



Dairy Products

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May 2026 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 1.28 billion pounds, 2.0 percent above May 2025 and 1.1 percent above April 2026.

Italian type cheese production totaled 560 million pounds, 6.5 percent above May 2025 and 0.7 percent above April 2026.

American type cheese production totaled 499 million pounds, 2.6 percent below May 2025 but 1.5 percent above April 2026.

Butter production was 224 million pounds, 3.5 percent above May 2025 but slightly below April 2026.

Dry milk products (comparisons in percentage with May 2025)

Nonfat dry milk, human - 173 million pounds, up 10.3 percent.

Skim milk powder - 29.4 million pounds, down 39.7 percent.

Whey products (comparisons in percentage with May 2025)

Dry whey, total - 82.6 million pounds, up 12.2 percent.

Lactose, human and animal - 98.3 million pounds, down 0.6 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total - 43.6 million pounds, up 3.0 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons in percentage with May 2025)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 69.2 million gallons, up 7.1 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 36.4 million gallons, up 1.5 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 1.95 million gallons, up 16.1 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 3.17 million gallons, up 2.7 percent.

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

Product	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	Change from	
				May 2025	April 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Butter	216,713	224,282	224,250	3.5	(Z)
Cheese					
American types ¹	512,263	491,594	498,863	-2.6	1.5
Cheddar	354,737	330,126	350,487	-1.2	6.2
Other American types	157,526	161,468	148,376	-5.8	-8.1
Blue and Gorgonzola	7,804	7,220	6,688	-14.3	-7.4
Brick and Muenster	18,965	17,501	16,362	-13.7	-6.5
Cream and Neufchatel	90,000	91,975	95,216	5.8	3.5
Feta	14,000	12,886	14,032	0.2	8.9
Gouda	6,293	7,936	8,958	42.3	12.9
Hispanic	40,697	41,606	38,761	-4.8	-6.8
Italian types	525,307	555,596	559,588	6.5	0.7
Mozzarella	415,793	434,025	441,502	6.2	1.7
Parmesan	47,999	53,343	51,647	7.6	-3.2
Provolone	32,303	33,956	33,574	3.9	-1.1
Ricotta	17,492	20,614	18,013	3.0	-12.6
Romano	4,388	4,631	4,554	3.8	-1.7
Other Italian types	7,332	9,027	10,298	40.5	14.1
Swiss	27,925	28,693	29,705	6.4	3.5
All other types	14,274	13,314	14,243	-0.2	7.0
Total cheese ²	1,257,528	1,268,321	1,282,416	2.0	1.1
Cottage cheese, curd ³	45,216	48,530	50,035	10.7	3.1
Cottage cheese, cream ⁴	40,184	43,970	44,830	11.6	2.0
Cottage cheese, lowfat ⁵	34,057	37,657	39,188	15.1	4.1
Sour cream	129,931	123,861	124,298	-4.3	0.4
Yogurt, plain and flavored	441,473	463,229	463,763	5.0	0.1
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
Frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, hard	64,672	66,577	69,238	7.1	4.0
Ice cream, lowfat, hard	18,498	20,188	17,966	-2.9	-11.0
Ice cream, lowfat, soft	17,361	17,566	18,442	6.2	5.0
Ice cream, lowfat, total ⁶	35,859	37,754	36,408	1.5	-3.6
Ice cream, nonfat, hard	607	809	451	-25.7	-44.3
Sherbet, hard	1,681	1,866	1,951	16.1	4.6
Frozen yogurt, total	3,083	2,832	3,165	2.7	11.8
Regular and lowfat, hard	1,084	1,117	1,104	1.8	-1.2
Nonfat, hard	282	233	344	22.0	47.6
Other frozen dairy products	1,239	1,157	1,074	-13.3	-7.2
Water and juice ices	6,375	5,869	6,455	1.3	10.0
Mix for frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, mix	43,575	43,986	44,276	1.6	0.7
Ice cream, lowfat, mix ⁷	21,497	21,144	20,499	-4.6	-3.1
Ice cream, nonfat, mix	615	742	554	-9.9	-25.3
Sherbet mix	1,593	1,433	1,342	-15.8	-6.4
Yogurt mix	1,984	1,758	1,994	0.5	13.4

(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:
May 2025 and 2026**

Product	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	Change from	
				May 2025	April 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Condensed whey, solids content ¹					
Sweet-type, human	10,700	10,682	10,874	1.6	1.8
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	71,177	75,599	81,366	14.3	7.6
Dry whey, animal	2,402	1,275	1,222	-49.1	-4.2
Dry whey, total	73,579	76,874	82,588	12.2	7.4
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal	3,920	3,192	3,462	-11.7	8.5
Whey protein concentrate					
Human ²	40,847	38,969	42,359	3.7	8.7
Animal ²	1,486	1,744	1,231	-17.2	-29.4
Total ²	42,333	40,713	43,590	3.0	7.1
25.0-49.9 percent ³	10,276	8,771	9,657	-6.0	10.1
50.0-89.9 percent ³	32,057	31,942	33,933	5.9	6.2
Whey protein isolates ⁴	17,719	17,525	17,625	-0.5	0.6
Lactose, human and animal	98,977	92,832	98,342	-0.6	5.9
Manufacturers' stocks end of month ⁵					
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	59,657	60,125	62,342	4.5	3.7
Dry whey, animal	2,792	732	658	-76.4	-10.1
Dry whey, total	62,449	60,857	63,000	0.9	3.5
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal ⁶	6,946	5,355	5,328	-23.3	-0.5
Whey protein concentrate					
Human ²	55,818	44,243	44,979	-19.4	1.7
Animal ²	1,791	1,754	1,371	-23.5	-21.8
Total ²	57,609	45,997	46,350	-19.5	0.8
25.0-49.9 percent ³	27,031	14,799	12,752	-52.8	-13.8
50.0-89.9 percent ³	30,578	31,198	33,598	9.9	7.7
Whey protein isolates ⁴	17,012	18,954	19,318	13.6	1.9
Lactose, human and animal	104,443	98,699	107,609	3.0	9.0
	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents change)	(cents change)
Manufacturers' selling price ⁷					
Dry whey, animal	30.5	40.7	39.7	9.2	-1.0

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:
May 2025 and 2026**

Product	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	Change from	
				May 2025	April 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Production					
Bulk condensed milk					
Skim, unsweetened	127,441	128,047	124,000	-2.7	-3.2
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	12,670	9,934	10,998	-13.2	10.7
Dry skim milk, animal	833	842	765	-8.2	-9.1
Dry whole milk	11,109	10,111	12,126	9.2	19.9
Milk protein concentrate, total ¹	26,689	22,582	22,116	-17.1	-2.1
Nonfat dry milk, human	157,142	180,201	173,300	10.3	-3.8
Skim milk powder, total ²	48,716	35,540	29,362	-39.7	-17.4
Manufacturers' stocks end-of-month ³					
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	30,362	25,604	26,285	-13.4	2.7
Dry skim milk, animal	2,777	3,941	2,481	-10.7	-37.0
Dry whole milk	22,891	17,331	19,954	-12.8	15.1
Nonfat dry milk, human	256,848	245,708	246,782	-3.9	0.4
Manufacturers' shipments ⁴					
Dry milk products					
Nonfat dry milk, human	167,700	160,906	168,144	0.3	4.5

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	1,268,321	1.8	4,832,028	4,970,975	2.9
May	1,257,528	1,282,416	2.0	6,089,556	6,253,391	2.7
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	491,594	-0.9	1,919,099	1,935,330	0.8
May	512,263	498,863	-2.6	2,431,362	2,434,193	0.1
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	330,126	-3.4	1,328,110	1,338,769	0.8
May	354,737	350,487	-1.2	1,682,847	1,689,256	0.4
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	555,596	4.0	2,062,964	2,162,357	4.8
May	525,307	559,588	6.5	2,588,271	2,721,945	5.2
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	434,025	1.9	1,640,591	1,682,519	2.6
May	415,793	441,502	6.2	2,056,384	2,124,021	3.3
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	9,027	2.8	33,340	38,052	14.1
May	7,332	10,298	40.5	40,672	48,350	18.9
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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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	218,393	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	224,282	4.5	863,603	916,068	6.1
May	216,713	224,250	3.5	1,080,316	1,140,318	5.6
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	180,201	10.7	618,167	659,436	6.7
May	157,142	173,300	10.3	775,309	832,736	7.4
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	29,362	-39.7	183,429	177,079	-3.5
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	82,588	12.2	358,383	383,065	6.9
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	92,832	-2.4	371,855	365,363	-1.7
May	98,977	98,342	-0.6	470,832	463,705	-1.5
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	40,713	-6.6	164,805	160,865	-2.4
May	42,333	43,590	3.0	207,138	204,455	-1.3
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	43,970	15.7	153,781	167,888	9.2
May	40,184	44,830	11.6	193,965	212,718	9.7
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	37,657	14.7	135,303	147,534	9.0
May	34,057	39,188	15.1	169,360	186,722	10.3
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	123,861	-1.1	492,189	486,378	-1.2
May	129,931	124,298	-4.3	622,120	610,676	-1.8
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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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)
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	66,577	4.9	237,447	243,699	2.6
May	64,672	69,238	7.1	302,119	312,937	3.6
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	37,754	-0.8	129,061	132,412	2.6
May	35,859	36,408	1.5	164,920	168,820	2.4
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	1,951	16.1	7,685	8,697	13.2
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)

[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	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	463,229	2.6	1,744,692	1,842,508	5.6
May	441,473	463,763	5.0	2,186,165	2,306,271	5.5
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	2,832	1.5	11,387	11,368	-0.2
May	3,083	3,165	2.7	14,470	14,533	0.4
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:
May 2025 and 2026**

State and region	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	Change from	
				May 2025	April 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	222,001	202,280	207,142	-6.7	2.4
Idaho	87,563	91,530	88,360	0.9	-3.5
Iowa	33,546	35,515	37,177	10.8	4.7
Minnesota	72,576	71,071	72,415	-0.2	1.9
New Mexico	81,539	75,244	75,603	-7.3	0.5
New York	73,179	79,719	77,735	6.2	-2.5
Ohio	20,434	22,068	21,369	4.6	-3.2
Pennsylvania	39,785	37,729	38,629	-2.9	2.4
Wisconsin	313,545	306,055	308,231	-1.7	0.7
Other States ¹	313,360	347,110	355,755	13.5	2.5
United States	1,257,528	1,268,321	1,282,416	2.0	1.1
Atlantic	138,417	140,708	140,723	1.7	(Z)
Central	644,666	659,535	669,854	3.9	1.6
West	474,445	468,078	471,839	-0.5	0.8

(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: May 2025 and 2026

State and region	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	Change from	
				May 2025	April 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	48,232	48,530	49,628	2.9	2.3
Iowa	17,475	16,350	17,254	-1.3	5.5
Minnesota	61,012	61,802	62,479	2.4	1.1
New York	19,670	17,541	20,097	2.2	14.6
Wisconsin	90,537	82,278	83,082	-8.2	1.0
Other States ¹	275,337	265,093	266,323	-3.3	0.5
United States	512,263	491,594	498,863	-2.6	1.5
Atlantic	30,901	28,009	31,370	1.5	12.0
Central	289,307	283,015	284,480	-1.7	0.5
West	192,055	180,570	183,013	-4.7	1.4

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

State and region	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	Change from	
				May 2025	April 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	24,357	25,075	27,317	12.2	8.9
Vermont	9,754	9,018	9,804	0.5	8.7
Wisconsin	56,547	49,805	48,365	-14.5	-2.9
Other States ¹	264,079	246,228	265,001	0.3	7.6
United States	354,737	330,126	350,487	-1.2	6.2
Atlantic	27,894	24,977	28,432	1.9	13.8
Central	199,827	189,584	196,034	-1.9	3.4
West	127,016	115,565	126,021	-0.8	9.0

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: May 2025 and 2026

State and region	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	Change from	
				May 2025	April 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	152,932	135,440	140,240	-8.3	3.5
Minnesota	11,290	9,114	9,774	-13.4	7.2
New York	26,985	28,212	28,184	4.4	-0.1
Pennsylvania	23,207	23,723	22,667	-2.3	-4.5
Wisconsin	155,995	161,961	160,770	3.1	-0.7
Other States ¹	154,898	197,146	197,953	27.8	0.4
United States	525,307	555,596	559,588	6.5	0.7
Atlantic	58,304	59,801	58,727	0.7	-1.8
Central	233,805	258,499	261,750	12.0	1.3
West	233,198	237,296	239,111	2.5	0.8

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

State and region	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	Change from	
				May 2025	April 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	140,469	123,710	128,159	-8.8	3.6
New York	14,091	12,958	14,417	2.3	11.3
Pennsylvania	19,180	19,340	18,102	-5.6	-6.4
Wisconsin	98,964	96,471	98,442	-0.5	2.0
Other States ¹	143,089	181,546	182,382	27.5	0.5
United States	415,793	434,025	441,502	6.2	1.7
Atlantic	38,478	37,064	37,437	-2.7	1.0
Central	157,756	172,475	178,534	13.2	3.5
West	219,559	224,486	225,531	2.7	0.5

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

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

State and region	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	Change from	
				May 2025	April 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	65,428	64,553	64,319	-1.7	-0.4
Pennsylvania	7,029	6,846	6,472	-7.9	-5.5
Other States ¹	144,256	152,883	153,459	6.4	0.4
United States	216,713	224,282	224,250	3.5	(Z)
Atlantic	15,090	14,881	14,115	-6.5	-5.1
Central	90,537	94,202	94,000	3.8	-0.2
West	111,086	115,199	116,135	4.5	0.8

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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

State and region	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	Change from	
				May 2025	April 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	71,007	82,095	79,338	11.7	-3.4
Pennsylvania	12,724	10,989	9,941	-21.9	-9.5
Other States ¹	73,411	87,117	84,021	14.5	-3.6
United States	157,142	180,201	173,300	10.3	-3.8
Atlantic	26,646	24,123	20,716	-22.3	-14.1
Central	34,748	32,575	30,920	-11.0	-5.1
West	95,748	123,503	121,664	27.1	-1.5

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

State and region	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	Change from	
				May 2025	April 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
New York	11,110	10,386	12,993	16.9	25.1
Wisconsin	24,025	23,458	24,276	1.0	3.5
Other States ¹	36,042	41,755	44,097	22.3	5.6
United States	71,177	75,599	81,366	14.3	7.6
Atlantic	21,498	19,691	22,455	4.5	14.0
Central	37,005	43,528	46,301	25.1	6.4
West	12,674	12,380	12,610	-0.5	1.9

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: May 2025 and 2026

State and region	May 2025	April 2026	May 2026	Change from	
				May 2025	April 2026
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
California	7,229	6,930	7,279	0.7	5.0
Connecticut	800	588	736	-8.0	25.2
New York	2,182	2,463	2,073	-5.0	-15.8
Ohio	2,577	2,402	1,943	-24.6	-19.1
Pennsylvania	2,996	2,108	2,996	-	42.1
Utah	1,912	1,723	1,678	-12.2	-2.6
Wisconsin	1,145	1,109	1,078	-5.9	-2.8
Other States ¹	45,831	49,254	51,455	12.3	4.5
United States	64,672	66,577	69,238	7.1	4.0
Atlantic	13,386	12,137	13,629	1.8	12.3
Central	38,434	42,328	42,871	11.5	1.3
West	12,852	12,112	12,738	-0.9	5.2

- Represents zero.

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 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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