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Cheese - Northeastern U.S.

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In the Northeast, steady milk output is enabling cheese makers to run busy production schedules. Labor shortages and delayed deliveries of production supplies are limiting the ability of some plant managers to operate full schedules. Demand for cheese is steady in retail and food service markets. Sales of mozzarella cheese to pizza makers are softening as the end of the football playoffs nears. Export sales of cheese are steady from last week. Market price for cheese blocks have fallen on the CME by 11.75 cents since last Tuesday. Some stakeholders say the decline in prices for cheddar blocks may be due to increased spot availability.

In the Northeast, wholesale cheese prices for both cheddar and Muenster are up \$0.0050, but process cheese prices are down \$0.0475. Grade A Swiss prices are unchanged this week.

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

Cheddar 40 pound Block	2.4250-2.7125
Muenster	2.4125-2.7625
Process American 5 pound Sliced	1.7075-2.1875
Swiss 10-14 pound Cuts	3.9100-6.2325

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