



Dairy Products

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April 2026 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 1.27 billion pounds, 1.7 percent above April 2025 and 0.3 percent above March 2026.

Italian type cheese production totaled 556 million pounds, 4.2 percent above April 2025 and 2.5 percent above March 2026.

American type cheese production totaled 490 million pounds, 1.2 percent below April 2025 and 0.4 percent below March 2026.

Butter production was 224 million pounds, 4.5 percent above April 2025 but 1.8 percent below March 2026.

Dry milk products (comparisons in percentage with April 2025)

Nonfat dry milk, human - 181 million pounds, up 11.4 percent.

Skim milk powder - 35.5 million pounds, up 0.2 percent.

Whey products (comparisons in percentage with April 2025)

Dry whey, total - 76.9 million pounds, up 7.8 percent.

Lactose, human and animal - 92.0 million pounds, down 3.2 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total - 38.8 million pounds, down 11.0 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons in percentage with April 2025)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 67.0 million gallons, up 5.5 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 37.8 million gallons, down 0.8 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 1.87 million gallons, up 12.7 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 2.81 million gallons, up 0.9 percent.

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

Product	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	Change from	
				April 2025	March 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Butter	214,593	228,497	224,354	4.5	-1.8
Cheese					
American types ¹	495,908	491,917	489,967	-1.2	-0.4
Cheddar	341,867	340,182	329,840	-3.5	-3.0
Other American types	154,041	151,735	160,127	4.0	5.5
Blue and Gorgonzola	7,148	6,851	7,267	1.7	6.1
Brick and Muenster	18,101	16,784	17,374	-4.0	3.5
Cream and Neufchatel	89,524	98,013	91,968	2.7	-6.2
Feta	11,540	13,433	12,681	9.9	-5.6
Gouda	8,675	10,102	7,939	-8.5	-21.4
Hispanic	41,048	41,250	41,631	1.4	0.9
Italian types	534,049	542,596	556,275	4.2	2.5
Mozzarella	426,021	421,688	434,894	2.1	3.1
Parmesan	44,269	53,575	52,845	19.4	-1.4
Provolone	32,835	30,808	33,775	2.9	9.6
Ricotta	17,852	22,111	20,660	15.7	-6.6
Romano	4,292	5,282	4,800	11.8	-9.1
Other Italian types	8,780	9,132	9,301	5.9	1.9
Swiss	26,409	28,153	28,460	7.8	1.1
All other types	13,299	13,744	13,312	0.1	-3.1
Total cheese ²	1,245,701	1,262,843	1,266,874	1.7	0.3
Cottage cheese, curd ³	41,685	52,446	50,930	22.2	-2.9
Cottage cheese, cream ⁴	37,997	42,265	44,084	16.0	4.3
Cottage cheese, lowfat ⁵	32,822	40,813	37,570	14.5	-7.9
Sour cream	125,216	122,064	123,831	-1.1	1.4
Yogurt, plain and flavored	451,371	492,277	453,770	0.5	-7.8
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
Frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, hard	63,484	63,216	66,967	5.5	5.9
Ice cream, lowfat, hard	20,945	17,366	20,097	-4.0	15.7
Ice cream, lowfat, soft	17,095	18,343	17,653	3.3	-3.8
Ice cream, lowfat, total ⁶	38,040	35,709	37,750	-0.8	5.7
Ice cream, nonfat, hard	636	617	809	27.2	31.1
Sherbet, hard	1,655	1,687	1,866	12.7	10.6
Frozen yogurt, total	2,789	3,225	2,813	0.9	-12.8
Regular and lowfat, hard	1,057	1,261	1,098	3.9	-12.9
Nonfat, hard	250	207	233	-6.8	12.6
Other frozen dairy products	1,155	972	1,336	15.7	37.4
Water and juice ices	5,849	5,396	5,869	0.3	8.8
Mix for frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, mix	42,046	40,929	43,717	4.0	6.8
Ice cream, lowfat, mix ⁷	21,792	20,124	21,148	-3.0	5.1
Ice cream, nonfat, mix	661	695	742	12.3	6.8
Sherbet mix	1,519	1,260	1,436	-5.5	14.0
Yogurt mix	1,636	2,023	1,739	6.3	-14.0

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:
April 2025 and 2026**

Product	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	Change from	
				April 2025	March 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Condensed whey, solids content ¹					
Sweet-type, human	10,091	10,734	10,682	5.9	-0.5
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	69,566	77,727	75,599	8.7	-2.7
Dry whey, animal	1,739	930	1,275	-26.7	37.1
Dry whey, total	71,305	78,657	76,874	7.8	-2.3
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal	3,803	3,391	3,150	-17.2	-7.1
Whey protein concentrate					
Human ²	43,040	40,069	37,057	-13.9	-7.5
Animal ²	573	1,488	1,747	204.9	17.4
Total ²	43,613	41,557	38,804	-11.0	-6.6
25.0-49.9 percent ³	11,952	7,995	8,592	-28.1	7.5
50.0-89.9 percent ³	31,661	33,562	30,212	-4.6	-10.0
Whey protein isolates ⁴	16,770	20,720	17,525	4.5	-15.4
Lactose, human and animal	95,091	92,788	92,034	-3.2	-0.8
Manufacturers' stocks end of month ⁵					
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	57,061	63,396	60,856	6.7	-4.0
Dry whey, animal	2,148	602	732	-65.9	21.6
Dry whey, total	59,209	63,998	61,588	4.0	-3.8
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal ⁶	6,731	4,849	5,567	-17.3	14.8
Whey protein concentrate					
Human ²	56,630	43,433	44,849	-20.8	3.3
Animal ²	862	1,194	1,746	102.6	46.2
Total ²	57,492	44,627	46,595	-19.0	4.4
25.0-49.9 percent ³	24,715	15,113	14,808	-40.1	-2.0
50.0-89.9 percent ³	32,777	29,514	31,787	-3.0	7.7
Whey protein isolates ⁴	16,168	16,340	18,921	17.0	15.8
Lactose, human and animal	102,952	97,739	96,207	-6.6	-1.6
	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents change)	(cents change)
Manufacturers' selling price ⁷					
Dry whey, animal	35.2	40.7	40.7	5.5	-

- 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:
April 2025 and 2026**

Product	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	Change from	
				April 2025	March 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Production					
Bulk condensed milk					
Skim, unsweetened	124,273	128,699	127,606	2.7	-0.8
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	12,890	11,785	10,245	-20.5	-13.1
Dry skim milk, animal	766	776	784	2.3	1.0
Dry whole milk	10,130	11,062	11,151	10.1	0.8
Milk protein concentrate, total ¹	26,561	23,176	22,582	-15.0	-2.6
Nonfat dry milk, human	162,788	175,944	181,383	11.4	3.1
Skim milk powder, total ²	35,471	37,387	35,540	0.2	-4.9
Manufacturers' stocks end-of-month ³					
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	31,865	22,850	25,950	-18.6	13.6
Dry skim milk, animal	3,891	3,569	3,754	-3.5	5.2
Dry whole milk	21,574	18,578	18,301	-15.2	-1.5
Nonfat dry milk, human	272,083	228,726	253,351	-6.9	10.8
Manufacturers' shipments ⁴					
Dry milk products					
Nonfat dry milk, human	146,630	164,026	154,344	5.3	-5.9

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	1,220,535	1,275,690	4.5	1,220,535	1,275,690	4.5
February	1,122,356	1,164,121	3.7	2,342,891	2,439,811	4.1
March	1,243,436	1,262,843	1.6	3,586,327	3,702,654	3.2
April	1,245,701	1,266,874	1.7	4,832,028	4,969,528	2.8
May	1,257,528			6,089,556		
June	1,218,094			7,307,650		
July	1,237,630			8,545,280		
August	1,228,182			9,773,462		
September	1,224,512			10,997,974		
October	1,272,884			12,270,858		
November	1,241,023			13,511,881		
December	1,288,183			14,800,064		
Total American cheese types ²						
January	480,932	497,132	3.4	480,932	497,132	3.4
February	442,666	454,687	2.7	923,598	951,819	3.1
March	499,593	491,917	-1.5	1,423,191	1,443,736	1.4
April	495,908	489,967	-1.2	1,919,099	1,933,703	0.8
May	512,263			2,431,362		
June	479,371			2,910,733		
July	485,117			3,395,850		
August	481,321			3,877,171		
September	475,989			4,353,160		
October	491,479			4,844,639		
November	483,837			5,328,476		
December	503,875			5,832,351		
Cheddar cheese						
January	329,481	351,866	6.8	329,481	351,866	6.8
February	307,858	316,595	2.8	637,339	668,461	4.9
March	348,904	340,182	-2.5	986,243	1,008,643	2.3
April	341,867	329,840	-3.5	1,328,110	1,338,483	0.8
May	354,737			1,682,847		
June	334,882			2,017,729		
July	334,424			2,352,153		
August	328,904			2,681,057		
September	323,844			3,004,901		
October	325,301			3,330,202		
November	327,912			3,658,114		
December	345,576			4,003,690		

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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	518,772	555,424	7.1	518,772	555,424	7.1
February	480,063	508,741	6.0	998,835	1,064,165	6.5
March	530,080	542,596	2.4	1,528,915	1,606,761	5.1
April	534,049	556,275	4.2	2,062,964	2,163,036	4.9
May	525,307			2,588,271		
June	523,354			3,111,625		
July	529,258			3,640,883		
August	522,071			4,162,954		
September	521,500			4,684,454		
October	541,492			5,225,946		
November	535,320			5,761,266		
December	567,906			6,329,172		
Mozzarella						
January	413,660	431,117	4.2	413,660	431,117	4.2
February	381,590	395,689	3.7	795,250	826,806	4.0
March	419,320	421,688	0.6	1,214,570	1,248,494	2.8
April	426,021	434,894	2.1	1,640,591	1,683,388	2.6
May	415,793			2,056,384		
June	415,838			2,472,222		
July	421,034			2,893,256		
August	413,596			3,306,852		
September	406,694			3,713,546		
October	423,465			4,137,011		
November	423,952			4,560,963		
December	445,398			5,006,361		
Other Italian cheese types						
January	7,875	11,523	46.3	7,875	11,523	46.3
February	8,074	8,370	3.7	15,949	19,893	24.7
March	8,611	9,132	6.1	24,560	29,025	18.2
April	8,780	9,301	5.9	33,340	38,326	15.0
May	7,332			40,672		
June	6,560			47,232		
July	8,214			55,446		
August	8,436			63,882		
September	9,658			73,540		
October	9,627			83,167		
November	11,167			94,334		
December	11,140			105,474		

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	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	218,393	240,890	10.3	218,393	240,890	10.3
February	201,773	222,399	10.2	420,166	463,289	10.3
March	228,844	228,497	-0.2	649,010	691,786	6.6
April	214,593	224,354	4.5	863,603	916,140	6.1
May	216,713			1,080,316		
June	191,789			1,272,105		
July	179,391			1,451,496		
August	176,312			1,627,808		
September	183,898			1,811,706		
October	188,338			2,000,044		
November	178,831			2,178,875		
December	207,530			2,386,405		
Nonfat dry milk, human						
January	156,933	151,434	-3.5	156,933	151,434	-3.5
February	138,977	151,857	9.3	295,910	303,291	2.5
March	159,469	175,944	10.3	455,379	479,235	5.2
April	162,788	181,383	11.4	618,167	660,618	6.9
May	157,142			775,309		
June	144,374			919,683		
July	130,483			1,050,166		
August	120,693			1,170,859		
September	124,854			1,295,713		
October	123,000			1,418,713		
November	111,131			1,529,844		
December	127,737			1,657,581		
Skim milk powder, total ³						
January	34,512	47,134	36.6	34,512	47,134	36.6
February	30,761	27,656	-10.1	65,273	74,790	14.6
March	33,969	37,387	10.1	99,242	112,177	13.0
April	35,471	35,540	0.2	134,713	147,717	9.7
May	48,716			183,429		
June	53,900			237,329		
July	44,361			281,690		
August	43,276			324,966		
September	46,395			371,361		
October	42,171			413,532		
November	42,888			456,420		
December	47,902			504,322		

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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	74,462	77,623	4.2	74,462	77,623	4.2
February	63,083	67,323	6.7	137,545	144,946	5.4
March	75,954	78,657	3.6	213,499	223,603	4.7
April	71,305	76,874	7.8	284,804	300,477	5.5
May	73,579			358,383		
June	75,423			433,806		
July	68,365			502,171		
August	69,456			571,627		
September	69,106			640,733		
October	66,177			706,910		
November	65,300			772,210		
December	72,675			844,885		
Lactose, human and animal						
January	93,088	95,920	3.0	93,088	95,920	3.0
February	85,201	83,823	-1.6	178,289	179,743	0.8
March	98,475	92,788	-5.8	276,764	272,531	-1.5
April	95,091	92,034	-3.2	371,855	364,565	-2.0
May	98,977			470,832		
June	97,968			568,800		
July	97,008			665,808		
August	96,192			762,000		
September	94,666			856,666		
October	99,084			955,750		
November	86,788			1,042,538		
December	94,637			1,137,175		
Whey protein concentrate, total						
January	39,594	40,364	1.9	39,594	40,364	1.9
February	37,547	38,231	1.8	77,141	78,595	1.9
March	44,051	41,557	-5.7	121,192	120,152	-0.9
April	43,613	38,804	-11.0	164,805	158,956	-3.5
May	42,333			207,138		
June	44,541			251,679		
July	42,031			293,710		
August	40,918			334,628		
September	42,959			377,587		
October	39,808			417,395		
November	40,392			457,787		
December	44,005			501,792		

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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	40,039	41,380	3.3	40,039	41,380	3.3
February	35,799	40,273	12.5	75,838	81,653	7.7
March	39,946	42,265	5.8	115,784	123,918	7.0
April	37,997	44,084	16.0	153,781	168,002	9.2
May	40,184			193,965		
June	39,160			233,125		
July	40,178			273,303		
August	39,230			312,533		
September	39,398			351,931		
October	42,324			394,255		
November	37,094			431,349		
December	39,459			470,808		
Cottage cheese, lowfat						
January	32,149	36,206	12.6	32,149	36,206	12.6
February	32,233	32,858	1.9	64,382	69,064	7.3
March	38,099	40,813	7.1	102,481	109,877	7.2
April	32,822	37,570	14.5	135,303	147,447	9.0
May	34,057			169,360		
June	34,890			204,250		
July	37,212			241,462		
August	36,814			278,276		
September	38,029			316,305		
October	37,780			354,085		
November	34,452			388,537		
December	33,656			422,193		
Sour cream						
January	133,880	124,984	-6.6	133,880	124,984	-6.6
February	112,203	115,469	2.9	246,083	240,453	-2.3
March	120,890	122,064	1.0	366,973	362,517	-1.2
April	125,216	123,831	-1.1	492,189	486,348	-1.2
May	129,931			622,120		
June	122,731			744,851		
July	125,140			869,991		
August	121,902			991,893		
September	124,270			1,116,163		
October	136,189			1,252,352		
November	133,059			1,385,411		
December	135,347			1,520,758		

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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	58,314	57,093	-2.1	58,314	57,093	-2.1
February	55,913	56,813	1.6	114,227	113,906	-0.3
March	59,736	63,216	5.8	173,963	177,122	1.8
April	63,484	66,967	5.5	237,447	244,089	2.8
May	64,672			302,119		
June	65,258			367,377		
July	69,486			436,863		
August	66,439			503,302		
September	59,085			562,387		
October	61,094			623,481		
November	49,570			673,051		
December	49,031			722,082		
Ice cream, lowfat total						
January	28,105	29,446	4.8	28,105	29,446	4.8
February	29,310	29,503	0.7	57,415	58,949	2.7
March	33,606	35,709	6.3	91,021	94,658	4.0
April	38,040	37,750	-0.8	129,061	132,408	2.6
May	35,859			164,920		
June	36,392			201,312		
July	37,894			239,206		
August	33,406			272,612		
September	31,162			303,774		
October	30,572			334,346		
November	24,033			358,379		
December	22,500			380,879		
Sherbet, hard						
January	1,541	1,554	0.8	1,541	1,554	0.8
February	1,314	1,639	24.7	2,855	3,193	11.8
March	1,494	1,687	12.9	4,349	4,880	12.2
April	1,655	1,866	12.7	6,004	6,746	12.4
May	1,681			7,685		
June	1,907			9,592		
July	1,742			11,334		
August	1,720			13,054		
September	1,527			14,581		
October	1,811			16,392		
November	1,340			17,732		
December	1,450			19,182		

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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	417,671	439,249	5.2	417,671	439,249	5.2
February	415,082	447,753	7.9	832,753	887,002	6.5
March	460,568	492,277	6.9	1,293,321	1,379,279	6.6
April	451,371	453,770	0.5	1,744,692	1,833,049	5.1
May	441,473			2,186,165		
June	436,660			2,622,825		
July	449,398			3,072,223		
August	460,868			3,533,091		
September	464,999			3,998,090		
October	452,282			4,450,372		
November	419,578			4,869,950		
December	418,635			5,288,585		
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)
Frozen yogurt, total						
January	2,526	2,247	-11.0	2,526	2,247	-11.0
February	2,586	3,064	18.5	5,112	5,311	3.9
March	3,486	3,225	-7.5	8,598	8,536	-0.7
April	2,789	2,813	0.9	11,387	11,349	-0.3
May	3,083			14,470		
June	3,112			17,582		
July	3,325			20,907		
August	2,824			23,731		
September	2,377			26,108		
October	3,038			29,146		
November	2,597			31,743		
December	2,404			34,147		

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:
April 2025 and 2026**

State and region	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	Change from	
				April 2025	March 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	219,115	185,804	202,316	-7.7	8.9
Idaho	91,327	85,514	91,253	-0.1	6.7
Iowa	30,714	36,367	35,008	14.0	-3.7
Minnesota	71,036	75,073	71,071	(Z)	-5.3
New Mexico	75,662	78,390	75,249	-0.5	-4.0
New York	77,189	80,605	79,483	3.0	-1.4
Ohio	19,779	21,674	22,068	11.6	1.8
Pennsylvania	38,799	38,222	37,722	-2.8	-1.3
Wisconsin	305,561	312,977	305,206	-0.1	-2.5
Other States ¹	316,519	348,217	347,498	9.8	-0.2
United States	1,245,701	1,262,843	1,266,874	1.7	0.3
Atlantic	140,409	144,416	140,465	(Z)	-2.7
Central	621,375	671,045	658,567	6.0	-1.9
West	483,917	447,382	467,842	-3.3	4.6

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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: April 2025 and 2026

State and region	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	Change from	
				April 2025	March 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	47,062	47,165	48,530	3.1	2.9
Iowa	15,194	16,916	15,670	3.1	-7.4
Minnesota	61,571	64,489	61,802	0.4	-4.2
New York	18,914	18,917	17,545	-7.2	-7.3
Wisconsin	94,262	84,104	81,327	-13.7	-3.3
Other States ¹	258,905	260,326	265,093	2.4	1.8
United States	495,908	491,917	489,967	-1.2	-0.4
Atlantic	29,544	30,206	28,013	-5.2	-7.3
Central	285,475	282,180	281,384	-1.4	-0.3
West	180,889	179,531	180,570	-0.2	0.6

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

State and region	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	Change from	
				April 2025	March 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	21,913	23,701	25,075	14.4	5.8
Vermont	9,082	9,816	9,018	-0.7	-8.1
Wisconsin	62,033	51,817	49,834	-19.7	-3.8
Other States ¹	248,839	254,848	245,913	-1.2	-3.5
United States	341,867	340,182	329,840	-3.5	-3.0
Atlantic	26,873	28,112	26,082	-2.9	-7.2
Central	196,822	195,237	188,193	-4.4	-3.6
West	118,172	116,833	115,565	-2.2	-1.1

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: April 2025 and 2026

State and region	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	Change from	
				April 2025	March 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	150,595	119,305	135,455	-10.1	13.5
Minnesota	9,277	10,492	9,114	-1.8	-13.1
New York	24,788	30,533	28,210	13.8	-7.6
Pennsylvania	24,433	23,995	23,723	-2.9	-1.1
Wisconsin	151,121	160,030	161,980	7.2	1.2
Other States ¹	173,835	198,241	197,793	13.8	-0.2
United States	534,049	542,596	556,275	4.2	2.5
Atlantic	57,159	62,970	59,799	4.6	-5.0
Central	225,065	261,424	259,160	15.1	-0.9
West	251,825	218,202	237,316	-5.8	8.8

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: April 2025 and 2026

State and region	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	Change from	
				April 2025	March 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	138,508	107,569	123,702	-10.7	15.0
New York	11,245	15,223	12,956	15.2	-14.9
Pennsylvania	20,152	19,231	19,340	-4.0	0.6
Wisconsin	95,734	97,931	96,767	1.1	-1.2
Other States ¹	160,382	181,734	182,129	13.6	0.2
United States	426,021	421,688	434,894	2.1	3.1
Atlantic	36,207	39,397	37,062	2.4	-5.9
Central	151,262	177,261	173,349	14.6	-2.2
West	238,552	205,030	224,483	-5.9	9.5

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

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

State and region	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	Change from	
				April 2025	March 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	62,491	63,252	64,553	3.3	2.1
Pennsylvania	7,231	6,849	6,940	-4.0	1.3
Other States ¹	144,871	158,396	152,861	5.5	-3.5
United States	214,593	228,497	224,354	4.5	-1.8
Atlantic	16,876	16,938	14,958	-11.4	-11.7
Central	89,798	94,042	94,197	4.9	0.2
West	107,919	117,517	115,199	6.7	-2.0

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: April 2025 and 2026

State and region	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	Change from	
				April 2025	March 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	75,232	81,985	82,095	9.1	0.1
Pennsylvania	12,607	11,758	12,057	-4.4	2.5
Other States ¹	74,949	82,201	87,231	16.4	6.1
United States	162,788	175,944	181,383	11.4	3.1
Atlantic	28,372	21,043	25,191	-11.2	19.7
Central	31,485	33,448	32,689	3.8	-2.3
West	102,931	121,453	123,503	20.0	1.7

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: April 2025 and 2026

State and region	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	Change from	
				April 2025	March 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
New York	10,130	11,586	10,386	2.5	-10.4
Wisconsin	23,796	26,886	23,458	-1.4	-12.8
Other States ¹	35,640	39,255	41,755	17.2	6.4
United States	69,566	77,727	75,599	8.7	-2.7
Atlantic	20,304	21,328	19,691	-3.0	-7.7
Central	36,663	47,601	43,528	18.7	-8.6
West	12,599	8,798	12,380	-1.7	40.7

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

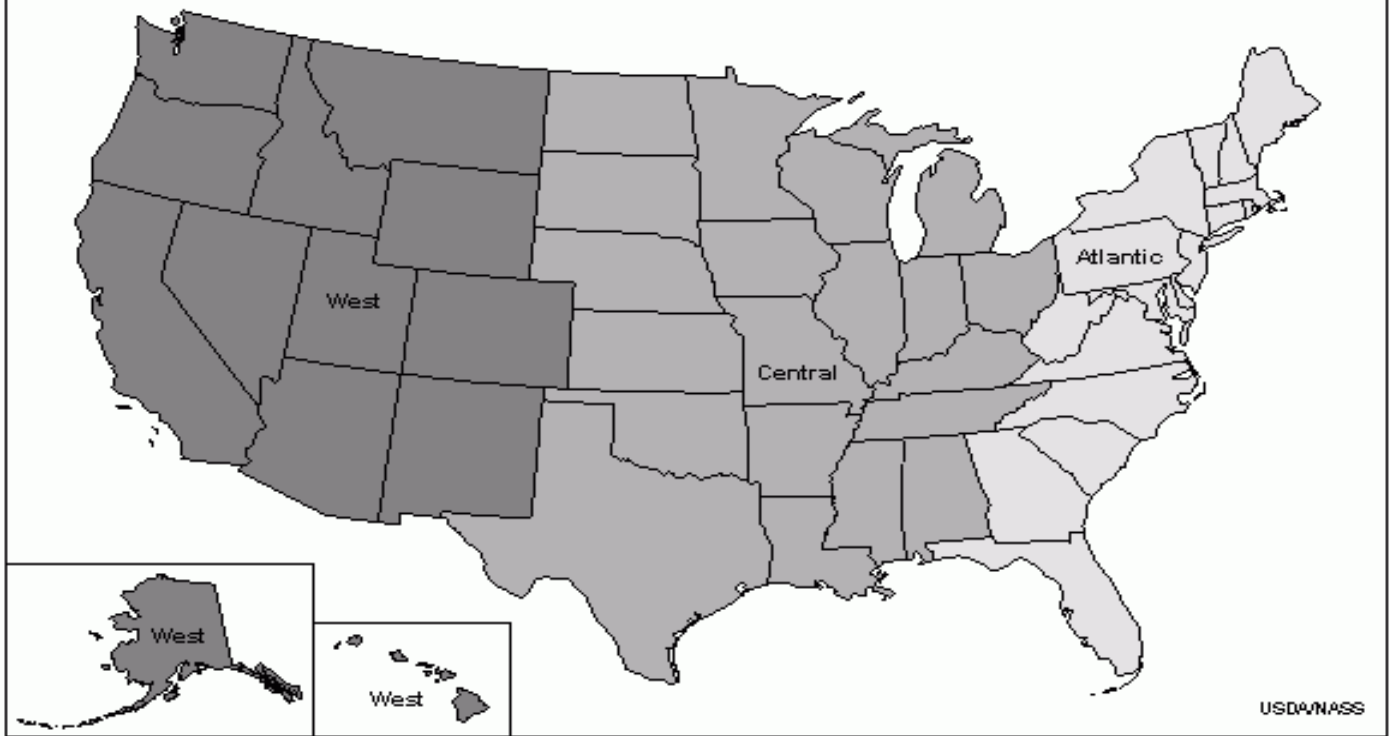
Ice Cream, Regular (Hard) Production – States, United States, and Regions: April 2025 and 2026

State and region	April 2025	March 2026	April 2026	Change from	
				April 2025	March 2026
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
California	6,287	6,959	6,930	10.2	-0.4
Connecticut	647	761	588	-9.1	-22.7
New York	2,382	1,665	2,463	3.4	47.9
Ohio	2,402	2,145	2,402	-	12.0
Pennsylvania	2,104	2,304	2,108	0.2	-8.5
Utah	1,774	1,596	1,723	-2.9	8.0
Wisconsin	1,103	1,059	1,109	0.5	4.7
Other States ¹	46,785	46,727	49,644	6.1	6.2
United States	63,484	63,216	66,967	5.5	5.9
Atlantic	12,636	12,261	12,139	-3.9	-1.0
Central	39,221	39,044	42,716	8.9	9.4
West	11,627	11,911	12,112	4.2	1.7

- Represents zero.

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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 2025, there were 1,184 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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