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Cheese - Northeastern U.S.

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Milk volumes remain available for cheese production in the Northeast, amid strong seasonal production. Milk is moving at below Class prices in the region and some plant managers say they are utilizing available volumes to run busy production schedules. Labor shortages and delayed deliveries of production supplies are preventing some cheesemakers from operating at or near capacity. Demand for cheese is steady from both retail and export customers. Some stakeholders say food service sales are steady to higher. Mozzarella cheese sales are, reportedly, strengthening as some pizza makers say football playoffs are contributing to increased demand. Spot purchasers report loads of cheese are available for purchasing.

In the Northeast, wholesale cheese prices for both cheddar and Muenster are up \$0.1275, and process cheese prices are up \$0.0450. Grade A Swiss prices are unchanged this week.

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

Cheddar 40 pound Block	2.5925-2.8800
Muenster	2.5800-2.9300
Process American 5 pound Sliced	1.8675-2.3475
Swiss 10-14 pound Cuts	3.9100-6.2325

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