers in Mahanpur, Jammu

In a significant move to improve animal healthcare accessibility, Dr. Shubhra Sharma, Director of the Animal Husbandry Department in Jammu, dedicated a Mobile Veterinary Unit (MVU) to the farmers of Mahanpur block. The dedication ceremony took place in Panchayat Mara-Patti, Kathua, and was attended by prominent officials and a large gathering of farmers.



Dr. Sharma emphasized that the provision of the MVU is a groundbreaking initiative to bring essential animal healthcare services directly to farmers' doorsteps. The MVU will operate with a Veterinary Doctor, a Para-Vet, and essential medicines and equipment for treating and conducting minor surgical procedures on farm animals. Farmers can access these services by calling the toll-free number '1962'.

Furthermore, a Mega-Awareness camp was organized alongside the dedication event to inform farmers about various schemes offered by the Animal Husbandry department, including Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP), Integrated Dairy Development Scheme (IDDS), Integrated Poultry Development Programme (IPDP), Rashtriya Gokul Mission, and National Livestock Mission. Experts provided detailed information on how to avail the benefits of these schemes.

Dr. Sharma encouraged local educated unemployed youth to participate in self-employment generation initiatives like MAITRIS and AHELP, offering training to provide vital veterinary services such as Artificial Inseminations, Vaccinations, Ration balancing, and Milk recording, benefiting both the youth and local livestock owners.

The Chairman of District Development Council Kathua, Col Mahan Singh, expressed optimism that the MVU's launch would enhance livestock productivity and farmers' income levels associated with the animal husbandry sector. The event was attended by Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Kathua, Dr. Yugal Kishor, Extension Officer Dr. Nadeem Ahmed, and officers and staff from the Animal Husbandry department in Kathua, among others.

Buffalo Milk Prices Surge by Rs 2 per Litre in Mumbai



Starting September 1, 2023, the Mumbai Milk Producers Association (MMPA) has announced an increase of Rs 2 per litre in the wholesale price of fresh buffalo milk, raising it from Rs 85 to Rs 87 per litre. This price adjustment will remain in effect until February 28, 2024. MMPA, representing cattle shed owners and wholesalers, expects retailers to charge consumers an additional Rs 5-7 per litre, potentially driving the market rate of buffalo milk to Rs 92-94 per litre.

C K Singh, an executive member of the association, explained that while MMPA holds biannual meetings to revise milk rates, the costs have been increasing faster. In March, milk prices were raised by Rs 5, from Rs 80 to Rs 85 per litre, due to escalating costs of fodder, a 20% increase in cattle feed prices, and the rising expense of milch animals. Singh acknowledged the widespread distress among milk farmers across the country.

Despite the price hike, buffalo milk maintains a devoted consumer base, particularly among those who prefer its freshness for making thick curd, reaffirming its popularity in Mumbai.

Punjab Pollution Control Board approval must for dairy farms, gaushalas

Directing owners of dairy farms and gaushalas to get its consent for operations, the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) has asked them to adopt necessary safeguards and ensure compliance of revised environmental guidelines or face fines. This comes as the majority of gaushalas and dairies continue to discharge dung and wastewater into drains, leading to water pollution.



New guidelines

- New dairy farms & gaushalas should be located outside city/village boundaries
- These should be at least 200 m from residential units and 500 m from hospitals and schools
- New dairy farms and gaushalas should not be located in flood-prone areas

The PPCB has asked the proprietors of dairy farms and gaushalas that as per National Green Tribunal (NGT) orders, it was mandatory to comply with the revised guidelines for environmental management and to have consent to establish a unit.

The consent include undertaking that the dairies and farms would treat wastewater before releasing it into sewers and stop dumping bovine dung. The PPCB approval would be given only if the units would collect dung from the sheds at regular intervals.

“At present, the majority of dairies are flouting norms and polluting both air and water. This has to stop or environmental compensation will be levied against defaulters as per NGT orders. At present, most farms are operating without following any norms,” said a top PPCB official.

CEDSI, in Collaboration with Reliance Foundation, Successfully Completes Three-Day Training Program for Dairy Farmers and Extension Workers in Bidar, Karnataka

Center for of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI) in association with Reliance Foundation has conducted a comprehensive three-day certified training program aimed at dairy farmers and extension workers in Bidar, Karnataka. The training sessions, conducted in the regional language, included practical demonstrations on silage making and ethno-veterinary practices, providing valuable hands-on experience on the last day of training. The training was conducted in the regional language, and its aim was to enhance the efficiency of the participants. This intensive program took place from August 27th to August 29th and saw the active participation of a total of 30 candidates.



Cedsi's Training Program in Collaboration with Reliance Foundation Empowers Dairy Farmers in Prakasham District, AP

Cedsi, in partnership with Reliance Foundation, recently conducted a comprehensive training program in Prakasham district, Andhra Pradesh, from August 31st to September 2nd. The primary aim of this program was to enhance the skills of dairy farmers and extension workers in the region. The 3rd day of the training was meticulously designed to provide participants with practical knowledge and hands-on experience in silage making and ethno-veterinary practices. Participants had the opportunity to engage in practical demonstrations, enabling them to gain valuable insights and learn the best practices of dairy farming and extension work. The collaborative effort between Cedsi and Reliance Foundation underscored their commitment to empowering the local community and promoting sustainable dairy practices. By investing in the development of dairy farmers and extension workers, they contribute to the growth of the dairy sector in Prakasham district, ultimately benefiting both the farmers and the region's economy



Who are we ?

“The Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI)” an autonomous institution working under the aegis of the Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, to help the empowerment and betterment of Livelihood of farmers, wage workers, and other stakeholders in the Dairy value chain.

CEDSI Membership will provide a unique platform for the industry leaders, policymakers, development practitioners, dairy scientists, researchers, students, and farmers to debate and discuss the issues of imminent importance to the dairy industry.

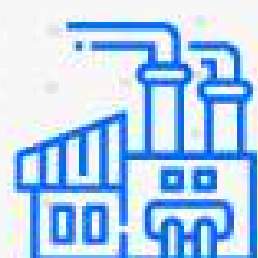


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Join Our Membership Drive and Get Benefits of

- ✓ Platform to interact with other members in the sector
- ✓ Networking opportunities with corporate leaders and government authorities
- ✓ Special costs of training in Skill India Certified Programmes
- ✓ Access to our Journal and Publications
- ✓ Expert advice in day-to-day operations and management of livestock /farm productions
- ✓ Free registration on the job portal and regular updates on job vacancies in the sector
- ✓ Recognize your organization with CEDSI Yearly Awards and Recognition
- ✓ Chance to reach across the board through advertising in our press releases, news and articles
- ✓ Consultative and advisory services to help members
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- ✓ Periodic e-newsletter for the latest news, govt. announcement and schemes in dairy sectors
- ✓ Updates on training programs of CEDSI and access to the training calendar

Who Can Become a Member -



Corporates/
Cooperatives



NGO's/CSR
Foundations



Dairy Farmers



Students



Professional

CEDSI : Reviving Skills and Generating Livelihood

Skill Training Programme for Farmers/ Students/ Entrepreneurs

- Dairy Farmer/ Entrepreneur
- Dairy Farm Supervisor
- Dairy Worker
- Animal Health Worker
- Artificial Insemination Technician
- Veterinary Field Assistant
- Veterinary Clinical Assistant
- Calf Rearing
- Farm Equipment Technician
- Dairy farm Economics and Management
- Industry Aligned Certification Programs (Unemployed Youth and Students)

FPO Oriented Training Programs

- FPO Member Orientation on Product Technology and Processes.
- FPO Market Linkage
- FPO Governance
- FPO Accounting

Flagship Skill Training Programme for Dairy Corporates and Cooperatives

- Chilling Plant Technician
- Bulk Milk Cooler Operator
- Village Level Milk Collection Centre Supervisor
- Milk Tester
- Green-house Gases Mitigation
- Milk Quality Assurance
- Milk Delivery Boy
- Milk Procurement & Input Supervisor
- Waste Management In Dairy Industry
- Feed And Fodder Management
- Clean Milk Production
- Decision Support System/ Data Analytics