



# Dairy Products

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## January 2026 Highlights

**Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 1.28 billion pounds, 4.7 percent above January 2025 and 0.1 percent above December 2025.

**Italian type cheese** production totaled 554 million pounds, 6.5 percent above January 2025 but 1.6 percent below December 2025.

**American type cheese** production totaled 500 million pounds, 3.9 percent above January 2025 and slightly above December 2025.

**Butter** production was 231 million pounds, 6.0 percent above January 2025 and 11.5 percent above December 2025.

### **Dry milk products** (comparisons in percentage with January 2025)

Nonfat dry milk, human - 145 million pounds, down 6.4 percent.

Skim milk powder - 41.8 million pounds, up 21.2 percent.

### **Whey products** (comparisons in percentage with January 2025)

Dry whey, total - 77.4 million pounds, up 7.5 percent.

Lactose, human and animal - 94.9 million pounds, up 2.0 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total - 40.2 million pounds, up 4.3 percent.

### **Frozen products** (comparisons in percentage with January 2025)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 57.7 million gallons, down 3.1 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 29.6 million gallons, up 1.1 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 1.62 million gallons, up 4.3 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 2.22 million gallons, down 41.9 percent.

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## Dairy Products Production by Product – United States: January 2025 and 2026

Product	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	Change from	
				January 2025	December 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Butter .....	218,242	207,522	231,424	6.0	11.5
<b>Cheese</b>					
American types <sup>1</sup> .....	481,440	500,028	500,081	3.9	(Z)
Cheddar .....	328,960	345,076	353,343	7.4	2.4
Other American types .....	152,480	154,952	146,738	-3.8	-5.3
Blue and Gorgonzola .....	7,689	7,038	6,430	-16.4	-8.6
Brick and Muenster .....	17,533	18,232	18,351	4.7	0.7
Cream and Neufchatel .....	97,651	90,039	99,035	1.4	10.0
Feta .....	12,109	9,008	11,902	-1.7	32.1
Gouda .....	6,980	6,602	7,602	8.9	15.1
Hispanic .....	33,859	38,768	38,621	14.1	-0.4
Italian types .....	520,335	563,262	554,110	6.5	-1.6
Mozzarella .....	411,987	440,366	429,974	4.4	-2.4
Parmesan .....	44,952	52,566	52,536	16.9	-0.1
Provolone .....	29,593	31,870	32,847	11.0	3.1
Ricotta .....	20,701	22,012	23,347	12.8	6.1
Romano .....	5,146	5,467	4,433	-13.9	-18.9
Other Italian types .....	7,956	10,981	10,973	37.9	-0.1
Swiss .....	27,823	29,546	28,341	1.9	-4.1
All other types .....	15,164	13,845	13,690	-9.7	-1.1
<b>Total cheese</b> <sup>2</sup> .....	1,220,583	1,276,368	1,278,163	4.7	0.1
Cottage cheese, curd <sup>3</sup> .....	40,417	42,346	47,214	16.8	11.5
Cottage cheese, cream <sup>4</sup> .....	39,893	39,377	41,624	4.3	5.7
Cottage cheese, lowfat <sup>5</sup> .....	31,752	33,778	36,378	14.6	7.7
Sour cream .....	133,957	135,830	125,132	-6.6	-7.9
Yogurt, plain and flavored .....	420,826	418,051	445,699	5.9	6.6
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Frozen products</b>					
Ice cream, regular, hard .....	59,544	48,898	57,672	-3.1	17.9
Ice cream, lowfat, hard .....	17,122	12,433	16,651	-2.8	33.9
Ice cream, lowfat, soft .....	12,110	11,059	12,915	6.6	16.8
Ice cream, lowfat, total <sup>6</sup> .....	29,232	23,492	29,566	1.1	25.9
Ice cream, nonfat, hard .....	386	439	335	-13.2	-23.7
Sherbet, hard .....	1,550	1,437	1,616	4.3	12.5
Frozen yogurt, total .....	3,825	2,740	2,223	-41.9	-18.9
Regular and lowfat, hard .....	1,199	1,386	981	-18.2	-29.2
Nonfat, hard .....	109	93	123	12.8	32.3
Other frozen dairy products .....	880	988	989	12.4	0.1
Water and juice ices .....	4,445	4,113	4,186	-5.8	1.8
<b>Mix for frozen products</b>					
Ice cream, regular, mix .....	36,197	31,416	36,589	1.1	16.5
Ice cream, lowfat, mix <sup>7</sup> .....	16,263	13,166	16,497	1.4	25.3
Ice cream, nonfat, mix .....	569	524	538	-5.4	2.7
Sherbet mix .....	1,399	1,091	1,307	-6.6	19.8
Yogurt mix .....	1,449	1,541	1,334	-7.9	-13.4

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

<sup>1</sup> Includes Cheddar, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, Monterey, and Jack.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes Cottage Cheese.

<sup>3</sup> Mostly used for processing into cream or lowfat cottage cheese.

<sup>4</sup> Fat content 4 percent or more.

<sup>5</sup> Fat content less than 4 percent.

<sup>6</sup> Includes freezer-made milkshake.

<sup>7</sup> Includes milkshake mix.

**Whey and Modified Whey Products Production, Stocks, and Prices – United States:  
January 2025 and 2026**

Product	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	Change from	
				January 2025	December 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Condensed whey, solids content <sup>1</sup>					
Sweet-type, human .....	6,518	10,494	10,445	60.2	-0.5
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human .....	68,335	70,806	75,862	11.0	7.1
Dry whey, animal .....	3,627	1,890	1,508	-58.4	-20.2
Dry whey, total .....	71,962	72,696	77,370	7.5	6.4
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal .....	3,955	2,851	3,210	-18.8	12.6
Whey protein concentrate					
Human <sup>2</sup> .....	38,047	44,531	39,265	3.2	-11.8
Animal <sup>2</sup> .....	550	2,097	983	78.7	-53.1
Total <sup>2</sup> .....	38,597	46,628	40,248	4.3	-13.7
25.0-49.9 percent <sup>3</sup> .....	10,090	10,194	8,267	-18.1	-18.9
50.0-89.9 percent <sup>3</sup> .....	28,507	36,434	31,981	12.2	-12.2
Whey protein isolates <sup>4</sup> .....	16,920	20,311	19,011	12.4	-6.4
Lactose, human and animal .....	93,082	97,301	94,936	2.0	-2.4
<b>Manufacturers' stocks end of month <sup>5</sup></b>					
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human .....	56,671	57,195	61,136	7.9	6.9
Dry whey, animal .....	3,159	814	930	-70.6	14.3
Dry whey, total .....	59,830	58,009	62,066	3.7	7.0
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal <sup>6</sup> .....	6,496	4,689	4,604	-29.1	-1.8
Whey protein concentrate					
Human <sup>2</sup> .....	56,956	43,690	44,788	-21.4	2.5
Animal <sup>2</sup> .....	1,243	2,615	2,224	78.9	-15.0
Total <sup>2</sup> .....	58,199	46,305	47,012	-19.2	1.5
25.0-49.9 percent <sup>3</sup> .....	22,574	15,758	15,904	-29.5	0.9
50.0-89.9 percent <sup>3</sup> .....	35,625	30,547	31,108	-12.7	1.8
Whey protein isolates <sup>4</sup> .....	15,389	14,425	15,829	2.9	9.7
Lactose, human and animal .....	101,051	89,616	98,728	-2.3	10.2
	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents change)	(cents change)
<b>Manufacturers' selling price <sup>7</sup></b>					
Dry whey, animal .....	38.5	41.6	41.0	2.5	-0.6

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Whey protein concentrate, 25.0 to 89.9 percent.

<sup>3</sup> Whey protein concentrate, human and animal.

<sup>4</sup> Whey protein isolate, 90.0 percent or greater.

<sup>5</sup> Stocks held by manufacturers at all points and in transit.

<sup>6</sup> Reduced lactose and minerals stocks combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>7</sup> 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:  
January 2025 and 2026**

Product	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	Change from	
				January 2025	December 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Production</b>					
Bulk condensed milk					
Skim, unsweetened .....	111,892	105,369	107,236	-4.2	1.8
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total .....	16,302	10,927	15,284	-6.2	39.9
Dry skim milk, animal .....	738	992	708	-4.1	-28.6
Dry whole milk .....	9,697	14,404	12,403	27.9	-13.9
Milk protein concentrate, total <sup>1</sup> .....	29,952	23,554	26,413	-11.8	12.1
Nonfat dry milk, human .....	154,663	127,362	144,841	-6.4	13.7
Skim milk powder, total <sup>2</sup> .....	34,514	50,146	41,841	21.2	-16.6
<b>Manufacturers' stocks end-of-month</b> <sup>3</sup>					
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total .....	35,823	21,655	24,776	-30.8	14.4
Dry skim milk, animal .....	7,809	4,113	3,363	-56.9	-18.2
Dry whole milk .....	12,757	18,265	20,355	59.6	11.4
Nonfat dry milk, human .....	301,383	214,986	214,821	-28.7	-0.1
<b>Manufacturers' shipments</b> <sup>4</sup>					
Dry milk products					
Nonfat dry milk, human .....	107,263	115,769	140,979	31.4	21.8

<sup>1</sup> Dry milk protein concentrate, 40-89.9 percent.

<sup>2</sup> Includes protein standardized and blends.

<sup>3</sup> Stocks held by manufacturers at all points and in transit.

<sup>4</sup> For dry products, shipments of bulk goods.

## Dairy Products Production by Product and Month – United States: 2025 and 2026

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Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2025	2026	Change from 2025	2025	2026	Change from 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total cheese <sup>1</sup></b>						
January .....	1,220,583	1,278,163	4.7	1,220,583	1,278,163	4.7
February .....	1,116,498			2,337,081		
March .....	1,234,197			3,571,278		
April .....	1,234,932			4,806,210		
May .....	1,251,908			6,058,118		
June .....	1,203,603			7,261,721		
July .....	1,216,644			8,478,365		
August .....	1,202,079			9,680,444		
September .....	1,215,718			10,896,162		
October .....	1,261,313			12,157,475		
November .....	1,224,436			13,381,911		
December .....	1,276,368			14,658,279		
<b>Total American cheese types <sup>2</sup></b>						
January .....	481,440	500,081	3.9	481,440	500,081	3.9
February .....	442,498			923,938		
March .....	499,929			1,423,867		
April .....	495,470			1,919,337		
May .....	509,117			2,428,454		
June .....	473,977			2,902,431		
July .....	481,556			3,383,987		
August .....	473,888			3,857,875		
September .....	474,067			4,331,942		
October .....	492,167			4,824,109		
November .....	473,117			5,297,226		
December .....	500,028			5,797,254		
<b>Cheddar cheese</b>						
January .....	328,960	353,343	7.4	328,960	353,343	7.4
February .....	307,696			636,656		
March .....	349,089			985,745		
April .....	340,841			1,326,586		
May .....	355,437			1,682,023		
June .....	332,003			2,014,026		
July .....	330,803			2,344,829		
August .....	323,188			2,668,017		
September .....	325,274			2,993,291		
October .....	328,278			3,321,569		
November .....	322,291			3,643,860		
December .....	345,076			3,988,936		

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Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2025	2026	Change from 2025	2025	2026	Change from 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Total Italian cheese types</b>						
January .....	520,335	554,110	6.5	520,335	554,110	6.5
February .....	474,243			994,578		
March .....	523,416			1,517,994		
April .....	522,584			2,040,578		
May .....	522,351			2,562,929		
June .....	510,302			3,073,231		
July .....	515,826			3,589,057		
August .....	510,288			4,099,345		
September .....	516,220			4,615,565		
October .....	540,623			5,156,188		
November .....	533,279			5,689,467		
December .....	563,262			6,252,729		
<b>Mozzarella</b>						
January .....	411,987	429,974	4.4	411,987	429,974	4.4
February .....	373,136			785,123		
March .....	411,172			1,196,295		
April .....	415,337			1,611,632		
May .....	413,101			2,024,733		
June .....	404,783			2,429,516		
July .....	407,309			2,836,825		
August .....	404,800			3,241,625		
September .....	403,451			3,645,076		
October .....	421,707			4,066,783		
November .....	421,881			4,488,664		
December .....	440,366			4,929,030		
<b>Other Italian cheese types</b>						
January .....	7,956	10,973	37.9	7,956	10,973	37.9
February .....	8,177			16,133		
March .....	8,732			24,865		
April .....	8,765			33,630		
May .....	7,316			40,946		
June .....	6,485			47,431		
July .....	8,140			55,571		
August .....	8,229			63,800		
September .....	9,579			73,379		
October .....	9,607			82,986		
November .....	10,775			93,761		
December .....	10,981			104,742		

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Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2025	2026	Change from 2025	2025	2026	Change from 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Butter</b>						
January .....	218,242	231,424	6.0	218,242	231,424	6.0
February .....	202,719			420,961		
March .....	229,024			649,985		
April .....	214,433			864,418		
May .....	211,949			1,076,367		
June .....	188,330			1,264,697		
July .....	178,326			1,443,023		
August .....	173,200			1,616,223		
September .....	179,133			1,795,356		
October .....	186,193			1,981,549		
November .....	177,238			2,158,787		
December .....	207,522			2,366,309		
<b>Nonfat dry milk, human</b>						
January .....	154,663	144,841	-6.4	154,663	144,841	-6.4
February .....	146,611			301,274		
March .....	168,003			469,277		
April .....	162,873			632,150		
May .....	156,267			788,417		
June .....	140,491			928,908		
July .....	128,617			1,057,525		
August .....	122,755			1,180,280		
September .....	118,231			1,298,511		
October .....	120,644			1,419,155		
November .....	108,017			1,527,172		
December .....	127,362			1,654,534		
<b>Skim milk powder, total <sup>3</sup></b>						
January .....	34,514	41,841	21.2	34,514	41,841	21.2
February .....	30,762			65,276		
March .....	33,980			99,256		
April .....	35,471			134,727		
May .....	47,322			182,049		
June .....	56,746			238,795		
July .....	44,361			283,156		
August .....	42,317			325,473		
September .....	43,705			369,178		
October .....	35,511			404,689		
November .....	40,517			445,206		
December .....	50,146			495,352		

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Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2025	2026	Change from 2025	2025	2026	Change from 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Dry whey, total <sup>4</sup></b>						
January .....	71,962	77,370	7.5	71,962	77,370	7.5
February .....	60,110			132,072		
March .....	70,748			202,820		
April .....	69,603			272,423		
May .....	71,549			343,972		
June .....	75,723			419,695		
July .....	69,809			489,504		
August .....	68,291			557,795		
September .....	69,106			626,901		
October .....	67,885			694,786		
November .....	64,072			758,858		
December .....	72,696			831,554		
<b>Lactose, human and animal</b>						
January .....	93,082	94,936	2.0	93,082	94,936	2.0
February .....	83,824			176,906		
March .....	100,368			277,274		
April .....	95,059			372,333		
May .....	98,067			470,400		
June .....	94,925			565,325		
July .....	95,978			661,303		
August .....	94,185			755,488		
September .....	94,051			849,539		
October .....	89,885			939,424		
November .....	86,891			1,026,315		
December .....	97,301			1,123,616		
<b>Whey protein concentrate, total</b>						
January .....	38,597	40,248	4.3	38,597	40,248	4.3
February .....	36,190			74,787		
March .....	42,310			117,097		
April .....	42,124			159,221		
May .....	41,794			201,015		
June .....	42,955			243,970		
July .....	40,977			284,947		
August .....	40,430			325,377		
September .....	42,190			367,567		
October .....	41,710			409,277		
November .....	42,280			451,557		
December .....	46,628			498,185		

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Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2025	2026	Change from 2025	2025	2026	Change from 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Cottage cheese, cream</b>						
January .....	39,893	41,624	4.3	39,893	41,624	4.3
February .....	34,305			74,198		
March .....	39,291			113,489		
April .....	37,486			150,975		
May .....	39,019			189,994		
June .....	39,457			229,451		
July .....	40,070			269,521		
August .....	38,999			308,520		
September .....	39,124			347,644		
October .....	41,091			388,735		
November .....	37,438			426,173		
December .....	39,377			465,550		
<b>Cottage cheese, lowfat</b>						
January .....	31,752	36,378	14.6	31,752	36,378	14.6
February .....	32,636			64,388		
March .....	37,853			102,241		
April .....	32,186			134,427		
May .....	33,247			167,674		
June .....	34,140			201,814		
July .....	36,595			238,409		
August .....	36,226			274,635		
September .....	35,627			310,262		
October .....	36,429			346,691		
November .....	34,825			381,516		
December .....	33,778			415,294		
<b>Sour cream</b>						
January .....	133,957	125,132	-6.6	133,957	125,132	-6.6
February .....	107,063			241,020		
March .....	120,999			362,019		
April .....	125,615			487,634		
May .....	129,945			617,579		
June .....	121,866			739,445		
July .....	126,399			865,844		
August .....	123,503			989,347		
September .....	123,154			1,112,501		
October .....	137,540			1,250,041		
November .....	133,972			1,384,013		
December .....	135,830			1,519,843		

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## Dairy Products Production by Product and Month – United States: 2025 and 2026 (continued)

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Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2025	2026	Change from 2025	2025	2026	Change from 2025
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)
<b>Ice cream, regular hard</b>						
January .....	59,544	57,672	-3.1	59,544	57,672	-3.1
February .....	55,577			115,121		
March .....	60,239			175,360		
April .....	62,484			237,844		
May .....	64,369			302,213		
June .....	64,893			367,106		
July .....	69,636			436,742		
August .....	66,104			502,846		
September .....	58,684			561,530		
October .....	60,226			621,756		
November .....	49,792			671,548		
December .....	48,898			720,446		
<b>Ice cream, lowfat total</b>						
January .....	29,232	29,566	1.1	29,232	29,566	1.1
February .....	30,436			59,668		
March .....	35,447			95,115		
April .....	38,068			133,183		
May .....	38,347			171,530		
June .....	38,806			210,336		
July .....	39,072			249,408		
August .....	35,252			284,660		
September .....	32,475			317,135		
October .....	31,482			348,617		
November .....	24,214			372,831		
December .....	23,492			396,323		
<b>Sherbet, hard</b>						
January .....	1,550	1,616	4.3	1,550	1,616	4.3
February .....	1,332			2,882		
March .....	1,497			4,379		
April .....	1,652			6,031		
May .....	1,671			7,702		
June .....	1,876			9,578		
July .....	1,754			11,332		
August .....	1,748			13,080		
September .....	1,450			14,530		
October .....	1,756			16,286		
November .....	1,428			17,714		
December .....	1,437			19,151		

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## Dairy Products Production by Product and Month – United States: 2025 and 2026 (continued)

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2025	2026	Change from 2025	2025	2026	Change from 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Yogurt, plain and flavored						
January .....	420,826	445,699	5.9	420,826	445,699	5.9
February .....	422,522			843,348		
March .....	465,478			1,308,826		
April .....	454,329			1,763,155		
May .....	433,591			2,196,746		
June .....	438,543			2,635,289		
July .....	448,111			3,083,400		
August .....	449,117			3,532,517		
September .....	453,105			3,985,622		
October .....	448,268			4,433,890		
November .....	416,117			4,850,007		
December .....	418,051			5,268,058		
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)
Frozen yogurt, total						
January .....	3,825	2,223	-41.9	3,825	2,223	-41.9
February .....	2,998			6,823		
March .....	3,805			10,628		
April .....	2,971			13,599		
May .....	4,124			17,723		
June .....	3,520			21,243		
July .....	3,553			24,796		
August .....	3,444			28,240		
September .....	2,568			30,808		
October .....	2,884			33,692		
November .....	2,418			36,110		
December .....	2,740			38,850		

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Cottage Cheese.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Cheddar, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, Monterey, and Jack.

<sup>3</sup> Includes protein standardized and blends.

<sup>4</sup> Excludes all modified dry whey products.

**Total Cheese Production Excluding Cottage Cheese – States, United States, and Regions:  
January 2025 and 2026**

State and region	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	Change from	
				January 2025	December 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California .....	207,835	216,717	207,239	-0.3	-4.4
Idaho .....	89,905	87,289	91,439	1.7	4.8
Illinois .....	6,977	9,634	9,221	32.2	-4.3
Iowa .....	32,096	34,167	32,489	1.2	-4.9
Minnesota .....	69,990	75,704	75,972	8.5	0.4
New Jersey .....	8,591	9,057	8,659	0.8	-4.4
New Mexico .....	75,804	78,072	76,151	0.5	-2.5
New York .....	76,222	69,632	84,264	10.6	21.0
Ohio .....	21,625	22,782	22,825	5.5	0.2
Pennsylvania .....	38,077	37,692	39,086	2.6	3.7
South Dakota .....	50,230	(D)	(D)	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	13,114	12,943	13,228	0.9	2.2
Wisconsin .....	310,216	314,052	311,548	0.4	-0.8
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	219,901	308,627	306,042	39.2	-0.8
United States .....	1,220,583	1,276,368	1,278,163	4.7	0.1
Atlantic .....	141,250	133,723	149,669	6.0	11.9
Central .....	606,741	664,855	657,852	8.4	-1.1
West .....	472,592	477,790	470,642	-0.4	-1.5

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

(X) Not applicable.

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

### American Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: January 2025 and 2026

State and region	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	Change from	
				January 2025	December 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California .....	47,719	47,911	49,963	4.7	4.3
Iowa .....	16,766	15,209	14,655	-12.6	-3.6
Minnesota .....	60,222	64,417	65,989	9.6	2.4
New York .....	13,564	18,545	18,883	39.2	1.8
Wisconsin .....	96,959	89,353	89,760	-7.4	0.5
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	246,210	264,593	260,831	5.9	-1.4
United States .....	481,440	500,028	500,081	3.9	(Z)
Atlantic .....	24,565	30,166	30,641	24.7	1.6
Central .....	273,546	285,356	285,165	4.2	-0.1
West .....	183,329	184,506	184,275	0.5	-0.1

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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### Cheddar Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: January 2025 and 2026

State and region	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	Change from	
				January 2025	December 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California .....	21,710	23,227	25,379	16.9	9.3
Iowa .....	10,229	(D)	(D)	(X)	(X)
Vermont .....	9,516	10,119	10,292	8.2	1.7
Wisconsin .....	63,499	57,948	57,688	-9.2	-0.4
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	224,006	253,782	259,984	16.1	2.4
United States .....	328,960	345,076	353,343	7.4	2.4
Atlantic .....	22,599	28,081	27,925	23.6	-0.6
Central .....	184,749	193,236	203,166	10.0	5.1
West .....	121,612	123,759	122,252	0.5	-1.2

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

(X) Not applicable.

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## Total Italian Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: January 2025 and 2026

State and region	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	Change from	
				January 2025	December 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California .....	142,679	147,666	139,116	-2.5	-5.8
Minnesota .....	9,571	11,179	9,862	3.0	-11.8
New Jersey .....	5,864	5,727	5,905	0.7	3.1
New York .....	27,605	27,346	29,364	6.4	7.4
Pennsylvania .....	23,895	23,174	24,438	2.3	5.5
Wisconsin .....	148,834	161,262	157,332	5.7	-2.4
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	161,887	186,908	188,093	16.2	0.6
United States .....	520,335	563,262	554,110	6.5	-1.6
Atlantic .....	61,104	59,156	62,998	3.1	6.5
Central .....	215,757	259,873	253,295	17.4	-2.5
West .....	243,474	244,233	237,817	-2.3	-2.6

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

## Mozzarella Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: January 2025 and 2026

State and region	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	Change from	
				January 2025	December 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California .....	129,914	135,494	125,081	-3.7	-7.7
New Jersey .....	3,913	3,936	3,946	0.8	0.3
New York .....	14,154	11,736	12,177	-14.0	3.8
Pennsylvania .....	20,005	19,558	20,443	2.2	4.5
Wisconsin .....	94,675	97,513	96,431	1.9	-1.1
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	149,326	172,129	171,896	15.1	-0.1
United States .....	411,987	440,366	429,974	4.4	-2.4
Atlantic .....	40,426	36,803	38,130	-5.7	3.6
Central .....	141,420	172,256	169,633	19.9	-1.5
West .....	230,141	231,307	222,211	-3.4	-3.9

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

**Butter Production – States, United States, and Regions: January 2025 and 2026**

State and region	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	Change from	
				January 2025	December 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California .....	59,919	51,178	56,804	-5.2	11.0
Pennsylvania .....	7,631	7,572	7,915	3.7	4.5
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	150,692	148,772	166,705	10.6	12.1
United States .....	218,242	207,522	231,424	6.0	11.5
Atlantic .....	18,688	15,189	16,057	-14.1	5.7
Central .....	93,065	91,304	105,456	13.3	15.5
West .....	106,489	101,029	109,911	3.2	8.8

<sup>1</sup> 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: January 2025 and 2026**

State and region	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	Change from	
				January 2025	December 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California .....	70,010	49,554	69,243	-1.1	39.7
Pennsylvania .....	12,006	11,439	10,978	-8.6	-4.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	72,647	66,369	64,620	-11.0	-2.6
United States .....	154,663	127,362	144,841	-6.4	13.7
Atlantic .....	24,069	22,884	21,573	-10.4	-5.7
Central .....	29,988	27,171	30,715	2.4	13.0
West .....	100,606	77,307	92,553	-8.0	19.7

<sup>1</sup> 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: January 2025 and 2026

State and region	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	Change from	
				January 2025	December 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
New York .....	7,234	10,905	11,028	52.4	1.1
Wisconsin .....	26,216	22,818	22,303	-14.9	-2.3
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	34,885	37,083	42,531	21.9	14.7
United States .....	68,335	70,806	75,862	11.0	7.1
Atlantic .....	16,952	20,497	21,039	24.1	2.6
Central .....	35,347	41,392	40,003	13.2	-3.4
West .....	16,036	8,917	14,820	-7.6	66.2

<sup>1</sup> 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: January 2025 and 2026

State and region	January 2025	December 2025	January 2026	Change from	
				January 2025	December 2025
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
California .....	5,766	3,837	5,386	-6.6	40.4
Connecticut .....	(D)	786	695	(X)	-11.6
New York .....	2,055	1,284	1,817	-11.6	41.5
Ohio .....	2,305	2,175	2,040	-11.5	-6.2
Pennsylvania .....	(D)	3,269	2,833	(X)	-13.3
Utah .....	1,387	939	1,427	2.9	52.0
Wisconsin .....	948	649	902	-4.9	39.0
Other States <sup>1</sup> .....	47,083	35,959	42,572	-9.6	18.4
United States .....	59,544	48,898	57,672	-3.1	17.9
Atlantic .....	11,334	11,109	11,171	-1.4	0.6
Central .....	37,442	30,195	36,632	-2.2	21.3
West .....	10,768	7,594	9,869	-8.3	30.0

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

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> 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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