



Dairy Products

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July 2026 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 1.26 billion pounds, 2.1 percent above July 2025 and 2.3 percent above June 2026.

Italian type cheese production totaled 551 million pounds, 4.1 percent above July 2025 and 5.5 percent above June 2026.

American type cheese production totaled 480 million pounds, 1.1 percent below July 2025 and 0.6 percent below June 2026.

Butter production was 189 million pounds, 5.5 percent above July 2025 but 9.0 percent below June 2026.

Dry milk products (comparisons in percentage with July 2025)

Nonfat dry milk, human - 165 million pounds, up 26.6 percent.

Skim milk powder - 22.0 million pounds, down 50.3 percent.

Whey products (comparisons in percentage with July 2025)

Dry whey, total - 80.2 million pounds, up 17.3 percent.

Lactose, human and animal - 93.0 million pounds, down 4.2 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total - 41.1 million pounds, down 2.2 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons in percentage with July 2025)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 69.3 million gallons, down 0.3 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 37.9 million gallons, down slightly.

Sherbet (hard) - 1.51 million gallons, down 13.4 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 3.38 million gallons, up 1.5 percent.

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

Product	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	Change from	
				July 2025	June 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Butter	179,391	207,890	189,175	5.5	-9.0
Cheese					
American types ¹	485,117	482,748	479,793	-1.1	-0.6
Cheddar	334,424	335,512	328,636	-1.7	-2.0
Other American types	150,693	147,236	151,157	0.3	2.7
Blue and Gorgonzola	7,242	6,675	6,942	-4.1	4.0
Brick and Muenster	18,839	17,990	18,685	-0.8	3.9
Cream and Neufchatel	93,565	102,511	102,447	9.5	-0.1
Feta	15,181	14,639	14,703	-3.1	0.4
Gouda	7,594	7,654	9,904	30.4	29.4
Hispanic	40,534	39,608	38,582	-4.8	-2.6
Italian types	529,258	522,384	551,149	4.1	5.5
Mozzarella	421,034	406,256	433,293	2.9	6.7
Parmesan	40,322	51,075	50,526	25.3	-1.1
Provolone	35,694	31,285	32,989	-7.6	5.4
Ricotta	19,588	19,043	19,982	2.0	4.9
Romano	4,406	4,960	3,802	-13.7	-23.3
Other Italian types	8,214	9,765	10,557	28.5	8.1
Swiss	27,194	27,596	28,173	3.6	2.1
All other types	13,106	13,878	13,636	4.0	-1.7
Total cheese ²	1,237,630	1,235,683	1,264,014	2.1	2.3
Cottage cheese, curd ³	45,279	50,704	50,985	12.6	0.6
Cottage cheese, cream ⁴	40,178	42,665	42,857	6.7	0.5
Cottage cheese, lowfat ⁵	37,212	40,740	41,197	10.7	1.1
Sour cream	125,140	126,862	123,774	-1.1	-2.4
Yogurt, plain and flavored	449,398	457,696	477,717	6.3	4.4
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
Frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, hard	69,486	69,010	69,310	-0.3	0.4
Ice cream, lowfat, hard	19,777	18,522	18,312	-7.4	-1.1
Ice cream, lowfat, soft	18,117	20,502	19,568	8.0	-4.6
Ice cream, lowfat, total ⁶	37,894	39,024	37,880	(Z)	-2.9
Ice cream, nonfat, hard	474	465	419	-11.6	-9.9
Sherbet, hard	1,742	2,045	1,509	-13.4	-26.2
Frozen yogurt, total	3,325	3,183	3,376	1.5	6.1
Regular and lowfat, hard	1,375	1,117	1,339	-2.6	19.9
Nonfat, hard	141	274	228	61.7	-16.8
Other frozen dairy products	1,285	1,122	1,265	-1.6	12.7
Water and juice ices	6,574	6,223	6,222	-5.4	(Z)
Mix for frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, mix	45,151	45,708	47,618	5.5	4.2
Ice cream, lowfat, mix ⁷	22,254	22,025	21,355	-4.0	-3.0
Ice cream, nonfat, mix	561	527	468	-16.6	-11.2
Sherbet mix	1,535	1,569	1,170	-23.8	-25.4
Yogurt mix	1,988	1,984	2,046	2.9	3.1

(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:
July 2025 and 2026**

Product	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	Change from	
				July 2025	June 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Condensed whey, solids content ¹					
Sweet-type, human	10,712	10,778	10,021	-6.5	-7.0
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	66,298	79,199	78,712	18.7	-0.6
Dry whey, animal	2,067	1,919	1,461	-29.3	-23.9
Dry whey, total	68,365	81,118	80,173	17.3	-1.2
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal	3,496	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Whey protein concentrate					
Human ²	41,081	39,946	40,128	-2.3	0.5
Animal ²	950	1,788	968	1.9	-45.9
Total ²	42,031	41,734	41,096	-2.2	-1.5
25.0-49.9 percent ³	11,018	8,555	6,886	-37.5	-19.5
50.0-89.9 percent ³	31,013	33,179	34,210	10.3	3.1
Whey protein isolates ⁴	16,659	20,466	17,667	6.1	-13.7
Lactose, human and animal	97,008	87,044	92,979	-4.2	6.8
Manufacturers' stocks end of month ⁵					
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	49,030	63,904	67,375	37.4	5.4
Dry whey, animal	1,113	1,146	1,047	-5.9	-8.6
Dry whey, total	50,143	65,050	68,422	36.5	5.2
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal ⁶	7,074	5,236	5,209	-26.4	-0.5
Whey protein concentrate					
Human ²	54,835	41,605	45,198	-17.6	8.6
Animal ²	1,158	1,190	1,613	39.3	35.5
Total ²	55,993	42,795	46,811	-16.4	9.4
25.0-49.9 percent ³	23,469	10,837	12,034	-48.7	11.0
50.0-89.9 percent ³	32,524	31,958	34,777	6.9	8.8
Whey protein isolates ⁴	14,663	17,730	18,157	23.8	2.4
Lactose, human and animal	93,722	91,860	95,487	1.9	3.9
	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents change)	(cents change)
Manufacturers' selling price ⁷					
Dry whey, animal	31.4	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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

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:
July 2025 and 2026**

Product	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	Change from	
				July 2025	June 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Production					
Bulk condensed milk					
Skim, unsweetened	122,423	123,547	120,982	-1.2	-2.1
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	10,203	10,161	9,601	-5.9	-5.5
Dry skim milk, animal	744	500	732	-1.6	46.4
Dry whole milk	13,742	10,300	10,034	-27.0	-2.6
Milk protein concentrate, total ¹	24,631	23,247	24,681	0.2	6.2
Nonfat dry milk, human	130,483	163,828	165,133	26.6	0.8
Skim milk powder, total ²	44,361	28,669	22,033	-50.3	-23.1
Manufacturers' stocks end-of-month ³					
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	26,877	22,999	23,914	-11.0	4.0
Dry skim milk, animal	3,918	2,864	3,732	-4.7	30.3
Dry whole milk	12,503	16,902	15,989	27.9	-5.4
Nonfat dry milk, human	244,936	243,161	232,781	-5.0	-4.3
Manufacturers' shipments ⁴					
Dry milk products					
Nonfat dry milk, human	132,397	159,803	169,805	28.3	6.3

¹ Dry milk protein concentrate, 40-89.9 percent.

² Includes protein standardized and blends.

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

⁴ For dry products, shipments of bulk goods.

Dairy Products Production by Product and Month – United States: 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	1,283,363	2.1	6,089,556	6,254,338	2.7
June	1,218,094	1,235,683	1.4	7,307,650	7,490,021	2.5
July	1,237,630	1,264,014	2.1	8,545,280	8,754,035	2.4
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	497,748	-2.8	2,431,362	2,433,078	0.1
June	479,371	482,748	0.7	2,910,733	2,915,826	0.2
July	485,117	479,793	-1.1	3,395,850	3,395,619	
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	346,408	-2.3	1,682,847	1,685,177	0.1
June	334,882	335,512	0.2	2,017,729	2,020,689	0.1
July	334,424	328,636	-1.7	2,352,153	2,349,325	-0.1
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	559,719	6.6	2,588,271	2,722,076	5.2
June	523,354	522,384	-0.2	3,111,625	3,244,460	4.3
July	529,258	551,149	4.1	3,640,883	3,795,609	4.2
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	441,599	6.2	2,056,384	2,124,118	3.3
June	415,838	406,256	-2.3	2,472,222	2,530,374	2.4
July	421,034	433,293	2.9	2,893,256	2,963,667	2.4
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	9,966	35.9	40,672	48,018	18.1
June	6,560	9,765	48.9	47,232	57,783	22.3
July	8,214	10,557	28.5	55,446	68,340	23.3
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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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)
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	224,272	3.5	1,080,316	1,140,340	5.6
June	191,789	207,890	8.4	1,272,105	1,348,230	6.0
July	179,391	189,175	5.5	1,451,496	1,537,405	5.9
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	173,301	10.3	775,309	832,737	7.4
June	144,374	163,828	13.5	919,683	996,565	8.4
July	130,483	165,133	26.6	1,050,166	1,161,698	10.6
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	29,462	-39.5	183,429	177,179	-3.4
June	53,900	28,669	-46.8	237,329	205,848	-13.3
July	44,361	22,033	-50.3	281,690	227,881	-19.1
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	82,184	11.7	358,383	382,661	6.8
June	75,423	81,118	7.6	433,806	463,779	6.9
July	68,365	80,173	17.3	502,171	543,952	8.3
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	97,972	-1.0	470,832	463,335	-1.6
June	97,968	87,044	-11.2	568,800	550,379	-3.2
July	97,008	92,979	-4.2	665,808	643,358	-3.4
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	44,347	4.8	207,138	205,212	-0.9
June	44,541	41,734	-6.3	251,679	246,946	-1.9
July	42,031	41,096	-2.2	293,710	288,042	-1.9
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	45,236	12.6	193,965	213,124	9.9
June	39,160	42,665	9.0	233,125	255,789	9.7
July	40,178	42,857	6.7	273,303	298,646	9.3
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	38,806	13.9	169,360	186,340	10.0
June	34,890	40,740	16.8	204,250	227,080	11.2
July	37,212	41,197	10.7	241,462	268,277	11.1
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	124,902	-3.9	622,120	611,280	-1.7
June	122,731	126,862	3.4	744,851	738,142	-0.9
July	125,140	123,774	-1.1	869,991	861,916	-0.9
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	69,263	7.1	302,119	312,962	3.6
June	65,258	69,010	5.7	367,377	381,972	4.0
July	69,486	69,310	-0.3	436,863	451,282	3.3
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	37,394	4.3	164,920	169,806	3.0
June	36,392	39,024	7.2	201,312	208,830	3.7
July	37,894	37,880		239,206	246,710	3.1
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	1,929	14.8	7,685	8,675	12.9
June	1,907	2,045	7.2	9,592	10,720	11.8
July	1,742	1,509	-13.4	11,334	12,229	7.9
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	463,229	2.6	1,744,692	1,842,508	5.6
May	441,473	477,163	8.1	2,186,165	2,319,671	6.1
June	436,660	457,696	4.8	2,622,825	2,777,367	5.9
July	449,398	477,717	6.3	3,072,223	3,255,084	6.0
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	3,200	3.8	14,470	14,568	0.7
June	3,112	3,183	2.3	17,582	17,751	1.0
July	3,325	3,376	1.5	20,907	21,127	1.1
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:
July 2025 and 2026**

State and region	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	Change from	
				July 2025	June 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	216,250	197,584	204,694	-5.3	3.6
Idaho	92,396	86,174	85,537	-7.4	-0.7
Iowa	32,563	34,822	33,664	3.4	-3.3
Minnesota	68,977	70,843	69,531	0.8	-1.9
New Mexico	74,278	51,111	76,014	2.3	48.7
New York	75,930	76,873	73,842	-2.7	-3.9
Ohio	20,627	20,270	21,273	3.1	4.9
Pennsylvania	37,793	38,712	40,001	5.8	3.3
Wisconsin	301,720	306,625	308,905	2.4	0.7
Other States ¹	317,096	352,669	350,553	10.6	-0.6
United States	1,237,630	1,235,683	1,264,014	2.1	2.3
Atlantic	140,016	141,254	140,070	(Z)	-0.8
Central	620,505	658,793	657,563	6.0	-0.2
West	477,109	435,636	466,381	-2.2	7.1

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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

State and region	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	Change from	
				July 2025	June 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	46,853	46,712	48,384	3.3	3.6
Iowa	16,191	15,796	14,322	-11.5	-9.3
Minnesota	59,315	61,537	60,833	2.6	-1.1
New York	19,562	18,178	18,351	-6.2	1.0
Wisconsin	85,060	76,954	78,253	-8.0	1.7
Other States ¹	258,136	263,571	259,650	0.6	-1.5
United States	485,117	482,748	479,793	-1.1	-0.6
Atlantic	30,053	28,837	29,326	-2.4	1.7
Central	271,699	276,539	271,749	(Z)	-1.7
West	183,365	177,372	178,718	-2.5	0.8

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

State and region	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	Change from	
				July 2025	June 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	23,674	23,078	24,240	2.4	5.0
Vermont	9,042	9,196	9,525	5.3	3.6
Wisconsin	53,606	45,076	47,312	-11.7	5.0
Other States ¹	248,102	258,162	247,559	-0.2	-4.1
United States	334,424	335,512	328,636	-1.7	-2.0
Atlantic	27,171	26,272	26,466	-2.6	0.7
Central	186,009	187,799	183,055	-1.6	-2.5
West	121,244	121,441	119,115	-1.8	-1.9

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

State and region	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	Change from	
				July 2025	June 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	147,168	131,404	135,501	-7.9	3.1
Minnesota	9,388	9,169	8,686	-7.5	-5.3
New York	27,449	26,180	26,117	-4.9	-0.2
Pennsylvania	20,975	22,102	23,150	10.4	4.7
Wisconsin	149,489	161,705	157,267	5.2	-2.7
Other States ¹	174,789	171,824	200,428	14.7	16.6
United States	529,258	522,384	551,149	4.1	5.5
Atlantic	57,410	57,689	58,448	1.8	1.3
Central	228,771	258,781	257,371	12.5	-0.5
West	243,077	205,914	235,330	-3.2	14.3

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

State and region	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	Change from	
				July 2025	June 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	137,088	119,167	125,868	-8.2	5.6
New York	12,785	13,121	12,372	-3.2	-5.7
Pennsylvania	16,606	18,343	18,966	14.2	3.4
Wisconsin	94,851	98,843	92,759	-2.2	-6.2
Other States ¹	159,704	156,782	183,328	14.8	16.9
United States	421,034	406,256	433,293	2.9	6.7
Atlantic	34,680	37,025	36,736	5.9	-0.8
Central	154,413	176,631	172,476	11.7	-2.4
West	231,941	192,600	224,081	-3.4	16.3

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

State and region	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	Change from	
				July 2025	June 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	52,293	60,462	56,805	8.6	-6.0
Pennsylvania	5,308	4,880	6,078	14.5	24.5
Other States ¹	121,790	142,548	126,292	3.7	-11.4
United States	179,391	207,890	189,175	5.5	-9.0
Atlantic	10,480	11,722	12,202	16.4	4.1
Central	73,565	79,423	69,225	-5.9	-12.8
West	95,346	116,745	107,748	13.0	-7.7

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: July 2025 and 2026

State and region	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	Change from	
				July 2025	June 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	57,563	78,783	82,842	43.9	5.2
Pennsylvania	7,723	9,191	11,113	43.9	20.9
Other States ¹	65,197	75,854	71,178	9.2	-6.2
United States	130,483	163,828	165,133	26.6	0.8
Atlantic	18,233	18,983	19,471	6.8	2.6
Central	29,408	28,197	26,766	-9.0	-5.1
West	82,842	116,648	118,896	43.5	1.9

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

State and region	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	Change from	
				July 2025	June 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
New York	11,756	10,390	11,887	1.1	14.4
Wisconsin	20,197	26,670	23,950	18.6	-10.2
Other States ¹	34,345	42,139	42,875	24.8	1.7
United States	66,298	79,199	78,712	18.7	-0.6
Atlantic	19,718	19,603	21,576	9.4	10.1
Central	34,762	47,533	43,974	26.5	-7.5
West	11,818	12,063	13,162	11.4	9.1

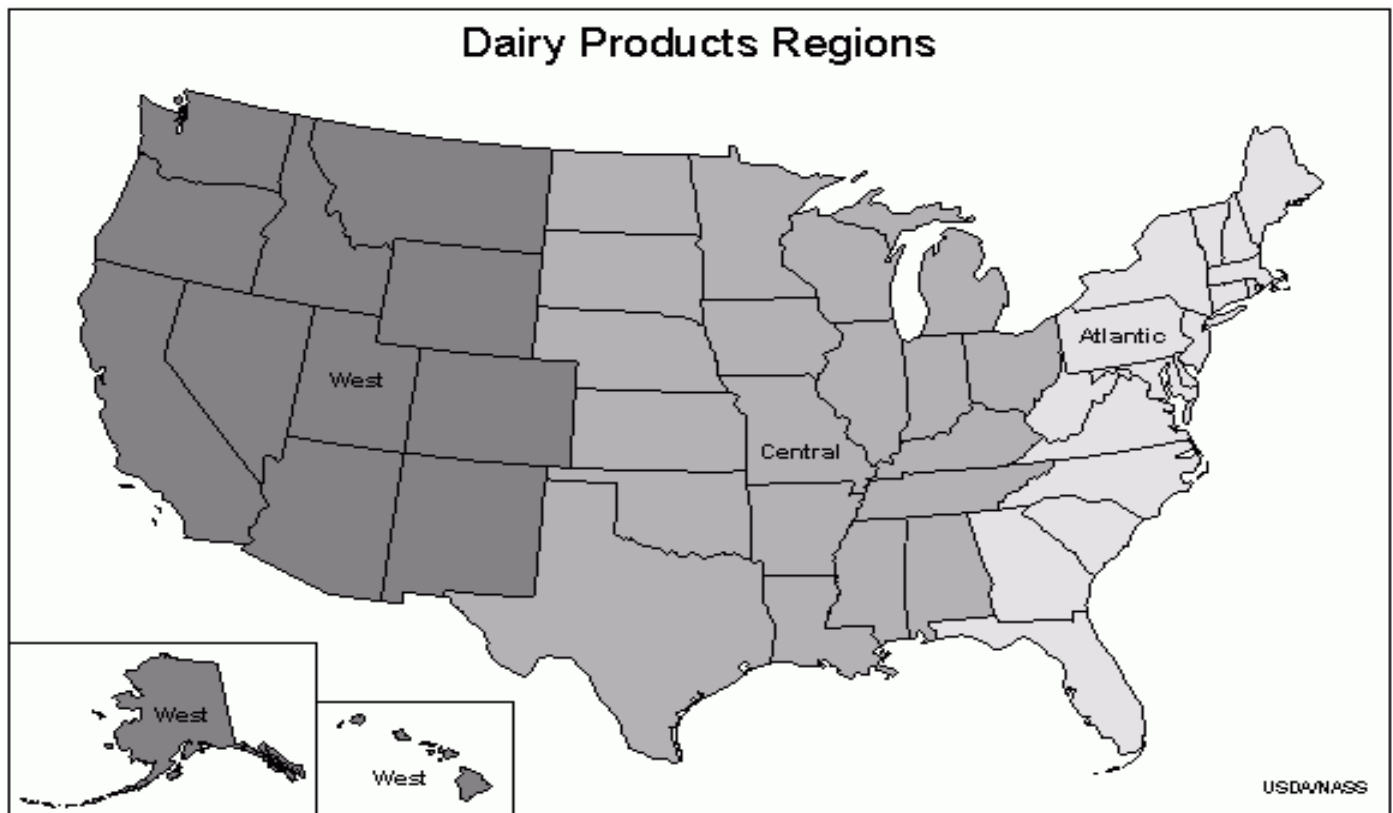
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Ice Cream, Regular (Hard) Production – States, United States, and Regions: July 2025 and 2026

State and region	July 2025	June 2026	July 2026	Change from	
				July 2025	June 2026
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
California	7,379	7,529	7,213	-2.2	-4.2
Connecticut	675	624	617	-8.6	-1.1
New York	2,393	2,200	2,440	2.0	10.9
Ohio	2,641	2,200	2,231	-15.5	1.4
Pennsylvania	3,538	3,178	3,539	(Z)	11.4
Utah	1,368	1,618	1,641	20.0	1.4
Wisconsin	1,203	1,233	1,237	2.8	0.3
Other States ¹	50,289	50,428	50,392	0.2	-0.1
United States	69,486	69,010	69,310	-0.3	0.4
Atlantic	15,581	13,620	15,322	-1.7	12.5
Central	41,539	42,485	41,421	-0.3	-2.5
West	12,366	12,905	12,567	1.6	-2.6

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

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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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