Dairy Products

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September 2026 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 1.23 billion pounds, 0.7 percent above September 2025 but 2.5 percent below August 2026.

Italian type cheese production totaled 546 million pounds, 4.7 percent above September 2025 but 2.4 percent below August 2026.

American type cheese production totaled 464 million pounds, 2.5 percent below September 2025 and 3.0 percent below August 2026.

Butter production was 204 million pounds, 10.9 percent above September 2025 and 8.9 percent above August 2026.

Dry milk products (comparisons in percentage with September 2025)
Nonfat dry milk, human - 129 million pounds, up 3.7 percent.
Skim milk powder - 19.1 million pounds, down 58.8 percent.

Whey products (comparisons in percentage with September 2025)
Dry whey, total - 71.7 million pounds, up 3.8 percent.
Lactose, human and animal - 92.0 million pounds, down 2.8 percent.
Whey protein concentrate, total - 41.8 million pounds, down 2.7 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons in percentage with September 2025)
Ice cream, regular (hard) - 62.4 million gallons, up 5.6 percent.
Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 32.1 million gallons, up 3.1 percent.
Sherbet (hard) - 1.35 million gallons, down 11.6 percent.
Frozen yogurt (total) - 2.14 million gallons, down 10.1 percent.

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

Product	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026	Change from September 2025	Change from August 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Butter	183,898	187,363	204,005	10.9	8.9
Cheese					
American types [1]	475,989	478,372	464,255	-2.5	-3.0
Cheddar	323,844	326,613	310,217	-4.2	-5.0
Other American types	152,145	151,759	154,038	1.2	1.5
Blue and Gorgonzola	6,667	9,161	8,363	25.4	-8.7
Brick and Muenster	15,960	17,530	16,905	5.9	-3.6
Cream and Neufchatel	100,720	96,915	97,969	-2.7	1.1
Feta	14,339	13,138	11,570	-19.3	-11.9
Gouda	6,890	7,986	7,675	11.4	-3.9
Hispanic	42,138	42,585	42,871	1.7	0.7
Italian types	521,500	559,211	545,820	4.7	-2.4
Mozzarella	406,694	438,394	424,588	4.4	-3.1
Parmesan	45,712	53,325	52,464	14.8	-1.6
Provolone	33,328	34,234	33,904	1.7	-1.0
Ricotta	21,685	20,505	20,988	-3.2	2.4
Romano	4,423	3,645	4,194	-5.2	15.1
Other Italian types	9,658	9,108	9,682	0.2	6.3
Swiss	26,770	26,589	24,898	-7.0	-6.4
All other types	13,539	12,850	12,722	-6.0	-1.0
Total cheese [2]	1,224,512	1,264,337	1,233,048	0.7	-2.5
Cottage cheese, curd [3]	44,901	51,201	50,660	12.8	-1.1
Cottage cheese, cream [4]	39,398	42,347	42,914	8.9	1.3
Cottage cheese, lowfat [5]	38,029	40,442	41,089	8.0	1.6
Sour cream	124,270	122,124	125,897	1.3	3.1
Yogurt, plain and flavored	464,999	468,068	485,603	4.4	3.7
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
Frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, hard	59,085	64,924	62,379	5.6	-3.9
Ice cream, lowfat, hard	17,588	17,245	16,677	-5.2	-3.3
Ice cream, lowfat, soft	13,574	19,335	15,465	13.9	-20.0
Ice cream, lowfat, total [6]	31,162	36,580	32,142	3.1	-12.1
Ice cream, nonfat, hard	510	588	431	-15.5	-26.7
Sherbet, hard	1,527	1,517	1,350	-11.6	-11.0
Frozen yogurt, total	2,377	2,675	2,138	-10.1	-20.1
Regular and lowfat, hard	1,086	1,038	913	-15.9	-12.0
Nonfat, hard	199	148	133	-33.2	-10.1
Other frozen dairy products	1,052	1,137	851	-19.1	-25.2
Water and juice ices	4,957	5,127	4,694	-5.3	-8.4
Mix for frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, mix	39,107	43,942	41,039	4.9	-6.6
Ice cream, lowfat, mix [7]	18,121	20,654	18,038	-0.5	-12.7
Ice cream, nonfat, mix	705	610	606	-14.0	-0.7
Sherbet mix	1,116	1,257	1,078	-3.4	-14.2
Yogurt mix	1,427	1,502	1,245	-12.8	-17.1

[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: September 2025 and 2026

Product	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026	Change from September 2025	Change from August 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Condensed whey, solids content [1]					
Sweet-type, human	10,031	11,477	10,376	3.4	-9.6
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	67,979	72,610	70,296	3.4	-3.2
Dry whey, animal	1,127	1,345	1,403	24.5	4.3
Dry whey, total	69,106	73,955	71,699	3.8	-3.1
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal	3,215	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Whey protein concentrate					
Human [2]	40,775	42,077	40,280	-1.2	-4.3
Animal [2]	2,184	1,235	1,504	-31.1	21.8
Total [2]	42,959	43,312	41,784	-2.7	-3.5
25.0-49.9 percent [3]	11,365	7,604	8,007	-29.5	5.3
50.0-89.9 percent [3]	31,594	35,708	33,777	6.9	-5.4
Whey protein isolates [4]	18,802	16,616	20,466	8.9	23.2
Lactose, human and animal	94,666	94,953	92,025	-2.8	-3.1
Manufacturers' stocks end of month [5]					
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	51,014	62,036	57,542	12.8	-7.2
Dry whey, animal	959	1,142	822	-14.3	-28.0
Dry whey, total	51,973	63,178	58,364	12.3	-7.6
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal [6]	6,546	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Whey protein concentrate					
Human [2]	48,254	47,368	49,768	3.1	5.1
Animal [2]	2,610	1,721	1,555	-40.4	-9.6
Total [2]	50,864	49,089	51,323	0.9	4.6
25.0-49.9 percent [3]	21,885	12,999	12,191	-44.3	-6.2
50.0-89.9 percent [3]	28,979	36,090	39,132	35.0	8.4
Whey protein isolates [4]	14,015	19,499	19,998	42.7	2.6
Lactose, human and animal	92,525	104,996	99,657	7.7	-5.1
	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents change)	(cents change)
Manufacturers' selling price [7]					
Dry whey, animal	35.7	(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: September 2025 and 2026

Product	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026	Change from September 2025	Change from August 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Production					
Bulk condensed milk					
Skim, unsweetened	100,771	109,712	100,613	-0.2	-8.3
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	10,967	12,093	10,535	-3.9	-12.9
Dry skim milk, animal	841	1,037	553	-34.2	-46.7
Dry whole milk	6,562	9,244	6,745	2.8	-27.0
Milk protein concentrate, total [1]	20,546	21,477	26,254	27.8	22.2
Nonfat dry milk, human	124,854	129,152	129,425	3.7	0.2
Skim milk powder, total [2]	46,395	28,880	19,109	-58.8	-33.8
Manufacturers' stocks end-of-month [3]					
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	26,508	25,456	25,710	-3.0	1.0
Dry skim milk, animal	3,933	5,061	3,465	-11.9	-31.5
Dry whole milk	10,657	14,551	11,274	5.8	-22.5
Nonfat dry milk, human	217,439	216,333	206,691	-4.9	-4.5
Manufacturers' shipments [4]					
Dry milk products					
Nonfat dry milk, human	136,197	146,739	137,788	1.2	-6.1

[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	1,263,348	2.1	8,545,280	8,753,369	2.4
August	1,228,182	1,264,337	2.9	9,773,462	10,017,706	2.5
September	1,224,512	1,233,048	0.7	10,997,974	11,250,754	2.3
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	478,372	-0.6	3,877,171	3,874,287	-0.1
September	475,989	464,255	-2.5	4,353,160	4,338,542	-0.3
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	326,613	-0.7	2,681,057	2,676,283	-0.2
September	323,844	310,217	-4.2	3,004,901	2,986,500	-0.6
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	550,699	4.1	3,640,883	3,795,159	4.2
August	522,071	559,211	7.1	4,162,954	4,354,370	4.6
September	521,500	545,820	4.7	4,684,454	4,900,190	4.6
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	438,394	6.0	3,306,852	3,401,639	2.9
September	406,694	424,588	4.4	3,713,546	3,826,227	3.0
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	9,682	0.2	73,540	87,134	18.5
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	224,272	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	204,005	10.9	1,811,706	1,928,711	6.5
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	129,152	7.0	1,170,859	1,290,850	10.2
September	124,854	129,425	3.7	1,295,713	1,420,275	9.6
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	28,880	-33.3	324,966	256,761	-21.0
September	46,395	19,109	-58.8	371,361	275,870	-25.7
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	81,156	18.7	502,171	544,935	8.5
August	69,456	73,955	6.5	571,627	618,890	8.3
September	69,106	71,699	3.8	640,733	690,589	7.8
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	94,953	-1.3	762,000	738,433	-3.1
September	94,666	92,025	-2.8	856,666	830,458	-3.1
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	43,312	5.9	334,628	331,328	-1.0
September	42,959	41,784	-2.7	377,587	373,112	-1.2
October	39,808			417,395		
November	40,392			457,787		
December	44,005			501,792		

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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)
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	42,347	7.9	312,533	340,993	9.1
September	39,398	42,914	8.9	351,931	383,907	9.1
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	40,442	9.9	278,276	308,719	10.9
September	38,029	41,089	8.0	316,305	349,808	10.6
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	122,124	0.2	991,893	984,041	-0.8
September	124,270	125,897	1.3	1,116,163	1,109,938	-0.6
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	70,430	1.4	436,863	452,402	3.6
August	66,439	64,924	-2.3	503,302	517,326	2.8
September	59,085	62,379	5.6	562,387	579,705	3.1
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	36,580	9.5	272,612	283,478	4.0
September	31,162	32,142	3.1	303,774	315,620	3.9
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	1,350	-11.6	14,581	15,096	3.5
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	478,163	6.4	3,072,223	3,255,530	6.0
August	460,868	468,068	1.6	3,533,091	3,723,598	5.4
September	464,999	485,603	4.4	3,998,090	4,209,201	5.3
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	2,675	-5.3	23,731	23,802	0.3
September	2,377	2,138	-10.1	26,108	25,940	-0.6
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: September 2025 and 2026

State and region	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026	Change from	
				September 2025	August 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	205,561	205,840	203,230	-1.1	-1.3
Idaho	84,032	86,627	84,829	0.9	-2.1
Iowa	31,432	35,725	33,398	6.3	-6.5
Minnesota	67,772	70,966	69,057	1.9	-2.7
New Mexico	73,590	75,554	74,539	1.3	-1.3
New York	74,818	79,095	77,426	3.5	-2.1
Ohio	21,725	20,503	19,567	-9.9	-4.6
Pennsylvania	41,037	35,766	37,312	-9.1	4.3
Wisconsin	301,946	303,968	298,350	-1.2	-1.8
Other States [1]	322,599	350,293	335,340	3.9	-4.3
United States	1,224,512	1,264,337	1,233,048	0.7	-2.5
Atlantic	140,766	140,319	139,075	-1.2	-0.9
Central	628,052	658,681	634,888	1.1	-3.6
West	455,694	465,337	459,085	0.7	-1.3

[1] Other States includes states not published.

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

State and region	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026	Change from	
				September 2025	August 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	45,911	49,272	45,081	-1.8	-8.5
Iowa	14,972	16,555	15,360	2.6	-7.2
Minnesota	57,710	61,278	60,168	4.3	-1.8
New York	17,675	19,838	17,753	0.4	-10.5
Wisconsin	84,941	73,705	72,930	-14.1	-1.1
Other States [1]	254,780	257,724	252,963	-0.7	-1.8
United States	475,989	478,372	464,255	-2.5	-3.0
Atlantic	28,625	30,684	28,122	-1.8	-8.3
Central	271,174	267,830	262,790	-3.1	-1.9
West	176,190	179,858	173,343	-1.6	-3.6

[1] Other States includes states not published.

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

State and region	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026	Change from	
				September 2025	August 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	22,234	25,162	23,183	4.3	-7.9
Vermont	9,509	9,406	8,926	-6.1	-5.1
Wisconsin	51,090	44,510	42,758	-16.3	-3.9
Other States [1]	241,011	247,535	235,350	-2.3	-4.9
United States	323,844	326,613	310,217	-4.2	-5.0
Atlantic	25,509	27,195	25,173	-1.3	-7.4
Central	183,803	182,300	173,658	-5.5	-4.7
West	114,532	117,118	111,386	-2.7	-4.9

[1] Other States includes states not published.

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

State and region	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026	Change from	
				September 2025	August 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	140,167	135,636	137,399	-2.0	1.3
Minnesota	9,849	9,682	8,845	-10.2	-8.6
New York	26,277	30,092	29,801	13.4	-1.0
Pennsylvania	23,779	19,039	20,047	-15.7	5.3
Wisconsin	148,969	161,938	157,917	6.0	-2.5
Other States [1]	172,459	202,824	191,811	11.2	-5.4
United States	521,500	559,211	545,820	4.7	-2.4
Atlantic	58,218	57,867	58,317	0.2	0.8
Central	234,134	265,106	251,915	7.6	-5.0
West	229,148	236,238	235,588	2.8	-0.3

[1] Other States includes states not published.

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

State and region	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026	Change from	
				September 2025	August 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	128,299	124,739	125,569	-2.1	0.7
New York	11,237	14,559	13,244	17.9	-9.0
Pennsylvania	19,157	14,023	15,270	-20.3	8.9
Wisconsin	91,075	97,586	94,112	3.3	-3.6
Other States [1]	156,926	187,487	176,393	12.4	-5.9
United States	406,694	438,394	424,588	4.4	-3.1
Atlantic	35,397	34,043	33,768	-4.6	-0.8
Central	155,477	180,212	168,277	8.2	-6.6
West	215,820	224,139	222,543	3.1	-0.7

[1] Other States includes states not published.

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

State and region	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026	Change from	
				September 2025	August 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	53,114	57,208	55,554	4.6	-2.9
Pennsylvania	6,354	5,671	5,719	-10.0	0.8
Other States [1]	124,430	124,484	142,732	14.7	14.7
United States	183,898	187,363	204,005	10.9	8.9
Atlantic	12,099	10,885	11,026	-8.9	1.3
Central	76,005	69,502	74,552	-1.9	7.3
West	95,794	106,976	118,427	23.6	10.7

[1] Other States includes states not published.

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

State and region	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026	Change from	
				September 2025	August 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	54,274	68,314	61,194	12.8	-10.4
Pennsylvania	10,179	9,028	9,091	-10.7	0.7
Other States [1]	60,401	51,810	59,140	-2.1	14.1
United States	124,854	129,152	129,425	3.7	0.2
Atlantic	19,247	17,101	17,042	-11.5	-0.3
Central	26,706	17,029	21,364	-20.0	25.5
West	78,901	95,022	91,019	15.4	-4.2

[1] Other States includes states not published.

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

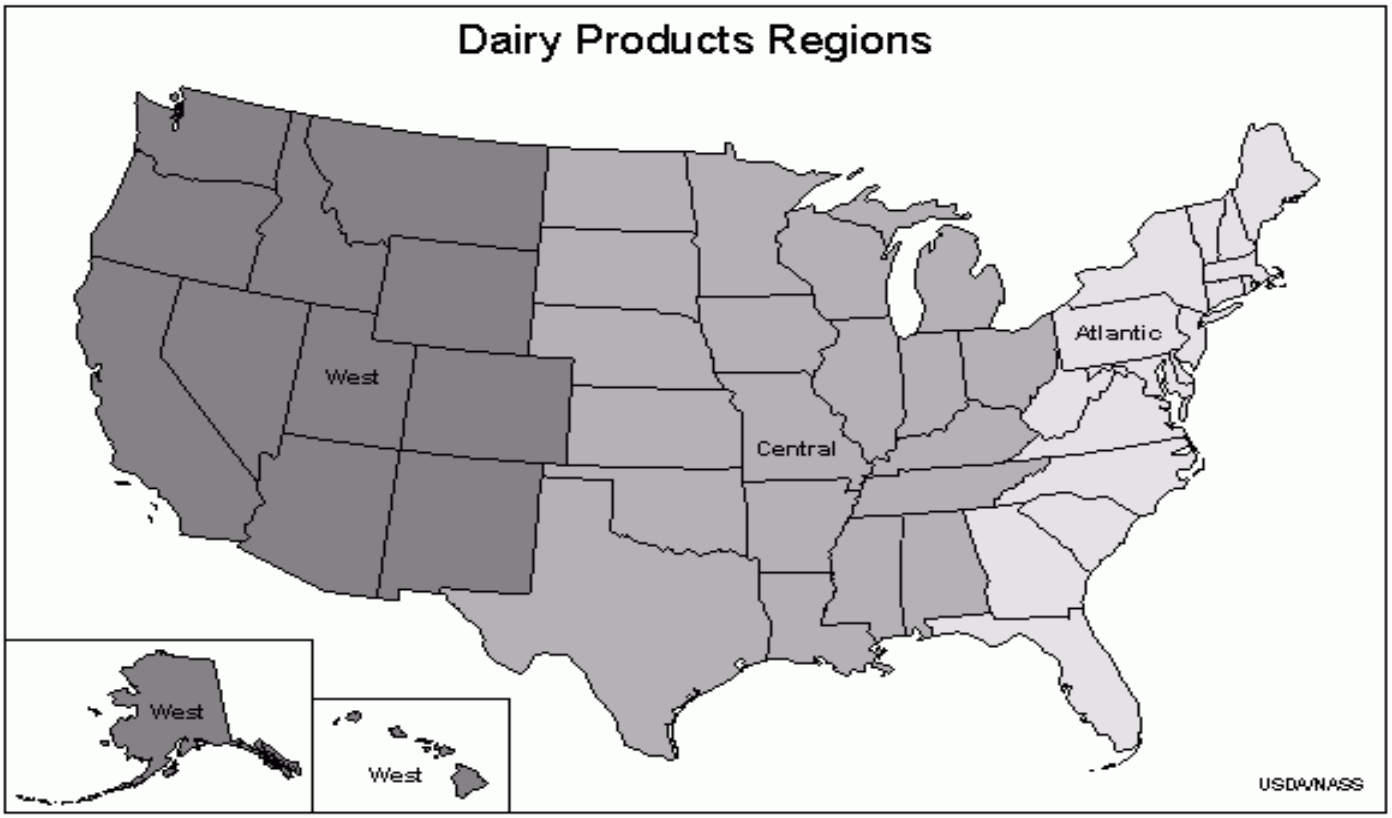
State and region	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026	Change from	
				September 2025	August 2026
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
New York	10,551	11,941	12,187	15.5	2.1
Wisconsin	21,700	23,491	26,057	20.1	10.9
Other States [1]	35,728	37,178	32,052	-10.3	-13.8
United States	67,979	72,610	70,296	3.4	-3.2
Atlantic	20,219	19,685	20,520	1.5	4.2
Central	35,955	44,498	43,484	20.9	-2.3
West	11,805	8,427	6,292	-46.7	-25.3

[1] Other States includes states not published.

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

State and region	September 2025	August 2026	September 2026	Change from	
				September 2025	August 2026
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
California	6,533	7,181	6,485	-0.7	-9.7
Connecticut	519	762	630	21.4	-17.3
New York	2,002	2,266	2,092	4.5	-7.7
Ohio	2,446	2,043	2,329	-4.8	14.0
Pennsylvania	4,423	3,566	4,408	-0.3	23.6
Utah	1,569	1,393	1,425	-9.2	2.3
Wisconsin	819	1,017	1,001	22.2	-1.6
Other States [1]	40,774	46,696	44,009	7.9	-5.8
United States	59,085	64,924	62,379	5.6	-3.9
Atlantic	14,527	14,206	14,652	0.9	3.1
Central	33,356	38,419	36,582	9.7	-4.8
West	11,202	12,299	11,145	-0.5	-9.4

[1] Other States includes states not published.



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: 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. Data is summarized at the Individual State level. State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB) along with supporting comments where they are compared with surrounding states, their region, and national trends. During ASB review, plants are sometimes contacted again for further verification of numbers reported. After ASB review, 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.

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