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WEST EUROPE: The most recent European Commission Latest World Quotations of Dairy products listed butter prices for the week ending 12/8/24 were 42 percent above the same week last year. Skim milk powder prices were listed at 3 percent below the same week last year. Whole milk powder prices were listed at 15 percent above the same week last year.

Negotiations for the EU-Mercosur partnership were finalized on December 6. The European Parliamentary Research Service published a document outlining various hypothetical ratification scenarios.

The Irish Central Statistics Office released total milk intakes by processors and cooperatives in October 2024 is estimated at 675.8 million liters. This is an increase of 87.2 million liters from October 2023. Fat content in milk deliveries averaged 4.93 percent in October 2024, up from 4.92 percent in October 2023. Protein content in milk deliveries averaged 4.03 percent in October 2024, up from 3.93 percent in October 2023. For the period of January to October 2024, domestic milk intake was estimated at 7.66 billion liters, down 215.3 million liters, -2.7 percent, compared to the same period last year.

The UK-based Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) released data showing daily milk deliveries for the week ending December 7 averaged at 33.89 million liters, down 0.4 percent from the week prior and down 0.8 percent from the same week last year.

EAST EUROPE: The European Commission Combined Drought Indicator (CDI) details persistent severe, enduring, and critical drought conditions in the Mediterranean, Balkans, and the Black Sea regions. Normal or recovery conditions are reported in many pockets of Western and Eastern European countries.

Both high production costs and inflation have pushed retail dairy product prices higher in Ukraine. Raw milk prices remain high due to strong demand and limited supply. Manufacturers report slower retail sales as high prices dissuade some customers.

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According to CLAL data made available to USDA, October 2024 EU cows' milk delivered to dairies is estimated at 11,581,000 MT, up 0.8 percent compared to last year. Year-to-date EU cows' milk delivered to dairies through October 2024 is estimated at 123,058,000 MT, up 0.6 percent when compared to January-October 2023 EU milk production. Among some of the top West EU milk producers, the year-to-date milk deliveries and percentage changes from January-October 2023 are Germany, 27,132,000 MT, -0.5 percent; France, 19,942,000 MT, +1.5 percent; and Netherlands, 11,460,000 MT, -2.0 percent. Among some of the top East EU milk producers, the year-to-date milk deliveries and percentage changes from January-October 2023 are Poland, 11,330,000 MT, +4.0 percent; Czech Republic, 2,757,000 MT, +2.1 percent; and Hungary, 1,441,000 MT, +4.4 percent.

According to CLAL data made available to USDA, the provisional October 2024 cows' milk delivered to dairies in the UK was 1,263,800 MT, up 3.5 percent from October 2023. Year-to-date cows' milk deliveries in the UK for January-October 2024, 12,923,100 MT, up 0.5 percent from January-October 2023.

According to CLAL data made available to USDA, the provisional October 2024 cows' milk production in Belarus was 708,000 MT, up 3.1 percent from October 2023. January-October 2024 provisional milk production in Belarus, 7,345,000 MT, is up 5.3 percent from January-October 2023.

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