



Dairy Products

ISSN: 1949-0399

Released October 5, 2026, by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

August 2026 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 1.25 billion pounds, 1.4 percent above August 2025 but 1.4 percent below July 2026.

Italian type cheese production totaled 541 million pounds, 3.7 percent above August 2025 but 1.7 percent below July 2026.

American type cheese production totaled 477 million pounds, 0.9 percent below August 2025 and 0.6 percent below July 2026.

Butter production was 187 million pounds, 6.3 percent above August 2025 but 0.9 percent below July 2026.

Dry milk products (comparisons in percentage with August 2025)

Nonfat dry milk, human - 132 million pounds, up 9.6 percent.

Skim milk powder - 28.9 million pounds, down 33.1 percent.

Whey products (comparisons in percentage with August 2025)

Dry whey, total - 75.1 million pounds, up 8.2 percent.

Lactose, human and animal - 94.9 million pounds, down 1.3 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total - 42.8 million pounds, up 4.6 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons in percentage with August 2025)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 64.9 million gallons, down 2.3 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 36.7 million gallons, up 9.8 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 1.52 million gallons, down 11.8 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 2.68 million gallons, down 5.2 percent.

Contents

Dairy Products Production by Product – United States: August 2025 and 2026 3

Whey and Modified Whey Products Production, Stocks, and Prices – United States: August 2025 and 2026..... 4

Condensed and Dry Milk Products Production, Stocks, and Shipments – United States: August 2025 and 2026 5

Dairy Products Production by Product and Month – United States: 2025 and 2026 6

Total Cheese Production Excluding Cottage Cheese – States, United States, and Regions:
August 2025 and 2026..... 13

American Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: August 2025 and 2026 14

Cheddar Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: August 2025 and 2026 14

Total Italian Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: August 2025 and 2026 15

Mozzarella Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: August 2025 and 2026..... 15

Butter Production – States, United States, and Regions: August 2025 and 2026 16

Nonfat Dry Milk (Human) Production – States, United States, and Regions: August 2025 and 2026..... 16

Dry Whey (Human) Production – States, United States, and Regions: August 2025 and 2026 17

Ice Cream, Regular (Hard) Production – States, United States, and Regions: August 2025 and 2026..... 17

Dairy Products Regions..... 18

Statistical Methodology..... 19

Information Contacts..... 20

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

Product	August 2025	July 2026	August 2026	Change from	
				August 2025	July 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Butter	176,312	189,113	187,363	6.3	-0.9
Cheese					
American types ¹	481,321	480,089	477,038	-0.9	-0.6
Cheddar	328,904	328,981	325,876	-0.9	-0.9
Other American types	152,417	151,108	151,162	-0.8	(Z)
Blue and Gorgonzola	6,465	6,905	9,153	41.6	32.6
Brick and Muenster	16,817	18,446	17,901	6.4	-3.0
Cream and Neufchatel	97,779	102,447	96,915	-0.9	-5.4
Feta	14,813	14,869	13,177	-11.0	-11.4
Gouda	7,732	9,889	7,990	3.3	-19.2
Hispanic	41,858	38,582	42,478	1.5	10.1
Italian types	522,071	550,699	541,326	3.7	-1.7
Mozzarella	413,596	432,871	420,892	1.8	-2.8
Parmesan	41,923	50,520	52,801	25.9	4.5
Provolone	32,682	32,989	34,416	5.3	4.3
Ricotta	20,614	19,966	20,505	-0.5	2.7
Romano	4,820	3,792	3,604	-25.2	-5.0
Other Italian types	8,436	10,561	9,108	8.0	-13.8
Swiss	26,105	27,660	26,589	1.9	-3.9
All other types	13,221	13,762	12,851	-2.8	-6.6
Total cheese ²	1,228,182	1,263,348	1,245,418	1.4	-1.4
Cottage cheese, curd ³	42,335	51,670	51,283	21.1	-0.7
Cottage cheese, cream ⁴	39,230	42,857	42,641	8.7	-0.5
Cottage cheese, lowfat ⁵	36,814	41,197	39,998	8.6	-2.9
Sour cream	121,902	123,775	121,404	-0.4	-1.9
Yogurt, plain and flavored	460,868	478,163	468,334	1.6	-2.1
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
Frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, hard	66,439	70,430	64,935	-2.3	-7.8
Ice cream, lowfat, hard	17,242	17,856	17,245	(Z)	-3.4
Ice cream, lowfat, soft	16,164	20,212	19,432	20.2	-3.9
Ice cream, lowfat, total ⁶	33,406	38,068	36,677	9.8	-3.7
Ice cream, nonfat, hard	537	419	588	9.5	40.3
Sherbet, hard	1,720	1,509	1,517	-11.8	0.5
Frozen yogurt, total	2,824	3,376	2,677	-5.2	-20.7
Regular and lowfat, hard	1,083	1,339	1,040	-4.0	-22.3
Nonfat, hard	252	228	148	-41.3	-35.1
Other frozen dairy products	1,350	1,231	1,137	-15.8	-7.6
Water and juice ices	6,064	6,113	5,127	-15.5	-16.1
Mix for frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, mix	44,224	48,161	43,968	-0.6	-8.7
Ice cream, lowfat, mix ⁷	19,975	21,501	20,712	3.7	-3.7
Ice cream, nonfat, mix	612	468	610	-0.3	30.3
Sherbet mix	1,429	1,195	1,257	-12.0	5.2
Yogurt mix	1,623	2,047	1,502	-7.5	-26.6

(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:
August 2025 and 2026**

Product	August 2025	July 2026	August 2026	Change from	
				August 2025	July 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Condensed whey, solids content ¹					
Sweet-type, human	10,423	10,021	11,308	8.5	12.8
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	67,409	79,695	74,073	9.9	-7.1
Dry whey, animal	2,047	1,461	1,060	-48.2	-27.4
Dry whey, total	69,456	81,156	75,133	8.2	-7.4
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal	3,362	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Whey protein concentrate					
Human ²	39,760	40,105	41,519	4.4	3.5
Animal ²	1,158	965	1,274	10.0	32.0
Total ²	40,918	41,070	42,793	4.6	4.2
25.0-49.9 percent ³	9,052	6,886	7,698	-15.0	11.8
50.0-89.9 percent ³	31,866	34,184	35,095	10.1	2.7
Whey protein isolates ⁴	17,080	17,667	16,032	-6.1	-9.3
Lactose, human and animal	96,192	93,101	94,900	-1.3	1.9
Manufacturers' stocks end of month ⁵					
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	49,400	67,375	60,305	22.1	-10.5
Dry whey, animal	996	1,047	977	-1.9	-6.7
Dry whey, total	50,396	68,422	61,282	21.6	-10.4
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal ⁶	6,543	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Whey protein concentrate					
Human ²	49,639	45,198	49,538	-0.2	9.6
Animal ²	1,468	1,613	1,493	1.7	-7.4
Total ²	51,107	46,811	51,031	-0.1	9.0
25.0-49.9 percent ³	21,541	12,034	17,951	-16.7	49.2
50.0-89.9 percent ³	29,566	34,777	33,080	11.9	-4.9
Whey protein isolates ⁴	14,444	18,157	17,457	20.9	-3.9
Lactose, human and animal	96,779	95,469	94,827	-2.0	-0.7
	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents change)	(cents change)
Manufacturers' selling price ⁷					
Dry whey, animal	36.9	(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:
August 2025 and 2026**

Product	August 2025	July 2026	August 2026	Change from	
				August 2025	July 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Production					
Bulk condensed milk					
Skim, unsweetened	106,625	120,982	109,775	3.0	-9.3
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	9,879	9,601	12,093	22.4	26.0
Dry skim milk, animal	517	732	1,037	100.6	41.7
Dry whole milk	7,886	10,034	9,244	17.2	-7.9
Milk protein concentrate, total ¹	20,337	24,681	21,477	5.6	-13.0
Nonfat dry milk, human	120,693	165,133	132,242	9.6	-19.9
Skim milk powder, total ²	43,276	22,033	28,946	-33.1	31.4
Manufacturers' stocks end-of-month ³					
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	25,733	23,914	25,456	-1.1	6.4
Dry skim milk, animal	3,653	3,732	5,061	38.5	35.6
Dry whole milk	12,905	14,989	14,551	12.8	-2.9
Nonfat dry milk, human	224,438	232,781	216,333	-3.6	-7.1
Manufacturers' shipments ⁴					
Dry milk products					
Nonfat dry milk, human	134,921	169,805	146,739	8.8	-13.6

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

[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)
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	1,263,348	2.1	8,545,280	8,753,369	2.4
August	1,228,182	1,245,418	1.4	9,773,462	9,998,787	2.3
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	480,089	-1.0	3,395,850	3,395,915	(Z)
August	481,321	477,038	-0.9	3,877,171	3,872,953	-0.1
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	328,981	-1.6	2,352,153	2,349,670	-0.1
August	328,904	325,876	-0.9	2,681,057	2,675,546	-0.2
September	323,844			3,004,901		
October	325,301			3,330,202		
November	327,912			3,658,114		
December	345,576			4,003,690		

See footnote(s) at end of table.

--continued

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)
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	550,699	4.1	3,640,883	3,795,159	4.2
August	522,071	541,326	3.7	4,162,954	4,336,485	4.2
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	432,871	2.8	2,893,256	2,963,245	2.4
August	413,596	420,892	1.8	3,306,852	3,384,137	2.3
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	10,561	28.6	55,446	68,344	23.3
August	8,436	9,108	8.0	63,882	77,452	21.2
September	9,658			73,540		
October	9,627			83,167		
November	11,167			94,334		
December	11,140			105,474		

See footnote(s) at end of table.

--continued

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)
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	189,113	5.4	1,451,496	1,537,343	5.9
August	176,312	187,363	6.3	1,627,808	1,724,706	6.0
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	132,242	9.6	1,170,859	1,293,940	10.5
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	28,946	-33.1	324,966	256,827	-21.0
September	46,395			371,361		
October	42,171			413,532		
November	42,888			456,420		
December	47,902			504,322		

See footnote(s) at end of table.

--continued

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)
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	81,156	18.7	502,171	544,935	8.5
August	69,456	75,133	8.2	571,627	620,068	8.5
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	93,101	-4.0	665,808	643,480	-3.4
August	96,192	94,900	-1.3	762,000	738,380	-3.1
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	41,070	-2.3	293,710	288,016	-1.9
August	40,918	42,793	4.6	334,628	330,809	-1.1
September	42,959			377,587		
October	39,808			417,395		
November	40,392			457,787		
December	44,005			501,792		

See footnote(s) at end of table.

--continued

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)
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	42,641	8.7	312,533	341,287	9.2
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	39,998	8.6	278,276	308,275	10.8
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	123,775	-1.1	869,991	861,917	-0.9
August	121,902	121,404	-0.4	991,893	983,321	-0.9
September	124,270			1,116,163		
October	136,189			1,252,352		
November	133,059			1,385,411		
December	135,347			1,520,758		

See footnote(s) at end of table.

--continued

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 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	70,430	1.4	436,863	452,402	3.6
August	66,439	64,935	-2.3	503,302	517,337	2.8
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	38,068	0.5	239,206	246,898	3.2
August	33,406	36,677	9.8	272,612	283,575	4.0
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	1,517	-11.8	13,054	13,746	5.3
September	1,527			14,581		
October	1,811			16,392		
November	1,340			17,732		
December	1,450			19,182		

See footnote(s) at end of table.

--continued

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	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	478,163	6.4	3,072,223	3,255,530	6.0
August	460,868	468,334	1.6	3,533,091	3,723,864	5.4
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	2,677	-5.2	23,731	23,804	0.3
September	2,377			26,108		
October	3,038			29,146		
November	2,597			31,743		
December	2,404			34,147		

(Z) Less than half of the unit shown.

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:
August 2025 and 2026**

State and region	August 2025	July 2026	August 2026	Change from	
				August 2025	July 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	210,887	204,694	197,005	-6.6	-3.8
Idaho	85,990	85,064	85,644	-0.4	0.7
Iowa	30,177	33,768	34,468	14.2	2.1
Minnesota	69,451	69,531	70,966	2.2	2.1
New Mexico	73,944	76,014	71,537	-3.3	-5.9
New York	77,288	73,774	78,966	2.2	7.0
Ohio	20,131	21,273	20,503	1.8	-3.6
Pennsylvania	38,768	40,001	38,280	-1.3	-4.3
Wisconsin	296,030	308,677	303,124	2.4	-1.8
Other States ¹	325,516	350,552	344,925	6.0	-1.6
United States	1,228,182	1,263,348	1,245,418	1.4	-1.4
Atlantic	141,820	140,002	142,704	0.6	1.9
Central	616,819	657,439	652,671	5.8	-0.7
West	469,543	465,907	450,043	-4.2	-3.4

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: August 2025 and 2026

State and region	August 2025	July 2026	August 2026	Change from	
				August 2025	July 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	48,569	48,384	49,272	1.4	1.8
Iowa	14,412	14,677	15,239	5.7	3.8
Minnesota	59,975	60,833	61,278	2.2	0.7
New York	18,163	18,349	19,686	8.4	7.3
Wisconsin	82,041	78,188	73,719	-10.1	-5.7
Other States ¹	258,161	259,658	257,844	-0.1	-0.7
United States	481,321	480,089	477,038	-0.9	-0.6
Atlantic	29,178	29,324	30,532	4.6	4.1
Central	268,302	272,039	266,528	-0.7	-2.0
West	183,841	178,726	179,978	-2.1	0.7

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

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

State and region	August 2025	July 2026	August 2026	Change from	
				August 2025	July 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	23,988	24,240	25,162	4.9	3.8
Vermont	9,535	9,525	9,406	-1.4	-1.2
Wisconsin	51,749	47,243	44,151	-14.7	-6.5
Other States ¹	243,632	247,973	247,157	1.4	-0.3
United States	328,904	328,981	325,876	-0.9	-0.9
Atlantic	25,617	26,465	27,044	5.6	2.2
Central	183,272	183,393	181,921	-0.7	-0.8
West	120,015	119,123	116,911	-2.6	-1.9

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: August 2025 and 2026

State and region	August 2025	July 2026	August 2026	Change from	
				August 2025	July 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	141,040	135,501	126,801	-10.1	-6.4
Minnesota	9,216	8,686	9,682	5.1	11.5
New York	27,163	26,052	30,091	10.8	15.5
Pennsylvania	21,954	23,150	21,553	-1.8	-6.9
Wisconsin	148,999	156,882	161,142	8.1	2.7
Other States ¹	173,699	200,428	192,057	10.6	-4.2
United States	522,071	550,699	541,326	3.7	-1.7
Atlantic	57,567	58,383	60,380	4.9	3.4
Central	231,192	256,986	260,401	12.6	1.3
West	233,312	235,330	220,545	-5.5	-6.3

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: August 2025 and 2026

State and region	August 2025	July 2026	August 2026	Change from	
				August 2025	July 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	129,960	125,868	115,722	-11.0	-8.1
New York	12,290	12,323	14,558	18.5	18.1
Pennsylvania	17,531	18,966	16,537	-5.7	-12.8
Wisconsin	95,298	92,386	97,355	2.2	5.4
Other States ¹	158,517	183,328	176,720	11.5	-3.6
United States	413,596	432,871	420,892	1.8	-2.8
Atlantic	35,064	36,687	36,556	4.3	-0.4
Central	157,395	172,103	176,072	11.9	2.3
West	221,137	224,081	208,264	-5.8	-7.1

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

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

State and region	August 2025	July 2026	August 2026	Change from	
				August 2025	July 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	53,687	56,805	57,208	6.6	0.7
Pennsylvania	3,806	6,007	5,671	49.0	-5.6
Other States ¹	118,819	126,301	124,484	4.8	-1.4
United States	176,312	189,113	187,363	6.3	-0.9
Atlantic	8,739	12,140	10,885	24.6	-10.3
Central	70,259	69,225	69,502	-1.1	0.4
West	97,314	107,748	106,976	9.9	-0.7

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: August 2025 and 2026

State and region	August 2025	July 2026	August 2026	Change from	
				August 2025	July 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	53,289	82,842	68,314	28.2	-17.5
Pennsylvania	9,762	11,113	9,028	-7.5	-18.8
Other States ¹	57,642	71,178	54,900	-4.8	-22.9
United States	120,693	165,133	132,242	9.6	-19.9
Atlantic	19,127	19,471	17,101	-10.6	-12.2
Central	23,265	26,766	17,029	-26.8	-36.4
West	78,301	118,896	98,112	25.3	-17.5

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: August 2025 and 2026

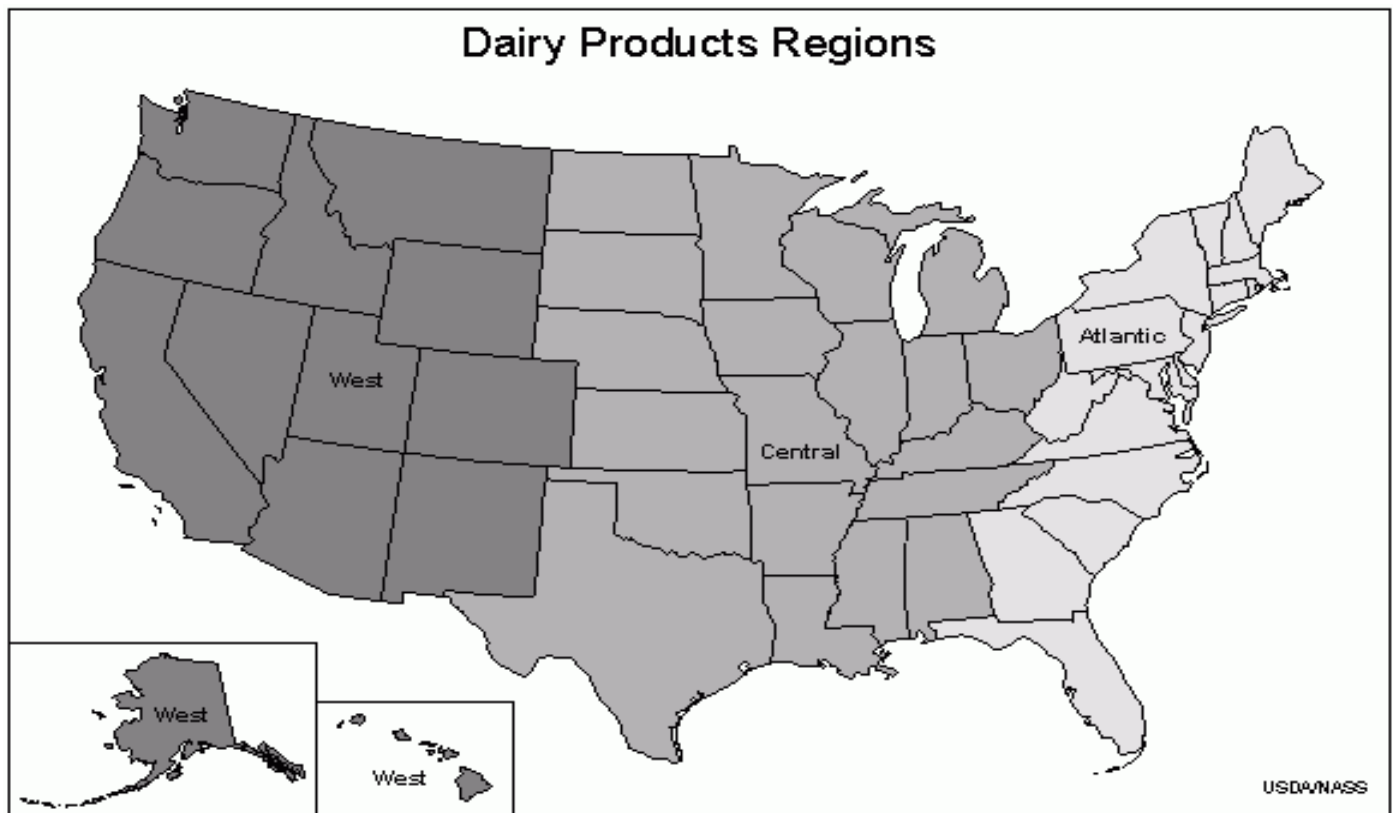
State and region	August 2025	July 2026	August 2026	Change from	
				August 2025	July 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
New York	12,938	11,887	12,611	-2.5	6.1
Wisconsin	18,934	23,950	23,574	24.5	-1.6
Other States ¹	35,537	43,858	37,888	6.6	-13.6
United States	67,409	79,695	74,073	9.9	-7.1
Atlantic	21,458	21,576	20,834	-2.9	-3.4
Central	32,864	44,957	44,167	34.4	-1.8
West	13,087	13,162	9,072	-30.7	-31.1

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: August 2025 and 2026

State and region	August 2025	July 2026	August 2026	Change from	
				August 2025	July 2026
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
California	7,022	7,213	7,181	2.3	-0.4
Connecticut	758	617	762	0.5	23.5
New York	2,156	2,440	2,269	5.2	-7.0
Ohio	2,312	2,231	2,043	-11.6	-8.4
Pennsylvania	3,687	3,539	3,566	-3.3	0.8
Utah	1,449	1,641	1,393	-3.9	-15.1
Wisconsin	1,075	1,237	1,017	-5.4	-17.8
Other States ¹	47,980	51,512	46,704	-2.7	-9.3
United States	66,439	70,430	64,935	-2.3	-7.8
Atlantic	14,735	15,322	14,209	-3.6	-7.3
Central	39,832	42,541	38,427	-3.5	-9.7
West	11,872	12,567	12,299	3.6	-2.1

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



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.

Revision Policy: Monthly estimates are subject to revision the month following the preliminary estimates. Annual estimates are published in late April in the *Dairy Products Yearly Summary* report which includes any revisions made to previous 2 years of estimates. Revisions are generally due to plant data that are received too late to be included in the current report.

USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - Estimation Branch Contacts

For more information about specific data items, please contact the Estimation Branch staff members below. You can also email inquiries to nass@usda.gov.

Anthony Prillaman, Associate Deputy Administrator (202) 720-2127

Darin Jantzi, Section Chief..... (701) 412-5953

Broiler Hatchery, Chicken Hatchery, Eggs, Hogs and Pigs, Layers, Sheep and Goats

Jeff Lemmons, Section Chief..... (202) 973-3272

Cattle, Cattle on Feed, Capacity of Refrigerated Warehouses, Cold Storage

Fleming Gibson, Section Chief (Acting)..... (202) 236-2428

Catfish, Census of Aquaculture, Dairy Products, Livestock Slaughter, Poultry Slaughter, Trout, Turkey Hatchery, Turkey Raised

Julie Weber, Section Chief (202) 317-0165

Cost of Pollination, Egg Products, Honey, Honey Bee Colonies, Milk Production

Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS web site: www.nass.usda.gov.
- The national specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit www.nass.usda.gov and click on “National” in upper right corner above “search” box to create an account and select the reports you would like to receive.
- Economics, Statistics, and Market Information (ESMIS) – National Agricultural Library (NAL) website houses NASS’s and other agency archived reports at <https://esmis.nal.usda.gov>. All email subscriptions containing reports will be sent from <https://esmis.nal.usda.gov>. To receive the reports via e-mail, you will have to go to the website, create a new account and subscribe to the reports. You should whitelist notifications@esmis.nal.usda.gov in your email client to avoid the emails going into spam/junk folders.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: nass@usda.gov.

If you have specific questions you would like an expert to respond to, please visit our “Ask A Specialist” website at www.nass.usda.gov/Contact_Us/Ask_a_Specialist.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint](#) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.