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Cheese - Northeastern U.S.

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Milk supplies are plentiful and cheese makers in the East are running busy production schedules. Some plant managers report labor shortages and delivery delays, however, preventing some manufacturers from running at full capacity. Market prices for cheese blocks on industry cash exchanges reached \$1.8725 last Wednesday but have increased to \$1.8900 as of reporting. Some market contacts have reported that while supplies of cheese blocks are not tight, availability is seasonally lighter than in recent weeks, leading to slight increases in market prices. Retail and food service demand for cheese is steady.

In the Northeast, wholesale cheese prices for both cheddar and Muenster are down \$0.0175, and process cheese prices are down \$0.0150. Grade A Swiss prices are unchanged this week.

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

Cheddar 40 pound Block	2.3225-2.6100
Muenster	2.3100-2.6600
Process American 5 pound Sliced	1.6775-2.1575
Swiss 10-14 pound Cuts	3.8200-6.1425

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This week, a cooperative export assistance program accepted requests for export assistance on contracts to sell 1.4 million pounds (618 metric tons) of American-type cheese and 333,000 pounds (151 metric tons) of cream cheese. So far this year, the program has assisted member cooperatives who have contracts to sell 8.3 million pounds of American-type cheeses and 1.2 million pounds of cream cheese in export markets.

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