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Cheese - Northeastern U.S.

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Milk production is steady to lower in the Northeast. Cheesemakers say volumes remain available, allowing them to run busy production schedules. Some plant managers say they are running below capacity due to staffing shortages and supply chain delays. Spot purchasers say inventories of both cheese barrels and blocks are available. Retail demand for cheese is steady to lower. Contacts report some customers are combatting higher cheese prices by purchasing private label brands of cheese in lieu of name brands. Food service sales are steady. International demand for cheese is steady to higher as US produced loads are currently priced favorably to cheese produced in other countries.

In the Northeast, wholesale cheese prices for both cheddar and Muenster are down \$0.1000, and process cheese prices are down \$0.0575. Grade A Swiss prices are unchanged this week.

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

Cheddar 40 pound Block	2.2300-2.5175
Muenster	2.2175-2.5675
Process American 5 pound Sliced	1.9750-2.4550
Swiss 10-14 pound Cuts	4.2900-6.6125

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EXPORT ASSISTANCE

This week, a cooperative export assistance program accepted requests for export assistance on contracts to sell 3.5 million pounds (1,566 metric tons) of American-type cheese and 520,000 (236 metric tons) of cream cheese. So far this year, the program has assisted member cooperatives who have contracts to sell 66.8 million pounds of American-type cheeses and 7.1 million pounds of cream cheese in export markets.

When combined with butter, AMF, cream cheese and whole milk powder, the program has assisted members with sales of 900 million pounds of milk on a milkfat basis.

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