Dairy Update.

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GlobalDairyTrade Auction Results, 16 October 2019

	Change since last auction	Prices USD/Tonne
Anhydrous Milk Fat (AMF)	0.8%	\$5,065
Butter	-0.4%	\$4,105
Butter Milk Powder (BMP)	-	-
Cheddar	-2.2%	\$3,636
Lactose	0.0%	\$785
Rennet Casein	3.6%	\$6,916
Skim Milk Powder (SMP)	2.4%	\$2,743
Whole Milk Powder (WMP)	0.0%	\$3,133
GDT Price Index	0.5%	1,015

Farmgate milk price forecasts

	2018/19	2019/20	
	Fonterra	Westpac	Fonterra
Milk Price	\$6.35	\$6.50	\$6.25-\$7.25

Dairy prices



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Last night's GlobalDairyTrade auction again resulted in little change to prices overall, the headline index up 0.5%.

NZ's key export product, whole milk powder, was unchanged at US\$3133 - slightly disappointing for the futures market which yesterday had predicted a 1% gain. However, the price remains above the three-year average of \$3060, and more recently, the trend remains positive, with prices since July up 6%.

Other major products were mixed, with skimmed milk powder up 2.4%, butter down 0.4%, anhydrous milk fats up 0.8%, and cheddar cheese down 2.2%.

Chinese auction demand (proxied by the North Asian buyer category) rose slightly to around 55% of the total volume, with South East Asia/Oceania buyers steady at a 27% share.

Dairy supply globally remains constrained, while in NZ milk collections in August were around 2% higher than in August 2018. However, NZ growing conditions in September and October have been mixed, with soil moisture around average but temperatures in the South Island below average. Constrained supply is one possible explanation for futures markets consistently predicting moderate gains in GDT auction prices.



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