



Dairy Products

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February 2026 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 1.16 billion pounds, 3.9 percent above February 2025 but 9.0 percent below January 2026.

Italian type cheese production totaled 506 million pounds, 6.8 percent above February 2025 but 8.8 percent below January 2026.

American type cheese production totaled 451 million pounds, 1.9 percent above February 2025 but 9.3 percent below January 2026.

Butter production was 221 million pounds, 9.1 percent above February 2025 but 8.2 percent below January 2026.

Dry milk products (comparisons in percentage with February 2025)

Nonfat dry milk, human - 159 million pounds, up 8.7 percent.

Skim milk powder - 28.2 million pounds, down 8.3 percent.

Whey products (comparisons in percentage with February 2025)

Dry whey, total - 67.3 million pounds, up 12.0 percent.

Lactose, human and animal - 84.7 million pounds, up 1.0 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total - 38.3 million pounds, up 5.8 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons in percentage with February 2025)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 57.6 million gallons, up 3.7 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 29.6 million gallons, down 2.8 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 1.64 million gallons, up 23.0 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 3.06 million gallons, up 2.0 percent.

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

Product	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Change from	
				February 2025	January 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Butter	202,719	240,890	221,199	9.1	-8.2
Cheese					
American types ¹	442,498	497,132	451,028	1.9	-9.3
Cheddar	307,696	351,866	314,734	2.3	-10.6
Other American types	134,802	145,266	136,294	1.1	-6.2
Blue and Gorgonzola	6,061	6,410	5,881	-3.0	-8.3
Brick and Muenster	16,727	18,064	17,001	1.6	-5.9
Cream and Neufchatel	85,930	99,173	85,812	-0.1	-13.5
Feta	12,108	11,898	11,168	-7.8	-6.1
Gouda	6,952	7,632	7,392	6.3	-3.1
Hispanic	35,388	38,586	38,033	7.5	-1.4
Italian types	474,243	555,424	506,325	6.8	-8.8
Mozzarella	373,136	431,117	394,759	5.8	-8.4
Parmesan	40,250	52,198	48,455	20.4	-7.2
Provolone	27,178	32,871	29,834	9.8	-9.2
Ricotta	20,218	23,347	20,609	1.9	-11.7
Romano	5,284	4,368	4,164	-21.2	-4.7
Other Italian types	8,177	11,523	8,504	4.0	-26.2
Swiss	25,017	28,294	26,126	4.4	-7.7
All other types	11,574	13,077	11,822	2.1	-9.6
Total cheese ²	1,116,498	1,275,690	1,160,588	3.9	-9.0
Cottage cheese, curd ³	38,019	43,208	40,805	7.3	-5.6
Cottage cheese, cream ⁴	34,305	41,380	39,221	14.3	-5.2
Cottage cheese, lowfat ⁵	32,636	36,206	32,775	0.4	-9.5
Sour cream	107,063	124,984	115,755	8.1	-7.4
Yogurt, plain and flavored	422,522	439,249	447,024	5.8	1.8
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
Frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, hard	55,577	57,093	57,627	3.7	0.9
Ice cream, lowfat, hard	16,243	15,831	15,731	-3.2	-0.6
Ice cream, lowfat, soft	14,193	13,615	13,857	-2.4	1.8
Ice cream, lowfat, total ⁶	30,436	29,446	29,588	-2.8	0.5
Ice cream, nonfat, hard	307	335	497	61.9	48.4
Sherbet, hard	1,332	1,554	1,638	23.0	5.4
Frozen yogurt, total	2,998	2,247	3,059	2.0	36.1
Regular and lowfat, hard	1,016	982	1,048	3.1	6.7
Nonfat, hard	183	146	212	15.8	45.2
Other frozen dairy products	988	989	767	-22.4	-22.4
Water and juice ices	4,603	4,184	4,363	-5.2	4.3
Mix for frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, mix	34,760	36,266	36,499	5.0	0.6
Ice cream, lowfat, mix ⁷	17,048	16,485	16,577	-2.8	0.6
Ice cream, nonfat, mix	450	540	611	35.8	13.1
Sherbet mix	1,429	1,275	1,441	0.8	13.0
Yogurt mix	1,472	1,334	1,514	2.9	13.5

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:
February 2025 and 2026**

Product	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Change from	
				February 2025	January 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Condensed whey, solids content ¹					
Sweet-type, human	11,788	10,277	10,117	-14.2	-1.6
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	57,351	76,152	66,732	16.4	-12.4
Dry whey, animal	2,759	1,471	591	-78.6	-59.8
Dry whey, total	60,110	77,623	67,323	12.0	-13.3
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal	3,755	3,417	2,978	-20.7	-12.8
Whey protein concentrate					
Human ²	35,836	39,348	36,982	3.2	-6.0
Animal ²	354	1,016	1,325	274.3	30.4
Total ²	36,190	40,364	38,307	5.8	-5.1
25.0-49.9 percent ³	8,339	8,288	7,886	-5.4	-4.9
50.0-89.9 percent ³	27,851	32,076	30,421	9.2	-5.2
Whey protein isolates ⁴	15,849	19,063	17,563	10.8	-7.9
Lactose, human and animal	83,824	95,920	84,650	1.0	-11.7
Manufacturers' stocks end of month ⁵					
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	60,315	61,645	57,233	-5.1	-7.2
Dry whey, animal	2,357	930	895	-62.0	-3.8
Dry whey, total	62,672	62,575	58,128	-7.3	-7.1
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal ⁶	6,440	4,835	4,869	-24.4	0.7
Whey protein concentrate					
Human ²	54,594	44,610	43,693	-20.0	-2.1
Animal ²	725	2,197	1,651	127.7	-24.9
Total ²	55,319	46,807	45,344	-18.0	-3.1
25.0-49.9 percent ³	21,505	15,622	15,174	-29.4	-2.9
50.0-89.9 percent ³	33,814	31,185	30,170	-10.8	-3.3
Whey protein isolates ⁴	15,267	16,737	15,544	1.8	-7.1
Lactose, human and animal	96,854	98,521	97,984	1.2	-0.5
	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents change)	(cents change)
Manufacturers' selling price ⁷					
Dry whey, animal	30.8	40.8	40.8	10.0	-

- Represents zero.

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:
February 2025 and 2026**

Product	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Change from	
				February 2025	January 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Production					
Bulk condensed milk					
Skim, unsweetened	111,462	107,236	109,378	-1.9	2.0
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	14,229	13,664	10,692	-24.9	-21.8
Dry skim milk, animal	526	708	631	20.0	-10.9
Dry whole milk	12,726	12,260	10,333	-18.8	-15.7
Milk protein concentrate, total ¹	28,031	27,829	22,969	-18.1	-17.5
Nonfat dry milk, human	146,611	151,434	159,310	8.7	5.2
Skim milk powder, total ²	30,762	47,134	28,223	-8.3	-40.1
Manufacturers' stocks end-of-month ³					
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	29,387	24,776	21,576	-26.6	-12.9
Dry skim milk, animal	5,511	3,363	2,476	-55.1	-26.4
Dry whole milk	16,574	20,371	18,668	12.6	-8.4
Nonfat dry milk, human	250,281	213,039	220,317	-12.0	3.4
Manufacturers' shipments ⁴					
Dry milk products					
Nonfat dry milk, human	114,813	148,388	149,853	30.5	1.0

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: 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)
Total cheese ¹						
January	1,220,583	1,275,690	4.5	1,220,583	1,275,690	4.5
February	1,116,498	1,160,588	3.9	2,337,081	2,436,278	4.2
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		
Total American cheese types ²						
January	481,440	497,132	3.3	481,440	497,132	3.3
February	442,498	451,028	1.9	923,938	948,160	2.6
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		
Cheddar cheese						
January	328,960	351,866	7.0	328,960	351,866	7.0
February	307,696	314,734	2.3	636,656	666,600	4.7
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)
Total Italian cheese types						
January	520,335	555,424	6.7	520,335	555,424	6.7
February	474,243	506,325	6.8	994,578	1,061,749	6.8
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		
Mozzarella						
January	411,987	431,117	4.6	411,987	431,117	4.6
February	373,136	394,759	5.8	785,123	825,876	5.2
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		
Other Italian cheese types						
January	7,956	11,523	44.8	7,956	11,523	44.8
February	8,177	8,504	4.0	16,133	20,027	24.1
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)
Butter						
January	218,242	240,890	10.4	218,242	240,890	10.4
February	202,719	221,199	9.1	420,961	462,089	9.8
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		
Nonfat dry milk, human						
January	154,663	151,434	-2.1	154,663	151,434	-2.1
February	146,611	159,310	8.7	301,274	310,744	3.1
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		
Skim milk powder, total ³						
January	34,514	47,134	36.6	34,514	47,134	36.6
February	30,762	28,223	-8.3	65,276	75,357	15.4
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)
Dry whey, total ⁴						
January	71,962	77,623	7.9	71,962	77,623	7.9
February	60,110	67,323	12.0	132,072	144,946	9.7
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		
Lactose, human and animal						
January	93,082	95,920	3.0	93,082	95,920	3.0
February	83,824	84,650	1.0	176,906	180,570	2.1
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		
Whey protein concentrate, total						
January	38,597	40,364	4.6	38,597	40,364	4.6
February	36,190	38,307	5.8	74,787	78,671	5.2
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)
Cottage cheese, cream						
January	39,893	41,380	3.7	39,893	41,380	3.7
February	34,305	39,221	14.3	74,198	80,601	8.6
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		
Cottage cheese, lowfat						
January	31,752	36,206	14.0	31,752	36,206	14.0
February	32,636	32,775	0.4	64,388	68,981	7.1
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		
Sour cream						
January	133,957	124,984	-6.7	133,957	124,984	-6.7
February	107,063	115,755	8.1	241,020	240,739	-0.1
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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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)
Ice cream, regular hard						
January	59,544	57,093	-4.1	59,544	57,093	-4.1
February	55,577	57,627	3.7	115,121	114,720	-0.3
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		
Ice cream, lowfat total						
January	29,232	29,446	0.7	29,232	29,446	0.7
February	30,436	29,588	-2.8	59,668	59,034	-1.1
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		
Sherbet, hard						
January	1,550	1,554	0.3	1,550	1,554	0.3
February	1,332	1,638	23.0	2,882	3,192	10.8
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		

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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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 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Yogurt, plain and flavored						
January	420,826	439,249	4.4	420,826	439,249	4.4
February	422,522	447,024	5.8	843,348	886,273	5.1
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	2,247	-41.3	3,825	2,247	-41.3
February	2,998	3,059	2.0	6,823	5,306	-22.2
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		

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:
February 2025 and 2026**

State and region	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Change from	
				February 2025	January 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	200,619	207,239	185,825	-7.4	-10.3
Idaho	76,064	91,362	80,142	5.4	-12.3
Illinois	6,649	9,221	8,815	32.6	-4.4
Iowa	29,328	33,103	29,889	1.9	-9.7
Minnesota	62,875	76,162	69,493	10.5	-8.8
New Jersey	7,719	8,659	7,822	1.3	-9.7
New Mexico	67,082	76,151	69,936	4.3	-8.2
New York	64,909	83,865	72,474	11.7	-13.6
Ohio	19,690	22,825	19,785	0.5	-13.3
Pennsylvania	34,884	39,189	36,319	4.1	-7.3
Vermont	11,507	13,228	11,254	-2.2	-14.9
Wisconsin	282,102	311,207	284,192	0.7	-8.7
Other States ¹	253,070	303,479	284,642	12.5	-6.2
United States	1,116,498	1,275,690	1,160,588	3.9	-9.0
Atlantic	123,642	149,353	132,319	7.0	-11.4
Central	557,036	655,768	602,632	8.2	-8.1
West	435,820	470,569	425,637	-2.3	-9.5

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

State and region	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Change from	
				February 2025	January 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	42,763	49,962	45,654	6.8	-8.6
Iowa	14,225	15,331	12,651	-11.1	-17.5
Minnesota	53,680	66,209	60,844	13.3	-8.1
New York	14,071	18,883	17,823	26.7	-5.6
Wisconsin	87,315	88,477	79,454	-9.0	-10.2
Other States ¹	230,444	258,270	234,602	1.8	-9.2
United States	442,498	497,132	451,028	1.9	-9.3
Atlantic	24,352	30,626	28,173	15.7	-8.0
Central	251,807	282,227	258,959	2.8	-8.2
West	166,339	184,279	163,896	-1.5	-11.1

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

State and region	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Change from	
				February 2025	January 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	20,074	25,376	24,255	20.8	-4.4
Vermont	8,685	10,292	8,876	2.2	-13.8
Wisconsin	59,472	57,810	49,147	-17.4	-15.0
Other States ¹	219,465	258,388	232,456	5.9	-10.0
United States	307,696	351,866	314,734	2.3	-10.6
Atlantic	22,244	27,910	25,364	14.0	-9.1
Central	175,336	201,702	180,520	3.0	-10.5
West	110,116	122,254	108,850	-1.1	-11.0

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

State and region	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Change from	
				February 2025	January 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	139,199	139,119	122,122	-12.3	-12.2
Minnesota	9,023	9,832	8,487	-5.9	-13.7
New Jersey	4,540	5,905	4,633	2.0	-21.5
New York	25,118	29,364	27,526	9.6	-6.3
Pennsylvania	21,910	24,438	22,811	4.1	-6.7
Wisconsin	133,409	158,665	147,048	10.2	-7.3
Other States ¹	141,044	188,101	173,698	23.2	-7.7
United States	474,243	555,424	506,325	6.8	-8.8
Atlantic	54,597	62,998	58,018	6.3	-7.9
Central	195,906	254,602	235,184	20.0	-7.6
West	223,740	237,824	213,123	-4.7	-10.4

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

State and region	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Change from	
				February 2025	January 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	127,018	125,081	111,093	-12.5	-11.2
New Jersey	2,867	3,946	2,951	2.9	-25.2
New York	11,888	12,177	12,434	4.6	2.1
Pennsylvania	17,746	20,443	18,774	5.8	-8.2
Wisconsin	84,926	97,596	89,729	5.7	-8.1
Other States ¹	128,691	171,874	159,778	24.2	-7.0
United States	373,136	431,117	394,759	5.8	-8.4
Atlantic	34,098	38,130	35,774	4.9	-6.2
Central	128,010	170,772	157,992	23.4	-7.5
West	211,028	222,215	200,993	-4.8	-9.6

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Butter Production – States, United States, and Regions: February 2025 and 2026

State and region	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Change from	
				February 2025	January 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	56,756	66,751	61,102	7.7	-8.5
Pennsylvania	7,465	7,441	5,737	-23.1	-22.9
Other States ¹	138,498	166,698	154,360	11.5	-7.4
United States	202,719	240,890	221,199	9.1	-8.2
Atlantic	16,657	15,583	14,306	-14.1	-8.2
Central	88,121	105,449	97,285	10.4	-7.7
West	97,941	119,858	109,608	11.9	-8.6

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Nonfat Dry Milk (Human) Production – States, United States, and Regions: February 2025 and 2026

State and region	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Change from	
				February 2025	January 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	69,417	74,429	81,782	17.8	9.9
Pennsylvania	11,937	10,978	10,011	-16.1	-8.8
Other States ¹	65,257	66,027	67,517	3.5	2.3
United States	146,611	151,434	159,310	8.7	5.2
Atlantic	23,356	19,980	18,668	-20.1	-6.6
Central	26,452	30,715	30,067	13.7	-2.1
West	96,803	100,739	110,575	14.2	9.8

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Dry Whey (Human) Production – States, United States, and Regions: February 2025 and 2026

State and region	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Change from	
				February 2025	January 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
New York	6,960	11,028	10,816	55.4	-1.9
Wisconsin	20,832	22,416	22,900	9.9	2.2
Other States ¹	29,559	42,708	33,016	11.7	-22.7
United States	57,351	76,152	66,732	16.4	-12.4
Atlantic	15,280	21,039	19,058	24.7	-9.4
Central	29,323	40,293	39,467	34.6	-2.0
West	12,748	14,820	8,207	-35.6	-44.6

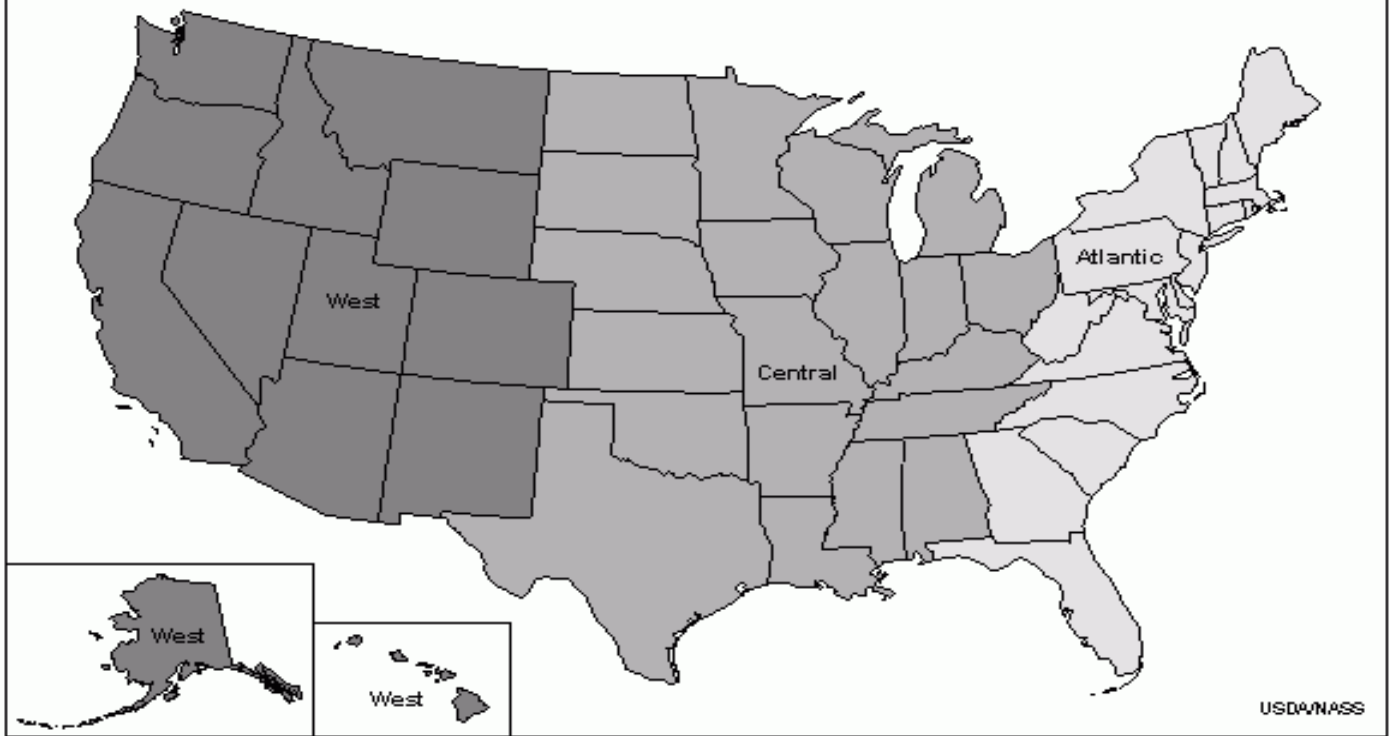
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Ice Cream, Regular (Hard) Production – States, United States, and Regions: February 2025 and 2026

State and region	February 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Change from	
				February 2025	January 2026
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
California	5,675	5,386	5,827	2.7	8.2
Connecticut	647	695	677	4.6	-2.6
New York	1,811	1,817	1,880	3.8	3.5
Ohio	2,428	2,040	2,138	-11.9	4.8
Pennsylvania	2,350	2,833	2,440	3.8	-13.9
Utah	1,296	1,427	1,410	8.8	-1.2
Wisconsin	848	902	804	-5.2	-10.9
Other States ¹	40,522	41,993	42,451	4.8	1.1
United States	55,577	57,093	57,627	3.7	0.9
Atlantic	11,002	10,933	11,790	7.2	7.8
Central	34,170	36,295	35,372	3.5	-2.5
West	10,405	9,865	10,465	0.6	6.1

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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.

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