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Cheese - Northeastern U.S.

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Milk volumes are flat in the Northeast. Contacts have shared that cooler nighttime temperatures have improved farm level milk volumes relative to recent weeks. As schools reopen, bottling orders have increased, and the volume of milk going into processing plants has declined. Cheese plant managers have relayed that labor issues and decreased milk volumes going into processing have slowed cheese production. Contacts have also shared that cheddar continues to be in higher demand than other American-type cheeses and that mozzarella demand from food service customers is strong. Cheese demand in retail stores is steady, with last week's National Retail Report listing that conventional cheese ads increased by 35 percent from the week prior and that shredded cheese in 6-8-ounce packages was the most advertised conventional cheese item, with a weighted average advertised price of \$2.50, down 18 cents from last week. Market prices for cheese blocks on industry cash exchanges closed at \$1.9650 last Wednesday and rose to \$2.0150 as of report publishing time. In the Northeast, wholesale prices for cheddar and muenster are up \$0.01, but process cheese prices are down \$0.0375. Grade A Swiss prices are unchanged.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES: DELIVERED
DOLLARS PER POUND(MIXED LOTS (1000-5000 POUNDS))

Cheddar 40 pound Block	2.4350-2.7225
Muenster	2.4225-2.7725
Process American 5 pound Sliced	1.9075-2.3875
Swiss 10-14 pound Cuts	3.2650-5.5875

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This week, a cooperative export assistance program accepted requests for export assistance on contracts to sell 2.7 million pounds (1,200 metric tons) of American-type cheese. So far this year, the program has assisted member cooperatives who have contracts to sell 31.1 million pounds of American-type cheeses of cream cheese in export markets.

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