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Cheese - Northeastern U.S.

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Contacts share that Class I bottling orders continue to draw upon milk volumes previously available for Class III processing. Additionally, a late summer heat wave blanketed the Northeast in highly humid conditions, affecting both cow comfort and milk volumes. Contacts share that milk volumes are expected to pick up in the near term as temperatures drop. Some cheese plant managers note that reduced milk volumes have not affected processing much, as labor issues also persist. Cheese plant managers continue to suggest that cheddar production is strong. Mozzarella and process American demands remain strong. Both foodservice and retail demands are steady. Last week's National Retail Report lists shredded cheese in 6-8-ounce packages as the most advertised conventional cheese item, with a weighted average advertised price of \$2.49, up from \$2.30 last week. In the Northeast, the weighted average advertised price of shredded cheese in 6-8-ounce packages is \$2.34. Market prices for cheese blocks on industry cash exchanges closed at \$1.9625 last Wednesday but fell to \$1.8700 as of report publishing time. In the Northeast, wholesale prices for cheddar and muenster are down \$0.0250 but process cheese prices are up \$0.0075. Grade A Swiss prices are unchanged.

NOTICE: Due to evolving market conditions, collection and publication of the Northeast Wholesale Selling Prices, Delivered, for 1,000 - 5,000 lbs mixed lots will end with Report 39, during the week of September 25, 2023. Questions and comments regarding this termination plan can be directed to: Janet.Linder@ams.usda.gov, (608)422-8588.

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

Cheddar 40 pound Block	2.4150-2.7025
Muenster	2.4025-2.7525
Process American 5 pound Sliced	1.9575-2.4375
Swiss 10-14 pound Cuts	3.1275-5.4500

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Secondary Sourced Information:

This week, a cooperative export assistance program accepted requests for export assistance on contracts to sell 351,000 (159 metric tons) of American-type cheese and 529,000 pounds (240 metric tons) of cream cheese. So far this year, the program has assisted member cooperatives who have contracts to sell 34.3 million pounds of American-type cheeses and 6.7 million pounds of cream cheese in export markets.

#### U.S. CHEESE AND CURD EXPORTS (USDA-FAS)

	2023 Exports (Million Lb.)	% Change From 1 Year Ago
TOTAL, JULY	81.1	- 1
TOTAL, JAN - JUL	552.5	- 6
Exports - Destination Country		
1 Mexico	178.2	+ 13
2 South Korea	56.7	- 44
3 Japan	55.2	- 14
4 Australia	42.2	+ 17
5 Canada	22.8	+ 37

#### U.S. CHEESE AND CURD IMPORTS (USDA-FAS)

(Imports for Consumption)

	2023 Imports (Million Lb.)	% Change From 1 Year Ago
JULY Imports		
TOTAL Cheese and Curd (H.S. Code 0406)	33.7	+ 8
Cheese, Except Fresh (H.S. Code 040690)	27.9	+ 8
Fresh Cheese (H.S. Code 040610)	3.5	+ 33
Cheese, Processed (H.S. Code 040630)	1.4	- 25
Cheese, Blue-Veined (H.S. Code 040640)	0.7	+ 9

	2023 Imports (Million Lb.)	% Change From 1 Year Ago
TOTAL, JAN - JUL	224.0	...
Imports - Country of Origin		
1 Italy	44.7	- 8
2 France	23.2	- 14
3 Netherlands	19.9	+ 8
4 Spain	18.7	+ 70
5 Nicaragua	11.4	+ 43

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