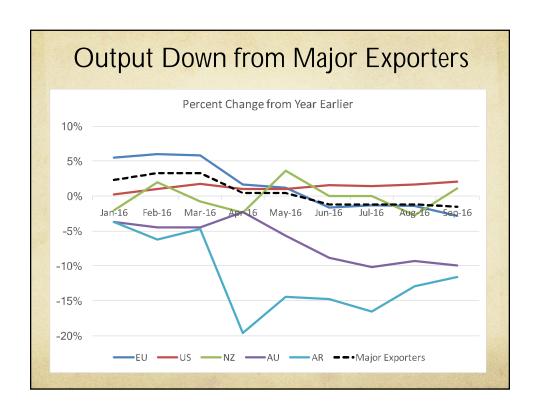
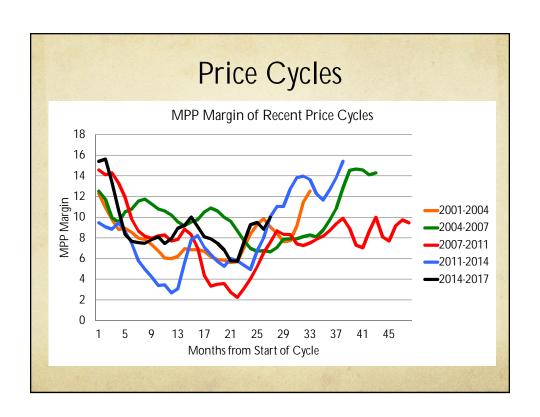


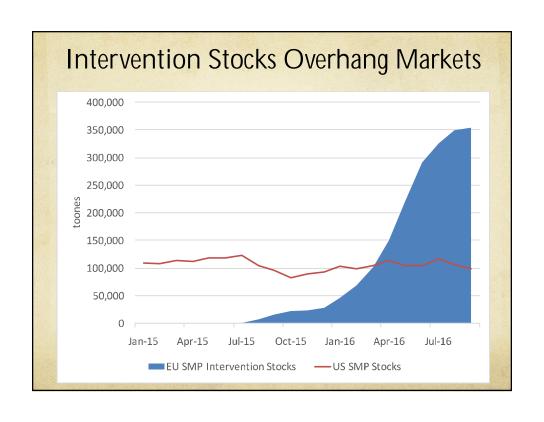
## U.S. Farm Milk Prices are Holding Up Better than Most

- § U.S. farm gate prices were about \$17-18 while EU prices were about \$13-14 and NZ as low as \$10 per cwt.
- § Much bigger price spread than is usual why?
  - § U.S. had strong domestic economy to absorb lost export sales
  - § EU used market intervention purchases to support prices
  - § NZ just let the price fall to clear markets









## My Forecast...

- S Our relatively strong U.S. economy is helping consume dairy products
- § World supply has slowed allowing world demand to begin to pull down on stocks
- § World prices are recovering faster than U.S. prices
  - § Our prices never fell as far
  - § This is a supply driven recovery—not a demand recovery
  - § How fast will the rest of the world respond with production?
- § I'm more optimistic than USDA about prices in 2017
  - § I have class III up \$2.50 and class IV up \$3.40
  - § That should bring a NY/PA All Milk Price up about \$2.65

