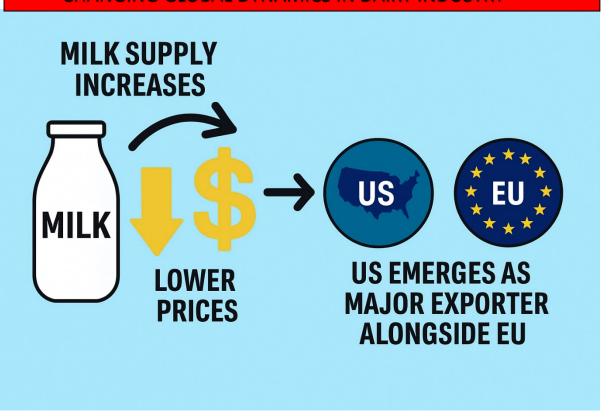
## CHANGING GLOBAL DYNAMICS IN DAIRY INDUSTRY



## FOGS GLOBAL DAIRY INDICES REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2025

Global milk price indices continued its fall by 2.2% over September at 180 points, from the peak of 202 in June 2025. This is primarily driven by increasing milk supply and butter price correction.

However, a competitive US markets is leading the dairy exports. EU markets are also now aligning more closely with US markets rather the NZ markets which are quite firm and at higher levels. Indian markets are stable after a steep climb last 3-4 festive season, are likely to continue so, with upcoming marriage season and increasing supply in the flush season.

A competitive global feed market amidst higher supply driven by lower US corn prices is keeping feed markets globally tamed, though feed ingredients show higher instability due to seasonality effects in India. Fodder markets in India are beginning to rise with impact of monsoons and upcoming rabi season field preparations.

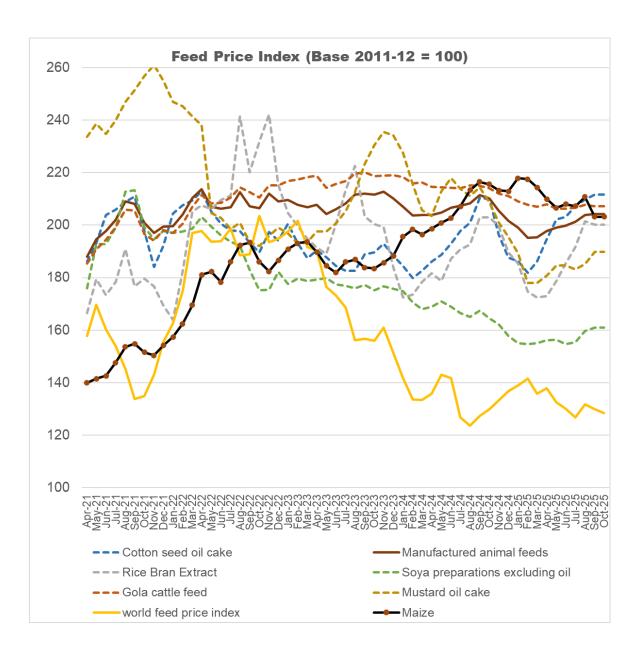
With Indian dairy markets being kept out of the global perview due to its social and economic importance to the livelihoods and food security of India, growing national market trends in quality and innovative dairy products is making the Indian market developments crucial in a global context. The high feed and fodder indices in relation to the global markets but managed in the year to not a precarious situation is noteworthy. Though maize markets in India have turned unpredictable due to disruptive and competitive alternatives keeping in a disarray.

Milk Price Index (Base 2011-12 = 100) 260 240 INDIA FODDER PRICE INDEX (WPI) 220 INDIA FEED PRICE INDEX (WPI) 200 INDIA RETAIL PRICE INDEX (CPI) INDIA WHOLESA PRICE INDEX 180 INDIA PRODUCERMILK PRICE INDEX RANGE 160 140 2861 FEED PRICE INDE 120 100 MAPA CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRAC India producer milk price index India Wholesale Milk price index ·World producer milk price indices India derived milk producer price (SMP +Butter) index -India CPI Milk Cattle feed WPI Fodder WPI -world feed price index

Fig 1. Milk and feed price indices development 2011-2025

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On the feed market developments, soya extract with 161 points is the lowest in the tally while cotton seed oil cake markets are leading with 212 basis points. The largest increase is seen in mustard cake while the most decline in maize feed by over 3.6% over previous month. Maximum volatility in markets is seen in case of mustard cake which has dipped by over14% in this calendar year. Overall, high variability in the feed indices of major feed ingredients and fodder price indices, makes it critical to monitor and track the developments and their drivers to make strategic decisions to ensure resilience and sustainability of the dairy industry.



The global feed indices are much below the India feed price indices at 128 basis points. This difference of over 80 basis points puts Indian dairy sector in a tight position to compete with global dairy markets. The main drivers for the differences are driven by differences in productivity, resource constraints and technology accessibility.

The relative price strength development of milk to feed price indices, shows progressive improvement since 2022, but still negative at -8%, signifying still potential to increase milk price indices further or boost dairy quality and productivity with the existing resources by improving the technical and economic efficiency of milk production. Fodder price indices, due to their seasonality nature, impact milk production costs in the lean season, but the trend shows relative improvement in milk price indices over fodder as well.

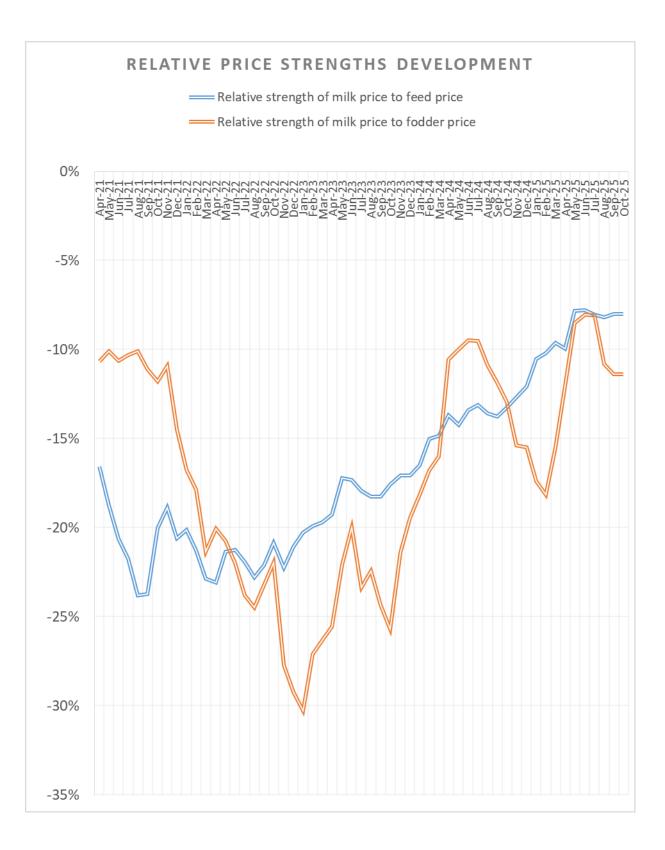


Table 1. Milk and feed indices for October 2025 and its developments

| Index          | FG Indices-<br>Oct 2025 | 1-2month%    | 3-month<br>cumulative% | YTD%         | 1-Year%      |
|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                |                         | (Aug-Oct 25) | (July-Oct 25)          | (Apr-Oct 25) | (Jan-Oct 25) |
| FG Producer    | 184.1                   | 1%           | 6%                     | 14%          | 12%          |
| FG Derived     | 188.9                   | 7.7%         | 6%                     | 21%          | 19%          |
| FG Wholesale   | 190.7                   | 0.0%         | 0%                     | 2%           | 2%           |
| FG Consumer    | 191.0                   | 0.0%         | -1%                    | 3%           | 3%           |
| FG Global milk | 179.5                   | -2.2%        | -6%                    | 18%          | 19%          |
| FG Feed        | 207.3                   | -0.2%        | 1%                     | -3%          | -4%          |
| FG Fodder      | 215.2                   | 0.7%         | 4%                     | 2%           | 2%           |
| FG Global feed | 128.3                   | -1.2%        | 0%                     | -1%          | 0%           |

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Table 2. Feed indices of ingredients for October 2025 and its trends

| Index                    | FG Indices-<br>Oct 2025 | 1-2month%    | 3-month<br>cumulative% | YTD%         | 1-Year%      |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                          |                         | (Aug-Oct 25) | (July-Oct 25)          | (Apr-Oct 25) | (Jan-Oct 25) |
| FG Weighted Animal feeds | 204.2                   | 0%           | 2%                     | -3%          | -3%          |
| FG Cattle feed           | 207.3                   | -0.2%        | 1%                     | -3%          | -4%          |
| FG Rice bran extract     | 200.1                   | -0.7%        | 8%                     | -1%          | 0%           |
| FG Soya extract          | 161.0                   | 0.9%         | 3%                     | -6%          | -7%          |
| FG Cotton extract        | 211.6                   | 0.9%         | 3%                     | 4%           | 3%           |
| FG Mustard cake          | 189.8                   | 2.5%         | 2%                     | -12%         | -14%         |
| FG Maize                 | 203.2                   | -3.6%        | -1%                    | 0%           | 3%           |
| FG Fodder                | 215.2                   | 0.7%         | 4%                     | 2%           | 2%           |

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**Note: Method used:** The milk price index is developed with the base year as 2011-12 considering the year having similar national and global milk producer prices and to keep in tandem with the government published data referenced to this year. FOGS GLOBAL NETWORK brings a monthly preview of the dairy prices development. Since milk price in India has a wide range, we have developed a producer mik price index using the monthly weighted SMP and Butter prices from NCDFI.

Source: Global milk price indicator, IFCN Dairy research network, India data from Ministry of Commerce and Industry ,GOI, NCDFI and internal surveys of producer prices at dairy cooperatives. October 2025 values are based on estimates and reliable data sources like <u>clal.it</u>, dairynews7x7, GDT

The derived milk producer price index for India is based on the wholesale SMP and butter prices for the national markets and backward calculation for its processing, marketing and inflation considered.

The CPI for milk and milk product is taken from <u>ceicdata.com</u> for time series April 2011-February 2025 and latest from published reports and news media on retail milk prices of major stakeholders.

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