



Dairy Products

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December 2025 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 1.28 billion pounds, 6.7 percent above December 2024 and 4.4 percent above November 2025.

Italian type cheese production totaled 561 million pounds, 7.4 percent above December 2024 and 5.2 percent above November 2025.

American type cheese production totaled 500 million pounds, 6.8 percent above December 2024 and 5.7 percent above November 2025.

Butter production was 204 million pounds, 2.0 percent above December 2024 and 15.0 percent above November 2025.

Dry milk products (comparisons in percentage with December 2024)

Nonfat dry milk, human - 127 million pounds, down 2.7 percent.

Skim milk powder - 43.1 million pounds, down 15.2 percent.

Whey products (comparisons in percentage with December 2024)

Dry whey, total - 69.8 million pounds, up 1.2 percent.

Lactose, human and animal - 94.8 million pounds, up 1.5 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total - 43.6 million pounds, up 3.1 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons in percentage with December 2024)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 48.9 million gallons, down 5.4 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 23.5 million gallons, down 6.2 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 1.45 million gallons, up 0.4 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 2.63 million gallons, down 7.2 percent.

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Dairy Products Production by Product – United States: December 2024 and 2025

Product	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	Change from	
				December 2024	November 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Butter	199,754	177,238	203,848	2.0	15.0
Cheese					
American types ¹	468,264	473,117	500,232	6.8	5.7
Cheddar	312,307	322,291	340,350	9.0	5.6
Other American types	155,957	150,826	159,882	2.5	6.0
Blue and Gorgonzola	5,953	6,967	7,020	17.9	0.8
Brick and Muenster	18,540	16,924	18,026	-2.8	6.5
Cream and Neufchatel	85,731	96,213	93,289	8.8	-3.0
Feta	10,659	10,468	10,531	-1.2	0.6
Gouda	7,494	6,680	6,657	-11.2	-0.3
Hispanic	36,573	39,805	38,635	5.6	-2.9
Italian types	522,330	533,279	561,012	7.4	5.2
Mozzarella	416,010	421,881	440,619	5.9	4.4
Parmesan	40,995	42,465	50,375	22.9	18.6
Provolone	30,648	32,173	32,254	5.2	0.3
Ricotta	21,734	21,753	22,009	1.3	1.2
Romano	4,702	4,232	5,334	13.4	26.0
Other Italian types	8,241	10,775	10,421	26.5	-3.3
Swiss	29,602	26,261	29,598	(Z)	12.7
All other types	13,526	14,722	13,817	2.2	-6.1
Total cheese ²	1,198,672	1,224,436	1,278,817	6.7	4.4
Cottage cheese, curd ³	37,521	41,266	43,661	16.4	5.8
Cottage cheese, cream ⁴	34,321	37,438	39,702	15.7	6.0
Cottage cheese, lowfat ⁵	30,273	34,825	34,944	15.4	0.3
Sour cream	140,167	133,972	140,635	0.3	5.0
Yogurt, plain and flavored	376,472	416,117	400,979	6.5	-3.6
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
Frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, hard	51,762	49,792	48,944	-5.4	-1.7
Ice cream, lowfat, hard	12,583	12,314	12,400	-1.5	0.7
Ice cream, lowfat, soft	12,430	11,900	11,053	-11.1	-7.1
Ice cream, lowfat, total ⁶	25,013	24,214	23,453	-6.2	-3.1
Ice cream, nonfat, hard	468	353	439	-6.2	24.4
Sherbet, hard	1,448	1,428	1,454	0.4	1.8
Frozen yogurt, total	2,832	2,418	2,627	-7.2	8.6
Regular and lowfat, hard	1,397	1,039	1,264	-9.5	21.7
Nonfat, hard	174	198	102	-41.4	-48.5
Other frozen dairy products	854	905	981	14.9	8.4
Water and juice ices	3,883	4,396	4,102	5.6	-6.7
Mix for frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, mix	33,070	31,720	31,136	-5.8	-1.8
Ice cream, lowfat, mix ⁷	13,208	13,607	13,145	-0.5	-3.4
Ice cream, nonfat, mix	519	591	524	1.0	-11.3
Sherbet mix	1,065	1,034	1,106	3.8	7.0
Yogurt mix	1,946	1,325	1,541	-20.8	16.3

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

¹ Includes Cheddar, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, Monterey, and Jack.

² Excludes Cottage Cheese.

³ Mostly used for processing into cream or lowfat cottage cheese.

⁴ Fat content 4 percent or more.

⁵ Fat content less than 4 percent.

⁶ Includes freezer-made milkshake.

⁷ Includes milkshake mix.

**Whey and Modified Whey Products Production, Stocks, and Prices – United States:
December 2024 and 2025**

Product	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	Change from	
				December 2024	November 2025
Condensed whey, solids content ¹	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Sweet-type, human	11,854	9,387	10,095	-14.8	7.5
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	65,378	62,946	68,013	4.0	8.0
Dry whey, animal	3,638	1,126	1,829	-49.7	62.4
Dry whey, total	69,016	64,072	69,842	1.2	9.0
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal	3,647	3,107	3,127	-14.3	0.6
Whey protein concentrate					
Human ²	41,038	41,063	41,521	1.2	1.1
Animal ²	1,266	1,217	2,113	66.9	73.6
Total ²	42,304	42,280	43,634	3.1	3.2
25.0-49.9 percent ³	11,380	8,495	9,918	-12.8	16.8
50.0-89.9 percent ³	30,924	33,785	33,716	9.0	-0.2
Whey protein isolates ⁴	18,479	18,285	20,644	11.7	12.9
Lactose, human and animal	93,434	86,891	94,820	1.5	9.1
Manufacturers' stocks end of month ⁵					
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	56,898	53,620	58,246	2.4	8.6
Dry whey, animal	3,259	935	862	-73.6	-7.8
Dry whey, total	60,157	54,555	59,108	-1.7	8.3
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal ⁶	6,254	5,612	5,239	-16.2	-6.6
Whey protein concentrate					
Human ²	56,321	45,142	45,803	-18.7	1.5
Animal ²	1,436	1,759	2,550	77.6	45.0
Total ²	57,757	46,901	48,353	-16.3	3.1
25.0-49.9 percent ³	21,895	15,612	17,106	-21.9	9.6
50.0-89.9 percent ³	35,862	31,289	31,247	-12.9	-0.1
Whey protein isolates ⁴	16,187	15,917	15,311	-5.4	-3.8
Lactose, human and animal	106,280	95,647	90,062	-15.3	-5.8
Manufacturers' selling price ⁷	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents change)	(cents change)
Dry whey, animal	38.4	40.3	41.0	2.6	0.7

¹ Final marketable product only. Does not include quantity used or shipped to another plant for further processing into dry whey or modified whey products. Does not include sweet-type, animal whey.

² Whey protein concentrate, 25.0 to 89.9 percent.

³ Whey protein concentrate, human and animal.

⁴ Whey protein isolate, 90.0 percent or greater.

⁵ Stocks held by manufacturers at all points and in transit.

⁶ Reduced lactose and minerals stocks combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

⁷ Prices for bulk goods, f.o.b. plant. Average monthly prices reported by firms.

**Condensed and Dry Milk Products Production, Stocks, and Shipments – United States:
December 2024 and 2025**

Product	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	Change from	
				December 2024	November 2025
Production	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Bulk condensed milk					
Skim, unsweetened	109,226	93,308	101,126	-7.4	8.4
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	13,157	11,243	11,027	-16.2	-1.9
Dry skim milk, animal	757	589	807	6.6	37.0
Dry whole milk	9,252	7,274	12,850	38.9	76.7
Milk protein concentrate, total ¹	29,178	20,825	20,437	-30.0	-1.9
Nonfat dry milk, human	130,715	108,017	127,190	-2.7	17.7
Skim milk powder, total ²	50,824	40,517	43,101	-15.2	6.4
Manufacturers' stocks end-of-month ³					
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	23,747	23,059	21,044	-11.4	-8.7
Dry skim milk, animal	6,733	5,154	4,055	-39.8	-21.3
Dry whole milk	12,398	12,075	16,713	34.8	38.4
Nonfat dry milk, human	202,548	199,045	213,981	5.6	7.5
Manufacturers' shipments ⁴					
Dry milk products					
Nonfat dry milk, human	114,989	114,821	115,119	0.1	0.3

¹ Dry milk protein concentrate, 40-89.9 percent.

² Includes protein standardized and blends.

³ Stocks held by manufacturers at all points and in transit.

⁴ For dry products, shipments of bulk goods.

Dairy Products Production by Product and Month – United States: 2024 and 2025

Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	Change from 2024	2024	2025	Change from 2024
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total cheese ¹						
January	1,238,361	1,220,583	-1.4	1,238,361	1,220,583	-1.4
February	1,135,573	1,116,498	-1.7	2,373,934	2,337,081	-1.6
March	1,209,415	1,234,197	2.0	3,583,349	3,571,278	-0.3
April	1,192,243	1,234,932	3.6	4,775,592	4,806,210	0.6
May	1,212,400	1,251,908	3.3	5,987,992	6,058,118	1.2
June	1,155,018	1,203,603	4.2	7,143,010	7,261,721	1.7
July	1,189,240	1,216,644	2.3	8,332,250	8,478,365	1.8
August	1,195,814	1,202,079	0.5	9,528,064	9,680,444	1.6
September	1,151,338	1,215,718	5.6	10,679,402	10,896,162	2.0
October	1,221,414	1,261,313	3.3	11,900,816	12,157,475	2.2
November	1,149,860	1,224,436	6.5	13,050,676	13,381,911	2.5
December	1,198,672	1,278,817	6.7	14,249,348	14,660,728	2.9
Total American cheese types ²						
January	476,910	481,440	0.9	476,910	481,440	0.9
February	438,328	442,498	1.0	915,238	923,938	1.0
March	478,035	499,929	4.6	1,393,273	1,423,867	2.2
April	463,581	495,470	6.9	1,856,854	1,919,337	3.4
May	484,880	509,117	5.0	2,341,734	2,428,454	3.7
June	451,315	473,977	5.0	2,793,049	2,902,431	3.9
July	464,906	481,556	3.6	3,257,955	3,383,987	3.9
August	472,379	473,888	0.3	3,730,334	3,857,875	3.4
September	446,038	474,067	6.3	4,176,372	4,331,942	3.7
October	483,093	492,167	1.9	4,659,465	4,824,109	3.5
November	448,814	473,117	5.4	5,108,279	5,297,226	3.7
December	468,264	500,232	6.8	5,576,543	5,797,458	4.0
Cheddar cheese						
January	333,329	328,960	-1.3	333,329	328,960	-1.3
February	304,535	307,696	1.0	637,864	636,656	-0.2
March	330,061	349,089	5.8	967,925	985,745	1.8
April	312,737	340,841	9.0	1,280,662	1,326,586	3.6
May	324,433	355,437	9.6	1,605,095	1,682,023	4.8
June	305,072	332,003	8.8	1,910,167	2,014,026	5.4
July	306,663	330,803	7.9	2,216,830	2,344,829	5.8
August	316,653	323,188	2.1	2,533,483	2,668,017	5.3
September	303,893	325,274	7.0	2,837,376	2,993,291	5.5
October	327,362	328,278	0.3	3,164,738	3,321,569	5.0
November	308,263	322,291	4.6	3,473,001	3,643,860	4.9
December	312,307	340,350	9.0	3,785,308	3,984,210	5.3

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Dairy Products Production by Product and Month – United States: 2024 and 2025 (continued)

Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	Change from 2024	2024	2025	Change from 2024
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total Italian cheese types						
January	514,928	520,335	1.1	514,928	520,335	1.1
February	482,336	474,243	-1.7	997,264	994,578	-0.3
March	518,896	523,416	0.9	1,516,160	1,517,994	0.1
April	505,628	522,584	3.4	2,021,788	2,040,578	0.9
May	505,124	522,351	3.4	2,526,912	2,562,929	1.4
June	485,284	510,302	5.2	3,012,196	3,073,231	2.0
July	497,566	515,826	3.7	3,509,762	3,589,057	2.3
August	501,027	510,288	1.8	4,010,789	4,099,345	2.2
September	488,774	516,220	5.6	4,499,563	4,615,565	2.6
October	510,576	540,623	5.9	5,010,139	5,156,188	2.9
November	492,866	533,279	8.2	5,503,005	5,689,467	3.4
December	522,330	561,012	7.4	6,025,335	6,250,479	3.7
Mozzarella						
January	401,493	411,987	2.6	401,493	411,987	2.6
February	378,254	373,136	-1.4	779,747	785,123	0.7
March	409,392	411,172	0.4	1,189,139	1,196,295	0.6
April	402,355	415,337	3.2	1,591,494	1,611,632	1.3
May	404,993	413,101	2.0	1,996,487	2,024,733	1.4
June	390,882	404,783	3.6	2,387,369	2,429,516	1.8
July	399,768	407,309	1.9	2,787,137	2,836,825	1.8
August	401,292	404,800	0.9	3,188,429	3,241,625	1.7
September	391,596	403,451	3.0	3,580,025	3,645,076	1.8
October	405,193	421,707	4.1	3,985,218	4,066,783	2.0
November	387,271	421,881	8.9	4,372,489	4,488,664	2.7
December	416,010	440,619	5.9	4,788,499	4,929,283	2.9
Other Italian cheese types						
January	8,395	7,956	-5.2	8,395	7,956	-5.2
February	7,625	8,177	7.2	16,020	16,133	0.7
March	8,376	8,732	4.3	24,396	24,865	1.9
April	7,957	8,765	10.2	32,353	33,630	3.9
May	7,308	7,316	0.1	39,661	40,946	3.2
June	8,231	6,485	-21.2	47,892	47,431	-1.0
July	8,785	8,140	-7.3	56,677	55,571	-2.0
August	9,514	8,229	-13.5	66,191	63,800	-3.6
September	7,759	9,579	23.5	73,950	73,379	-0.8
October	8,402	9,607	14.3	82,352	82,986	0.8
November	9,003	10,775	19.7	91,355	93,761	2.6
December	8,241	10,421	26.5	99,596	104,182	4.6

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Dairy Products Production by Product and Month – United States: 2024 and 2025 (continued)

Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	Change from 2024	2024	2025	Change from 2024
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Butter						
January	217,081	218,242	0.5	217,081	218,242	0.5
February	197,802	202,719	2.5	414,883	420,961	1.5
March	210,764	229,024	8.7	625,647	649,985	3.9
April	207,790	214,433	3.2	833,437	864,418	3.7
May	204,806	211,949	3.5	1,038,243	1,076,367	3.7
June	168,024	188,330	12.1	1,206,267	1,264,697	4.8
July	164,074	178,326	8.7	1,370,341	1,443,023	5.3
August	160,215	173,200	8.1	1,530,556	1,616,223	5.6
September	160,577	179,133	11.6	1,691,133	1,795,356	6.2
October	168,689	186,193	10.4	1,859,822	1,981,549	6.5
November	176,016	177,238	0.7	2,035,838	2,158,787	6.0
December	199,754	203,848	2.0	2,235,592	2,362,635	5.7
Nonfat dry milk, human						
January	139,032	154,663	11.2	139,032	154,663	11.2
February	147,100	146,611	-0.3	286,132	301,274	5.3
March	184,846	168,003	-9.1	470,978	469,277	-0.4
April	173,911	162,873	-6.3	644,889	632,150	-2.0
May	167,726	156,267	-6.8	812,615	788,417	-3.0
June	127,609	140,491	10.1	940,224	928,908	-1.2
July	120,950	128,617	6.3	1,061,174	1,057,525	-0.3
August	114,903	122,755	6.8	1,176,077	1,180,280	0.4
September	117,057	118,231	1.0	1,293,134	1,298,511	0.4
October	124,669	120,644	-3.2	1,417,803	1,419,155	0.1
November	120,137	108,017	-10.1	1,537,940	1,527,172	-0.7
December	130,715	127,190	-2.7	1,668,655	1,654,362	-0.9
Skim milk powder, total ³						
January	64,335	34,514	-46.4	64,335	34,514	-46.4
February	43,609	30,762	-29.5	107,944	65,276	-39.5
March	38,561	33,980	-11.9	146,505	99,256	-32.3
April	44,858	35,471	-20.9	191,363	134,727	-29.6
May	49,678	47,322	-4.7	241,041	182,049	-24.5
June	68,813	56,746	-17.5	309,854	238,795	-22.9
July	51,855	44,361	-14.5	361,709	283,156	-21.7
August	48,679	42,317	-13.1	410,388	325,473	-20.7
September	53,295	43,705	-18.0	463,683	369,178	-20.4
October	39,853	35,511	-10.9	503,536	404,689	-19.6
November	44,990	40,517	-9.9	548,526	445,206	-18.8
December	50,824	43,101	-15.2	599,350	488,307	-18.5

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Dairy Products Production by Product and Month – United States: 2024 and 2025 (continued)

Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	Change from 2024	2024	2025	Change from 2024
Dry whey, total ⁴	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
January	77,711	71,962	-7.4	77,711	71,962	-7.4
February	72,131	60,110	-16.7	149,842	132,072	-11.9
March	79,925	70,748	-11.5	229,767	202,820	-11.7
April	81,022	69,603	-14.1	310,789	272,423	-12.3
May	68,285	71,549	4.8	379,074	343,972	-9.3
June	73,147	75,723	3.5	452,221	419,695	-7.2
July	67,869	69,809	2.9	520,090	489,504	-5.9
August	65,246	68,291	4.7	585,336	557,795	-4.7
September	68,014	69,106	1.6	653,350	626,901	-4.0
October	66,282	67,885	2.4	719,632	694,786	-3.5
November	64,801	64,072	-1.1	784,433	758,858	-3.3
December	69,016	69,842	1.2	853,449	828,700	-2.9
Lactose, human and animal						
January	89,669	93,082	3.8	89,669	93,082	3.8
February	87,552	83,824	-4.3	177,221	176,906	-0.2
March	98,763	100,368	1.6	275,984	277,274	0.5
April	91,706	95,059	3.7	367,690	372,333	1.3
May	92,772	98,067	5.7	460,462	470,400	2.2
June	94,183	94,925	0.8	554,645	565,325	1.9
July	95,088	95,978	0.9	649,733	661,303	1.8
August	94,905	94,185	-0.8	744,638	755,488	1.5
September	94,098	94,051	(Z)	838,736	849,539	1.3
October	91,558	89,885	-1.8	930,294	939,424	1.0
November	84,900	86,891	2.3	1,015,194	1,026,315	1.1
December	93,434	94,820	1.5	1,108,628	1,121,135	1.1
Whey protein concentrate, total						
January	43,441	38,597	-11.2	43,441	38,597	-11.2
February	39,300	36,190	-7.9	82,741	74,787	-9.6
March	44,487	42,310	-4.9	127,228	117,097	-8.0
April	39,670	42,124	6.2	166,898	159,221	-4.6
May	43,757	41,794	-4.5	210,655	201,015	-4.6
June	40,928	42,955	5.0	251,583	243,970	-3.0
July	38,955	40,977	5.2	290,538	284,947	-1.9
August	41,791	40,430	-3.3	332,329	325,377	-2.1
September	39,747	42,190	6.1	372,076	367,567	-1.2
October	41,041	41,710	1.6	413,117	409,277	-0.9
November	39,788	42,280	6.3	452,905	451,557	-0.3
December	42,304	43,634	3.1	495,209	495,191	(Z)

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Dairy Products Production by Product and Month – United States: 2024 and 2025 (continued)

Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	Change from 2024	2024	2025	Change from 2024
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Cottage cheese, cream						
January	32,705	39,893	22.0	32,705	39,893	22.0
February	32,596	34,305	5.2	65,301	74,198	13.6
March	35,450	39,291	10.8	100,751	113,489	12.6
April	35,925	37,486	4.3	136,676	150,975	10.5
May	36,205	39,019	7.8	172,881	189,994	9.9
June	34,100	39,457	15.7	206,981	229,451	10.9
July	36,796	40,070	8.9	243,777	269,521	10.6
August	37,202	38,999	4.8	280,979	308,520	9.8
September	35,716	39,124	9.5	316,695	347,644	9.8
October	36,307	41,091	13.2	353,002	388,735	10.1
November	34,365	37,438	8.9	387,367	426,173	10.0
December	34,321	39,702	15.7	421,688	465,875	10.5
Cottage cheese, lowfat						
January	29,806	31,752	6.5	29,806	31,752	6.5
February	28,974	32,636	12.6	58,780	64,388	9.5
March	30,603	37,853	23.7	89,383	102,241	14.4
April	33,138	32,186	-2.9	122,521	134,427	9.7
May	33,974	33,247	-2.1	156,495	167,674	7.1
June	31,643	34,140	7.9	188,138	201,814	7.3
July	33,441	36,595	9.4	221,579	238,409	7.6
August	33,288	36,226	8.8	254,867	274,635	7.8
September	31,670	35,627	12.5	286,537	310,262	8.3
October	33,713	36,429	8.1	320,250	346,691	8.3
November	34,035	34,825	2.3	354,285	381,516	7.7
December	30,273	34,944	15.4	384,558	416,460	8.3
Sour cream						
January	130,634	133,957	2.5	130,634	133,957	2.5
February	121,202	107,063	-11.7	251,836	241,020	-4.3
March	124,862	120,999	-3.1	376,698	362,019	-3.9
April	125,765	125,615	-0.1	502,463	487,634	-3.0
May	128,595	129,945	1.0	631,058	617,579	-2.1
June	123,851	121,866	-1.6	754,909	739,445	-2.0
July	127,810	126,399	-1.1	882,719	865,844	-1.9
August	127,081	123,503	-2.8	1,009,800	989,347	-2.0
September	121,708	123,154	1.2	1,131,508	1,112,501	-1.7
October	140,433	137,540	-2.1	1,271,941	1,250,041	-1.7
November	134,697	133,972	-0.5	1,406,638	1,384,013	-1.6
December	140,167	140,635	0.3	1,546,805	1,524,648	-1.4

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Dairy Products Production by Product and Month – United States: 2024 and 2025 (continued)

Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	Change from 2024	2024	2025	Change from 2024
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)
Ice cream, regular hard						
January	52,014	59,544	14.5	52,014	59,544	14.5
February	58,860	55,577	-5.6	110,874	115,121	3.8
March	65,548	60,239	-8.1	176,422	175,360	-0.6
April	64,655	62,484	-3.4	241,077	237,844	-1.3
May	67,102	64,369	-4.1	308,179	302,213	-1.9
June	67,559	64,893	-3.9	375,738	367,106	-2.3
July	66,546	69,636	4.6	442,284	436,742	-1.3
August	69,927	66,104	-5.5	512,211	502,846	-1.8
September	59,071	58,684	-0.7	571,282	561,530	-1.7
October	62,782	60,226	-4.1	634,064	621,756	-1.9
November	50,854	49,792	-2.1	684,918	671,548	-2.0
December	51,762	48,944	-5.4	736,680	720,492	-2.2
Ice cream, lowfat total						
January	27,109	29,232	7.8	27,109	29,232	7.8
February	34,859	30,436	-12.7	61,968	59,668	-3.7
March	38,899	35,447	-8.9	100,867	95,115	-5.7
April	38,798	38,068	-1.9	139,665	133,183	-4.6
May	39,646	38,347	-3.3	179,311	171,530	-4.3
June	39,543	38,806	-1.9	218,854	210,336	-3.9
July	38,359	39,072	1.9	257,213	249,408	-3.0
August	39,201	35,252	-10.1	296,414	284,660	-4.0
September	31,778	32,475	2.2	328,192	317,135	-3.4
October	32,887	31,482	-4.3	361,079	348,617	-3.5
November	25,696	24,214	-5.8	386,775	372,831	-3.6
December	25,013	23,453	-6.2	411,788	396,284	-3.8
Sherbet, hard						
January	1,700	1,550	-8.8	1,700	1,550	-8.8
February	1,495	1,332	-10.9	3,195	2,882	-9.8
March	1,750	1,497	-14.5	4,945	4,379	-11.4
April	1,774	1,652	-6.9	6,719	6,031	-10.2
May	1,793	1,671	-6.8	8,512	7,702	-9.5
June	1,756	1,876	6.8	10,268	9,578	-6.7
July	1,848	1,754	-5.1	12,116	11,332	-6.5
August	2,167	1,748	-19.3	14,283	13,080	-8.4
September	1,710	1,450	-15.2	15,993	14,530	-9.1
October	1,592	1,756	10.3	17,585	16,286	-7.4
November	1,316	1,428	8.5	18,901	17,714	-6.3
December	1,448	1,454	0.4	20,349	19,168	-5.8

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Dairy Products Production by Product and Month – United States: 2024 and 2025 (continued)

Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	Change from 2024	2024	2025	Change from 2024
Yogurt, plain and flavored	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
January	399,345	420,826	5.4	399,345	420,826	5.4
February	397,744	422,522	6.2	797,089	843,348	5.8
March	429,451	465,478	8.4	1,226,540	1,308,826	6.7
April	417,366	454,329	8.9	1,643,906	1,763,155	7.3
May	402,431	433,591	7.7	2,046,337	2,196,746	7.4
June	394,042	438,543	11.3	2,440,379	2,635,289	8.0
July	403,497	448,111	11.1	2,843,876	3,083,400	8.4
August	424,277	449,117	5.9	3,268,153	3,532,517	8.1
September	431,754	453,105	4.9	3,699,907	3,985,622	7.7
October	418,991	448,268	7.0	4,118,898	4,433,890	7.6
November	384,022	416,117	8.4	4,502,920	4,850,007	7.7
December	376,472	400,979	6.5	4,879,392	5,250,986	7.6
Frozen yogurt, total	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)
January	2,354	3,825	62.5	2,354	3,825	62.5
February	3,061	2,998	-2.1	5,415	6,823	26.0
March	3,528	3,805	7.9	8,943	10,628	18.8
April	2,819	2,971	5.4	11,762	13,599	15.6
May	4,249	4,124	-2.9	16,011	17,723	10.7
June	3,546	3,520	-0.7	19,557	21,243	8.6
July	3,579	3,553	-0.7	23,136	24,796	7.2
August	3,575	3,444	-3.7	26,711	28,240	5.7
September	2,577	2,568	-0.3	29,288	30,808	5.2
October	2,997	2,884	-3.8	32,285	33,692	4.4
November	2,671	2,418	-9.5	34,956	36,110	3.3
December	2,832	2,627	-7.2	37,788	38,737	2.5

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

¹ Excludes Cottage Cheese.

² Includes Cheddar, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, Monterey, and Jack.

³ Includes protein standardized and blends.

⁴ Excludes all modified dry whey products.

**Total Cheese Production Excluding Cottage Cheese – States, United States, and Regions:
December 2024 and 2025**

State and region	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	Change from	
				December 2024	November 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	204,730	207,960	216,588	5.8	4.1
Idaho	92,281	84,782	88,199	-4.4	4.0
Illinois	7,358	9,405	9,634	30.9	2.4
Iowa	33,760	33,224	35,314	4.6	6.3
Massachusetts	42	(D)	(D)	(X)	(X)
Minnesota	68,955	69,200	72,453	5.1	4.7
New Jersey	8,984	7,914	9,099	1.3	15.0
New Mexico	73,686	75,378	78,072	6.0	3.6
New York	64,718	72,237	72,808	12.5	0.8
Ohio	23,087	20,212	22,871	-0.9	13.2
Pennsylvania	38,010	37,846	37,692	-0.8	-0.4
Vermont	13,190	12,563	13,236	0.3	5.4
Wisconsin	306,267	295,534	314,981	2.8	6.6
Other States ¹	263,604	298,181	307,870	16.8	3.2
United States	1,198,672	1,224,436	1,278,817	6.7	4.4
Atlantic	129,420	134,747	137,234	6.0	1.8
Central	597,935	626,199	662,627	10.8	5.8
West	471,317	463,490	478,956	1.6	3.3

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

¹ States not shown when fewer than 3 plants reported or individual plant operations could be disclosed.

American Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: December 2024 and 2025

State and region	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	Change from	
				December 2024	November 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	42,738	44,904	47,791	11.8	6.4
Iowa	17,725	16,467	17,637	-0.5	7.1
Minnesota	59,115	59,333	61,495	4.0	3.6
New York	13,290	17,805	18,841	41.8	5.8
Wisconsin	98,432	82,167	89,783	-8.8	9.3
Other States ¹	236,964	252,441	264,685	11.7	4.9
United States	468,264	473,117	500,232	6.8	5.7
Atlantic	24,885	28,960	30,465	22.4	5.2
Central	269,547	269,745	285,383	5.9	5.8
West	173,832	174,412	184,384	6.1	5.7

¹ States not shown when fewer than 3 plants reported or individual plant operations could be disclosed.

Cheddar Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: December 2024 and 2025

State and region	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	Change from	
				December 2024	November 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	17,087	22,287	23,227	35.9	4.2
Vermont	9,978	9,682	10,119	1.4	4.5
Wisconsin	60,739	51,997	55,798	-8.1	7.3
Other States ¹	224,503	238,325	251,206	11.9	5.4
United States	312,307	322,291	340,350	9.0	5.6
Atlantic	22,776	25,450	26,866	18.0	5.6
Central	174,478	186,509	189,725	8.7	1.7
West	115,053	110,332	123,759	7.6	12.2

¹ States not shown when fewer than 3 plants reported or individual plant operations could be disclosed.

Total Italian Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: December 2024 and 2025

State and region	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	Change from	
				December 2024	November 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	142,601	144,966	147,656	3.5	1.9
Minnesota	9,716	9,659	10,850	11.7	12.3
New Jersey	5,608	4,559	5,727	2.1	25.6
New York	25,491	26,891	27,723	8.8	3.1
Pennsylvania	23,728	22,614	23,174	-2.3	2.5
Wisconsin	146,308	147,637	160,641	9.8	8.8
Other States ¹	168,878	176,953	185,241	9.7	4.7
United States	522,330	533,279	561,012	7.4	5.2
Atlantic	57,716	56,799	59,531	3.1	4.8
Central	215,953	237,621	256,347	18.7	7.9
West	248,661	238,859	245,134	-1.4	2.6

¹ States not shown when fewer than 3 plants reported or individual plant operations could be disclosed.

Mozzarella Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: December 2024 and 2025

State and region	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	Change from	
				December 2024	November 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	131,436	132,852	135,487	3.1	2.0
New Jersey	3,932	2,646	3,936	0.1	48.8
New York	10,592	11,477	11,736	10.8	2.3
Pennsylvania	19,885	18,837	19,558	-1.6	3.8
Wisconsin	94,722	91,086	97,222	2.6	6.7
Other States ¹	155,443	164,983	172,680	11.1	4.7
United States	416,010	421,881	440,619	5.9	4.4
Atlantic	36,011	34,473	36,803	2.2	6.8
Central	143,332	161,607	171,764	19.8	6.3
West	236,667	225,801	232,052	-1.9	2.8

¹ States not shown when fewer than 3 plants reported or individual plant operations could be disclosed.

Butter Production – States, United States, and Regions: December 2024 and 2025

State and region	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	Change from	
				December 2024	November 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	51,322	47,278	51,181	-0.3	8.3
Pennsylvania	7,247	5,394	7,572	4.5	40.4
Other States ¹	141,185	124,566	145,095	2.8	16.5
United States	199,754	177,238	203,848	2.0	15.0
Atlantic	16,972	11,203	15,182	-10.5	35.5
Central	85,507	77,560	90,195	5.5	16.3
West	97,275	88,475	98,471	1.2	11.3

¹ States not shown when fewer than 3 plants reported or individual plant operations could be disclosed.

Nonfat Dry Milk (Human) Production – States, United States, and Regions: December 2024 and 2025

State and region	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	Change from	
				December 2024	November 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	46,905	46,218	49,554	5.6	7.2
Pennsylvania	12,540	9,612	11,439	-8.8	19.0
Other States ¹	71,270	52,187	66,197	-7.1	26.8
United States	130,715	108,017	127,190	-2.7	17.7
Atlantic	25,598	18,864	22,605	-11.7	19.8
Central	33,062	24,258	28,945	-12.5	19.3
West	72,055	64,895	75,640	5.0	16.6

¹ States not shown when fewer than 3 plants reported or individual plant operations could be disclosed.

Dry Whey (Human) Production – States, United States, and Regions: December 2024 and 2025

State and region	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	Change from	
				December 2024	November 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
New York	8,802	10,345	10,163	15.5	-1.8
Wisconsin	25,788	18,880	22,329	-13.4	18.3
Other States ¹	30,788	33,721	35,521	15.4	5.3
United States	65,378	62,946	68,013	4.0	8.0
Atlantic	18,766	19,222	19,738	5.2	2.7
Central	35,344	35,298	39,358	11.4	11.5
West	11,268	8,426	8,917	-20.9	5.8

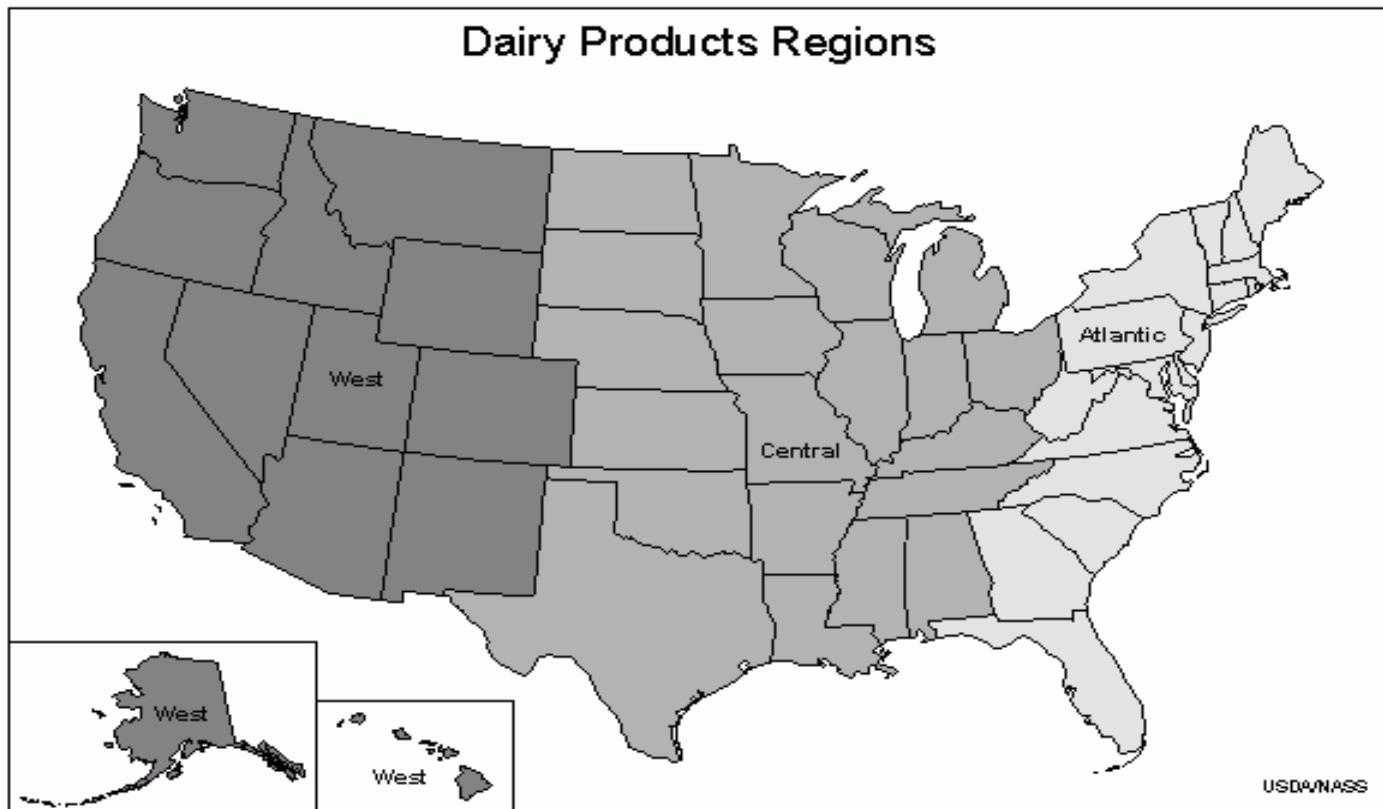
¹ States not shown when fewer than 3 plants reported or individual plant operations could be disclosed.

Ice Cream, Regular (Hard) Production – States, United States, and Regions: December 2024 and 2025

State and region	December 2024	November 2025	December 2025	Change from	
				December 2024	November 2025
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
California	4,154	4,888	3,838	-7.6	-21.5
Connecticut	705	614	786	11.5	28.0
New York	1,210	1,372	1,284	6.1	-6.4
Ohio	2,067	2,114	2,177	5.3	3.0
Pennsylvania	3,399	3,802	3,269	-3.8	-14.0
Utah	929	1,060	939	1.1	-11.4
Wisconsin	556	753	620	11.5	-17.7
Other States ¹	38,742	35,189	36,031	-7.0	2.4
United States	51,762	49,792	48,944	-5.4	-1.7
Atlantic	11,288	12,169	11,106	-1.6	-8.7
Central	32,445	29,260	30,165	-7.0	3.1
West	8,029	8,363	7,673	-4.4	-8.3

¹ States not shown when fewer than 3 plants reported or individual plant operations could be disclosed.

Dairy Products Regions



West: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

Central: Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin.

Atlantic: Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia.

Statistical Methodology

Data Collection Period: Dairy products estimates are based upon survey data collected after the close of each month. Production data are provided by the firms producing dairy products.

Sampling frames and sample size: In 2024, there were 1,183 manufacturers that produced one or more dairy products. In states with small numbers of plants, reports are received from all plants each month. In states with large numbers of plants, survey procedures are designed to obtain monthly reports from all large plants and from a sample of small plants. In some states, the State Departments of Agriculture assist in collection of data, which eliminates duplicate reporting and reduces respondent burden.

Modes of data collection: Data are collected by mail, personal and telephone interviews, facsimile, and via electronic mail.

Terms and definitions: Firms complete the questionnaire using standard industry definitions and through the aid of instructions and definitions provided on the questionnaire.

Reliability: Data for the Dairy Products report are collected by a Census of all known manufacturers of dairy products in the United States. Firms producing large quantities of dairy products, along with a sample of smaller firms, are contacted monthly to collect previous month production data. Those small firms not contacted monthly are contacted after the close of the year to obtain previous year production. Production of products at small firms not contacted monthly are estimated during the monthly survey based upon check data, and state and national trends. Small firms are defined as those that do not make up a significant portion of the published total. Plants storing nonfat dry milk and dry whey are required under Federal law as defined in Public Laws 106-532 and 107-171 to complete the Dairy Products report. Plants storing these items are contacted monthly. Additionally, many state governments have mandated that dairy plants in their state complete the Dairy Products report each month. Because the Dairy Products survey is a census, sampling error should not affect the final estimates, however non-sampling errors are possible.

Estimating Procedures: In the Regional Field Office (RFO), data reported by firms are reviewed for reasonableness and consistency by comparing with data reported in prior months and by data reported by other firms in the State. Each RFO summarizes data at the Individual State level. State estimates are submitted to the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB) along with supporting comments where they are compared with surrounding states, their region, and national trends. During both RFO and ASB review, plants are sometimes contacted again for further verification of numbers reported. After ASB review, RFO data are summarized into a National level summary.

Revision Policy: Monthly estimates are subject to revision the month following the preliminary estimates. Annual estimates are published in late April in the *Dairy Products Yearly Summary* report which includes any revisions made to previous 2 years of estimates. Revisions are generally due to plant data that are received too late to be included in the current report.

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