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Cheese - Northeastern U.S.

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School bottling orders continue to draw upon milk volumes available for cheese processing. Unseasonably warm weather has affected some states in the Northeast, and contacts say that this has stalled seasonal increases in milk production. Cheese production is steady, though some contacts say that cheese demand and orders from customers are down in contrast to the healthy demand over the summer months. Cheddar and mozzarella continue to be the most in-demand American and Italian-type cheeses, respectively. 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 \$2.46, down from \$2.54 last week. In the Northeast U.S., the weighted average advertised price of shredded cheese in 6-8-ounce packages is listed at \$2.56. Market prices for cheese blocks on industry cash exchanges closed at \$1.8000 last Wednesday but slid to \$1.7575 as of report publishing time. In the Northeast, wholesale prices for cheddar and muenster are down \$0.0800 and process cheese prices are down \$0.1850. 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	2.2850-2.5725
Muenster	2.2725-2.6225
Process American 5 pound Sliced	1.7325-2.2125
Swiss 10-14 pound Cuts	3.1275-5.4500

Information for the period September 25 - 29, 2023, issued weekly

Secondary Sourced Information:

This week a cooperative export assistance program accepted requests for export assistance on contracts to sell 49,000 pounds (22 metric tons) of American-type cheese. So far this year, the program has assisted member cooperatives who have contracts to sell 35.3 million pounds of American-type cheese in export markets.

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