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Cheese - Northeastern U.S.

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Strong milk volumes continue to clear into Class I operations, as school bottling orders remain steady. As a result, volumes of milk that were previously available for Class III operations continue to be lower. Cooler temperatures both during the day and at night have reached the East coast, and contacts suggest that upticks in milk production may be on the horizon. Cheese processing continues to be limited by persistent labor obstacles, as well as limited milk volumes. Contacts note demand for cheddar is the strongest of the American-type cheeses, and mozzarella continues to be in high demand due to steady foodservice orders. Retail demand remains strong. Last week's National Retail Report lists shredded cheese in 6-8-ounce packages as the most advertised conventional cheese item, with a national weighted average advertised price of \$2.54, up from \$2.49 last week. In the Northeast U.S., the weighted average advertised price of shredded cheese in 6-8-ounce packages is \$2.25. Market prices for cheese blocks on industry cash exchanges closed at \$1.91 last Wednesday but fell to \$1.88 as of report publishing time. In the Northeast, wholesale prices for cheddar and muenster are down \$0.05 and process cheese prices are up \$0.04. 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	2.3650-2.6525
Muenster	2.2525-2.7025
Process American 5 pound Sliced	1.9175-2.3975
Swiss 10-14 pound Cuts	3.1275-5.4500

Information for the period September 18 - 22, 2023, issued weekly

Secondary Sourced Information:

This week a cooperative export assistance program accepted requests for export assistance on contracts to sell 974,000 (442 metric tons) of American-type cheese and 190,000 pounds (86 metric tons) of cream cheese. So far this year, the program has assisted member cooperatives who have contracts to sell 35.2 million pounds of American-type cheeses and 6.9 million pounds of cream cheese in export markets.

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