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GlobalDairyTrade auction results.

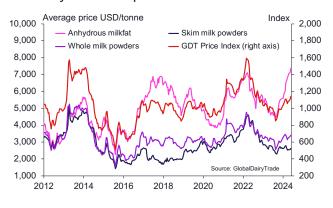


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GDT on the rise again!

- Dairy prices rose a further 3.3% in today's auction.
- All products rose including whole milk powder (2.9%), skim milk powder (3.5%) and butter (5.1%).
- Futures markets were again wrong-footed.
 Upside risk to our 2024/25 milk price forecast is building.

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	Change since last auction	Prices USD/tonne
Whole Milk Powder (WMP)	2.9%	\$3,408
Skim Milk Powder (SMP)	3.5%	\$2,629
Anhydrous Milk Fat (AMF)	3.5%	\$7,365
Butter	5.1%	\$6,931
Cheddar	0.0%	\$4,239
GDT Price Index	3.3%	1,143

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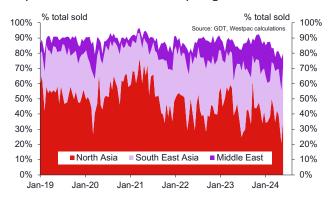
This week's dairy auction was another very strong one with gains across the board. All categories rose and wrong-footed futures markets which again saw a much flatter result.

Futures pricing for farmgate milk prices



Chinese buyers returned this time after pulling back in the early May auction. Overall prices are now 10% or so above their long-term averages. We can certainly see upside risk building to our milk price forecast of \$8.40/kg for the 2024/25 season.

Proportion of total volumes sold - top 3 regions



Farmgate milk price forecasts

	202	2023/24	
	Westpac	Fonterra	Westpac
Milk price	\$7.90	\$7.30-\$8.30	\$8.40

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