



Dairy Products

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February 2025 Highlights

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 1.11 billion pounds, 2.2 percent below February 2024 and 8.7 percent below January 2025.

Italian type cheese production totaled 474 million pounds, 0.5 percent below February 2024 and 8.8 percent below January 2025.

American type cheese production totaled 441 million pounds, 1.3 percent below February 2024 and 8.5 percent below January 2025.

Butter production was 203 million pounds, 2.6 percent above February 2024 but 7.1 percent below January 2025.

Dry milk products (comparisons in percentage with February 2024)

Nonfat dry milk, human - 147 million pounds, down 0.3 percent.

Skim milk powder - 30.8 million pounds, down 15.1 percent.

Whey products (comparisons in percentage with February 2024)

Dry whey, total - 60.1 million pounds, down 16.7 percent.

Lactose, human and animal - 83.9 million pounds, down 4.2 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total - 36.1 million pounds, down 6.8 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons in percentage with February 2024)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 55.6 million gallons, down 3.0 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 30.5 million gallons, down 2.9 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 1.45 million gallons, down 5.3 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 4.11 million gallons, up 2.7 percent.

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Dairy Products Production by Product – United States: February 2024 and 2025

Product	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Change from	
				February 2024	January 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Butter	197,645	218,242	202,846	2.6	-7.1
Cheese					
American types ¹	446,591	481,440	440,724	-1.3	-8.5
Cheddar	314,571	328,960	306,662	-2.5	-6.8
Other American types	132,020	152,480	134,062	1.5	-12.1
Blue and Gorgonzola	6,780	7,689	6,034	-11.0	-21.5
Brick and Muenster	17,377	17,533	16,558	-4.7	-5.6
Cream and Neufchatel	100,969	97,651	85,930	-14.9	-12.0
Feta	12,452	12,109	12,193	-2.1	0.7
Gouda	6,546	6,980	6,951	6.2	-0.4
Hispanic	35,085	33,859	35,385	0.9	4.5
Italian types	476,892	520,335	474,448	-0.5	-8.8
Mozzarella	374,126	411,987	373,347	-0.2	-9.4
Parmesan	40,814	44,952	40,240	-1.4	-10.5
Provolone	30,064	29,593	27,178	-9.6	-8.2
Ricotta	19,864	20,701	20,223	1.8	-2.3
Romano	4,344	5,146	5,284	21.6	2.7
Other Italian types	7,680	7,956	8,176	6.5	2.8
Swiss	25,582	27,823	25,014	-2.2	-10.1
All other types	11,711	15,164	11,580	-1.1	-23.6
Total cheese ²	1,139,985	1,220,583	1,114,817	-2.2	-8.7
Cottage cheese, curd ³	33,727	40,417	38,579	14.4	-4.5
Cottage cheese, cream ⁴	32,747	39,893	35,460	8.3	-11.1
Cottage cheese, lowfat ⁵	28,625	31,752	32,301	12.8	1.7
Sour cream	119,290	133,957	113,142	-5.2	-15.5
Yogurt, plain and flavored	396,526	420,826	416,015	4.9	-1.1
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
Frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, hard	57,300	59,544	55,561	-3.0	-6.7
Ice cream, lowfat, hard	18,156	17,122	16,243	-10.5	-5.1
Ice cream, lowfat, soft	13,235	12,110	14,230	7.5	17.5
Ice cream, lowfat, total ⁶	31,391	29,232	30,473	-2.9	4.2
Ice cream, nonfat, hard	366	386	313	-14.5	-18.9
Sherbet, hard	1,533	1,550	1,451	-5.3	-6.4
Frozen yogurt, total	4,001	3,825	4,111	2.7	7.5
Regular and lowfat, hard	978	1,199	1,071	9.5	-10.7
Nonfat, hard	166	109	183	10.2	67.9
Other frozen dairy products	862	880	988	14.6	12.3
Water and juice ices	5,632	4,445	4,604	-18.3	3.6
Mix for frozen products					
Ice cream, regular, mix	36,362	36,197	34,746	-4.4	-4.0
Ice cream, lowfat, mix ⁷	17,481	16,263	17,070	-2.4	5.0
Ice cream, nonfat, mix	302	569	454	50.3	-20.2
Sherbet mix	1,272	1,399	1,444	13.5	3.2
Yogurt mix	1,868	1,449	1,472	-21.2	1.6

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: February 2024 and 2025

Product	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Change from	
				February 2024	January 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Condensed whey, solids content ¹					
Sweet-type, human	8,525	6,518	9,995	17.2	53.3
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	66,236	68,335	57,351	-13.4	-16.1
Dry whey, animal	5,895	3,627	2,759	-53.2	-23.9
Dry whey, total	72,131	71,962	60,110	-16.7	-16.5
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal	3,507	3,955	3,755	7.1	-5.1
Whey protein concentrate					
Human ²	38,160	38,047	35,742	-6.3	-6.1
Animal ²	550	550	355	-35.5	-35.5
Total ²	38,710	38,597	36,097	-6.8	-6.5
25.0-49.9 percent ³	10,518	10,090	8,339	-20.7	-17.4
50.0-89.9 percent ³	28,192	28,507	27,758	-1.5	-2.6
Whey protein isolates ⁴	14,371	16,920	15,849	10.3	-6.3
Lactose, human and animal	87,602	93,082	83,905	-4.2	-9.9
Manufacturers' stocks end of month ⁵					
Dry whey products					
Dry whey, human	66,929	56,671	60,353	-9.8	6.5
Dry whey, animal	5,922	3,159	2,357	-60.2	-25.4
Dry whey, total	72,851	59,830	62,710	-13.9	4.8
Reduced Lactose and minerals					
Human and animal ⁶	6,832	6,496	6,440	-5.7	-0.9
Whey protein concentrate					
Human ²	56,456	56,956	54,778	-3.0	-3.8
Animal ²	1,375	1,243	801	-41.7	-35.6
Total ²	57,831	58,199	55,579	-3.9	-4.5
25.0-49.9 percent ³	22,173	22,574	21,487	-3.1	-4.8
50.0-89.9 percent ³	35,658	35,625	34,092	-4.4	-4.3
Whey protein isolates ⁴	18,793	15,389	14,767	-21.4	-4.0
Lactose, human and animal	107,592	101,051	97,659	-9.2	-3.4
	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents per pound)	(cents change)	(cents change)
Manufacturers' selling price ⁷					
Dry whey, animal	26.5	38.5	30.8	4.3	-7.7

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:
February 2024 and 2025**

Product	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Change from	
				February 2024	January 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Production					
Bulk condensed milk					
Skim, unsweetened	111,207	111,892	112,164	0.9	0.2
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	14,452	16,302	14,153	-2.1	-13.2
Dry skim milk, animal	613	738	515	-16.0	-30.2
Dry whole milk	10,115	9,697	12,726	25.8	31.2
Milk protein concentrate, total ¹	33,466	29,952	28,031	-16.2	-6.4
Nonfat dry milk, human	147,081	154,663	146,595	-0.3	-5.2
Skim milk powder, total ²	36,240	34,514	30,762	-15.1	-10.9
Manufacturers' stocks end-of-month ³					
Dry milk products					
Dry buttermilk, total	38,955	35,823	38,233	-1.9	6.7
Dry skim milk, animal	7,892	7,809	6,857	-13.1	-12.2
Dry whole milk	12,216	12,757	16,574	35.7	29.9
Nonfat dry milk, human	209,600	301,383	329,134	57.0	9.2
Manufacturers' shipments ⁴					
Dry milk products					
Nonfat dry milk, human	143,710	107,263	106,943	-25.6	-0.3

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: 2024 and 2025

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Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	Change from 2024	2024	2025	Change from 2024
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total cheese ¹						
January	1,200,917	1,220,583	1.6	1,200,917	1,220,583	1.6
February	1,139,985	1,114,817	-2.2	2,340,902	2,335,400	-0.2
March	1,223,777			3,564,679		
April	1,188,261			4,752,940		
May	1,210,254			5,963,194		
June	1,159,745			7,122,939		
July	1,191,591			8,314,530		
August	1,196,864			9,511,394		
September	1,160,964			10,672,358		
October	1,226,886			11,899,244		
November	1,153,690			13,052,934		
December	1,202,385			14,255,319		
Total American cheese types ²						
January	473,081	481,440	1.8	473,081	481,440	1.8
February	446,591	440,724	-1.3	919,672	922,164	0.3
March	489,346			1,409,018		
April	467,098			1,876,116		
May	488,140			2,364,256		
June	456,275			2,820,531		
July	469,556			3,290,087		
August	476,774			3,766,861		
September	456,060			4,222,921		
October	487,438			4,710,359		
November	452,686			5,163,045		
December	471,666			5,634,711		
Cheddar cheese						
January	330,574	328,960	-0.5	330,574	328,960	-0.5
February	314,571	306,662	-2.5	645,145	635,622	-1.5
March	340,784			985,929		
April	317,180			1,303,109		
May	329,161			1,632,270		
June	310,178			1,942,448		
July	311,572			2,254,020		
August	321,447			2,575,467		
September	312,830			2,888,297		
October	333,877			3,222,174		
November	313,751			3,535,925		
December	317,597			3,853,522		

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Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	Change from 2024	2024	2025	Change from 2024
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Total Italian cheese types						
January	510,548	520,335	1.9	510,548	520,335	1.9
February	476,892	474,448	-0.5	987,440	994,783	0.7
March	518,595			1,506,035		
April	505,053			2,011,088		
May	505,383			2,516,471		
June	485,397			3,001,868		
July	496,118			3,497,986		
August	500,060			3,998,046		
September	487,702			4,485,748		
October	511,157			4,996,905		
November	493,932			5,490,837		
December	523,238			6,014,075		
Mozzarella						
January	398,419	411,987	3.4	398,419	411,987	3.4
February	374,126	373,347	-0.2	772,545	785,334	1.7
March	409,839			1,182,384		
April	402,159			1,584,543		
May	405,705			1,990,248		
June	390,447			2,380,695		
July	399,268			2,779,963		
August	400,492			3,180,455		
September	390,995			3,571,450		
October	406,008			3,977,458		
November	388,572			4,366,030		
December	417,015			4,783,045		
Other Italian cheese types						
January	8,380	7,956	-5.1	8,380	7,956	-5.1
February	7,680	8,176	6.5	16,060	16,132	0.4
March	8,374			24,434		
April	7,950			32,384		
May	7,277			39,661		
June	8,234			47,895		
July	8,768			56,663		
August	9,468			66,131		
September	7,608			73,739		
October	8,391			82,130		
November	8,994			91,124		
December	8,252			99,376		

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Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	Change from 2024	2024	2025	Change from 2024
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Butter						
January	217,247	218,242	0.5	217,247	218,242	0.5
February	197,645	202,846	2.6	414,892	421,088	1.5
March	210,526			625,418		
April	207,630			833,048		
May	204,444			1,037,492		
June	167,992			1,205,484		
July	163,973			1,369,457		
August	159,922			1,529,379		
September	160,463			1,689,842		
October	168,956			1,858,798		
November	174,808			2,033,606		
December	199,715			2,233,321		
Nonfat dry milk, human						
January	138,296	154,663	11.8	138,296	154,663	11.8
February	147,081	146,595	-0.3	285,377	301,258	5.6
March	183,977			469,354		
April	174,167			643,521		
May	169,098			812,619		
June	127,495			940,114		
July	120,993			1,061,107		
August	116,151			1,177,258		
September	115,480			1,292,738		
October	125,363			1,418,101		
November	119,266			1,537,367		
December	130,716			1,668,083		
Skim milk powder, total ³						
January	56,918	34,514	-39.4	56,918	34,514	-39.4
February	36,240	30,762	-15.1	93,158	65,276	-29.9
March	28,313			121,471		
April	35,840			157,311		
May	41,852			199,163		
June	60,457			259,620		
July	51,571			311,191		
August	50,320			361,511		
September	53,377			414,888		
October	40,979			455,867		
November	44,834			500,701		
December	50,824			551,525		

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Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	Change from 2024	2024	2025	Change from 2024
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Dry whey, total ⁴						
January	77,724	71,962	-7.4	77,724	71,962	-7.4
February	72,131	60,110	-16.7	149,855	132,072	-11.9
March	79,925			229,780		
April	81,240			311,020		
May	76,630			387,650		
June	72,962			460,612		
July	67,677			528,289		
August	65,246			593,535		
September	68,014			661,549		
October	66,282			727,831		
November	64,801			792,632		
December	69,016			861,648		
Lactose, human and animal						
January	89,452	93,082	4.1	89,452	93,082	4.1
February	87,602	83,905	-4.2	177,054	176,987	(Z)
March	99,109			276,163		
April	91,706			367,869		
May	92,900			460,769		
June	94,181			554,950		
July	95,146			650,096		
August	94,954			745,050		
September	94,098			839,148		
October	91,558			930,706		
November	85,082			1,015,788		
December	93,433			1,109,221		
Whey protein concentrate, total						
January	42,695	38,597	-9.6	42,695	38,597	-9.6
February	38,710	36,097	-6.8	81,405	74,694	-8.2
March	44,170			125,575		
April	39,233			164,808		
May	42,415			207,223		
June	40,541			247,764		
July	38,519			286,283		
August	41,444			327,727		
September	39,220			366,947		
October	40,538			407,485		
November	39,635			447,120		
December	42,179			489,299		

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Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	Change from 2024	2024	2025	Change from 2024
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Cottage cheese, cream						
January	32,818	39,893	21.6	32,818	39,893	21.6
February	32,747	35,460	8.3	65,565	75,353	14.9
March	35,291			100,856		
April	35,842			136,698		
May	36,335			173,033		
June	34,196			207,229		
July	36,071			243,300		
August	34,822			278,122		
September	35,785			313,907		
October	36,575			350,482		
November	34,195			384,677		
December	34,318			418,995		
Cottage cheese, lowfat						
January	29,535	31,752	7.5	29,535	31,752	7.5
February	28,625	32,301	12.8	58,160	64,053	10.1
March	29,824			87,984		
April	32,609			120,593		
May	33,591			154,184		
June	31,251			185,435		
July	31,743			217,178		
August	33,012			250,190		
September	31,305			281,495		
October	33,451			314,946		
November	33,644			348,590		
December	30,273			378,863		
Sour cream						
January	128,934	133,957	3.9	128,934	133,957	3.9
February	119,290	113,142	-5.2	248,224	247,099	-0.5
March	123,459			371,683		
April	124,292			495,975		
May	127,362			623,337		
June	123,012			746,349		
July	126,862			873,211		
August	126,753			999,964		
September	120,222			1,120,186		
October	139,393			1,259,579		
November	131,996			1,391,575		
December	140,343			1,531,918		

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Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	Change from 2024	2024	2025	Change from 2024
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)
Ice cream, regular hard						
January	49,619	59,544	20.0	49,619	59,544	20.0
February	57,300	55,561	-3.0	106,919	115,105	7.7
March	66,215			173,134		
April	64,744			237,878		
May	66,193			304,071		
June	66,551			370,622		
July	64,954			435,576		
August	69,341			504,917		
September	59,063			563,980		
October	62,528			626,508		
November	50,806			677,314		
December	51,825			729,139		
Ice cream, lowfat total						
January	26,593	29,232	9.9	26,593	29,232	9.9
February	31,391	30,473	-2.9	57,984	59,705	3.0
March	37,552			95,536		
April	38,662			134,198		
May	39,818			174,016		
June	38,416			212,432		
July	39,455			251,887		
August	38,636			290,523		
September	31,884			322,407		
October	31,260			353,667		
November	25,735			379,402		
December	24,148			403,550		
Sherbet, hard						
January	1,609	1,550	-3.7	1,609	1,550	-3.7
February	1,533	1,451	-5.3	3,142	3,001	-4.5
March	1,835			4,977		
April	1,777			6,754		
May	1,678			8,432		
June	1,716			10,148		
July	1,793			11,941		
August	2,153			14,094		
September	1,677			15,771		
October	1,583			17,354		
November	1,260			18,614		
December	1,449			20,063		

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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Dairy Products Production by Product and Month – United States: 2024 and 2025 (continued)

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Product and month	Monthly			Cumulative		
	2024	2025	Change from 2024	2024	2025	Change from 2024
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Yogurt, plain and flavored						
January	397,623	420,826	5.8	397,623	420,826	5.8
February	396,526	416,015	4.9	794,149	836,841	5.4
March	427,988			1,222,137		
April	413,821			1,635,958		
May	401,316			2,037,274		
June	392,756			2,430,030		
July	401,462			2,831,492		
August	423,662			3,255,154		
September	431,425			3,686,579		
October	418,965			4,105,544		
November	383,874			4,489,418		
December	376,197			4,865,615		
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)
Frozen yogurt, total						
January	3,277	3,825	16.7	3,277	3,825	16.7
February	4,001	4,111	2.7	7,278	7,936	9.0
March	3,731			11,009		
April	3,105			14,114		
May	4,315			18,429		
June	4,164			22,593		
July	4,293			26,886		
August	4,387			31,273		
September	3,172			34,445		
October	3,320			37,765		
November	2,600			40,365		
December	3,374			43,739		

(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:
February 2024 and 2025**

State and region	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Change from	
				February 2024	January 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	201,174	207,835	200,604	-0.3	-3.5
Idaho	76,564	89,905	76,064	-0.7	-15.4
Illinois	5,406	6,977	6,605	22.2	-5.3
Iowa	30,982	32,096	29,139	-5.9	-9.2
Minnesota	65,514	69,990	62,875	-4.0	-10.2
New Jersey	5,401	8,591	7,719	42.9	-10.2
New Mexico	75,722	75,804	66,962	-11.6	-11.7
New York	73,977	76,222	65,089	-12.0	-14.6
Ohio	19,299	21,625	19,690	2.0	-8.9
Pennsylvania	35,855	38,077	34,884	-2.7	-8.4
South Dakota	44,107	50,230	46,367	5.1	-7.7
Vermont	12,513	13,114	11,519	-7.9	-12.2
Wisconsin	281,098	310,216	282,231	0.4	-9.0
Other States ¹	212,373	219,901	205,069	-3.4	-6.7
United States	1,139,985	1,220,583	1,114,817	-2.2	-8.7
Atlantic	137,333	141,250	123,974	-9.7	-12.2
Central	558,333	606,741	555,158	-0.6	-8.5
West	444,319	472,592	435,685	-1.9	-7.8

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: February 2024 and 2025

State and region	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Change from	
				February 2024	January 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	43,248	47,719	42,763	-1.1	-10.4
Iowa	17,562	16,766	14,036	-20.1	-16.3
Minnesota	55,050	60,222	53,680	-2.5	-10.9
New York	12,057	13,564	14,071	16.7	3.7
Wisconsin	83,296	96,959	87,500	5.0	-9.8
Other States ¹	235,378	246,210	228,674	-2.8	-7.1
United States	446,591	481,440	440,724	-1.3	-8.5
Atlantic	28,710	24,565	24,356	-15.2	-0.9
Central	248,518	273,546	250,029	0.6	-8.6
West	169,363	183,329	166,339	-1.8	-9.3

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Cheddar Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: February 2024 and 2025

State and region	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Change from	
				February 2024	January 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	19,374	21,710	20,074	3.6	-7.5
Iowa	11,793	10,229	7,907	-33.0	-22.7
Vermont	8,659	9,516	8,689	0.3	-8.7
Wisconsin	54,214	63,499	59,500	9.8	-6.3
Other States ¹	220,531	224,006	210,492	-4.6	-6.0
United States	314,571	328,960	306,662	-2.5	-6.8
Atlantic	27,469	22,599	22,248	-19.0	-1.6
Central	177,525	184,749	174,298	-1.8	-5.7
West	109,577	121,612	110,116	0.5	-9.5

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Total Italian Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: February 2024 and 2025

State and region	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Change from	
				February 2024	January 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	138,717	142,679	139,197	0.3	-2.4
Minnesota	10,310	9,571	9,023	-12.5	-5.7
New Jersey	2,501	5,864	4,540	81.5	-22.6
New York	28,863	27,605	25,118	-13.0	-9.0
Pennsylvania	20,731	23,895	21,910	5.7	-8.3
Wisconsin	134,557	148,834	133,482	-0.8	-10.3
Other States ¹	141,213	161,887	141,178	(Z)	-12.8
United States	476,892	520,335	474,448	-0.5	-8.8
Atlantic	53,703	61,104	54,731	1.9	-10.4
Central	196,061	215,757	195,979	(Z)	-9.2
West	227,128	243,474	223,738	-1.5	-8.1

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Mozzarella Cheese Production – States, United States, and Regions: February 2024 and 2025

State and region	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Change from	
				February 2024	January 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	125,939	129,914	127,016	0.9	-2.2
New Jersey	1,255	3,913	2,867	128.4	-26.7
New York	12,673	14,154	11,888	-6.2	-16.0
Pennsylvania	16,631	20,005	17,746	6.7	-11.3
Wisconsin	87,135	94,675	85,000	-2.5	-10.2
Other States ¹	130,493	149,326	128,830	-1.3	-13.7
United States	374,126	411,987	373,347	-0.2	-9.4
Atlantic	31,423	40,426	34,237	9.0	-15.3
Central	129,701	141,420	128,084	-1.2	-9.4
West	213,002	230,141	211,026	-0.9	-8.3

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Butter Production – States, United States, and Regions: February 2024 and 2025

State and region	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Change from	
				February 2024	January 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	60,500	59,919	56,756	-6.2	-5.3
Pennsylvania	7,825	7,631	7,465	-4.6	-2.2
Other States ¹	129,320	150,692	138,625	7.2	-8.0
United States	197,645	218,242	202,846	2.6	-7.1
Atlantic	17,463	18,688	16,652	-4.6	-10.9
Central	78,829	93,065	88,253	12.0	-5.2
West	101,353	106,489	97,941	-3.4	-8.0

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Nonfat Dry Milk (Human) Production – States, United States, and Regions: February 2024 and 2025

State and region	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Change from	
				February 2024	January 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
California	73,249	70,010	69,417	-5.2	-0.8
Pennsylvania	10,658	12,006	11,937	12.0	-0.6
Other States ¹	63,174	72,647	65,241	3.3	-10.2
United States	147,081	154,663	146,595	-0.3	-5.2
Atlantic	22,098	24,069	23,356	5.7	-3.0
Central	27,242	29,988	26,436	-3.0	-11.8
West	97,741	100,606	96,803	-1.0	-3.8

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Dry Whey (Human) Production – States, United States, and Regions: February 2024 and 2025

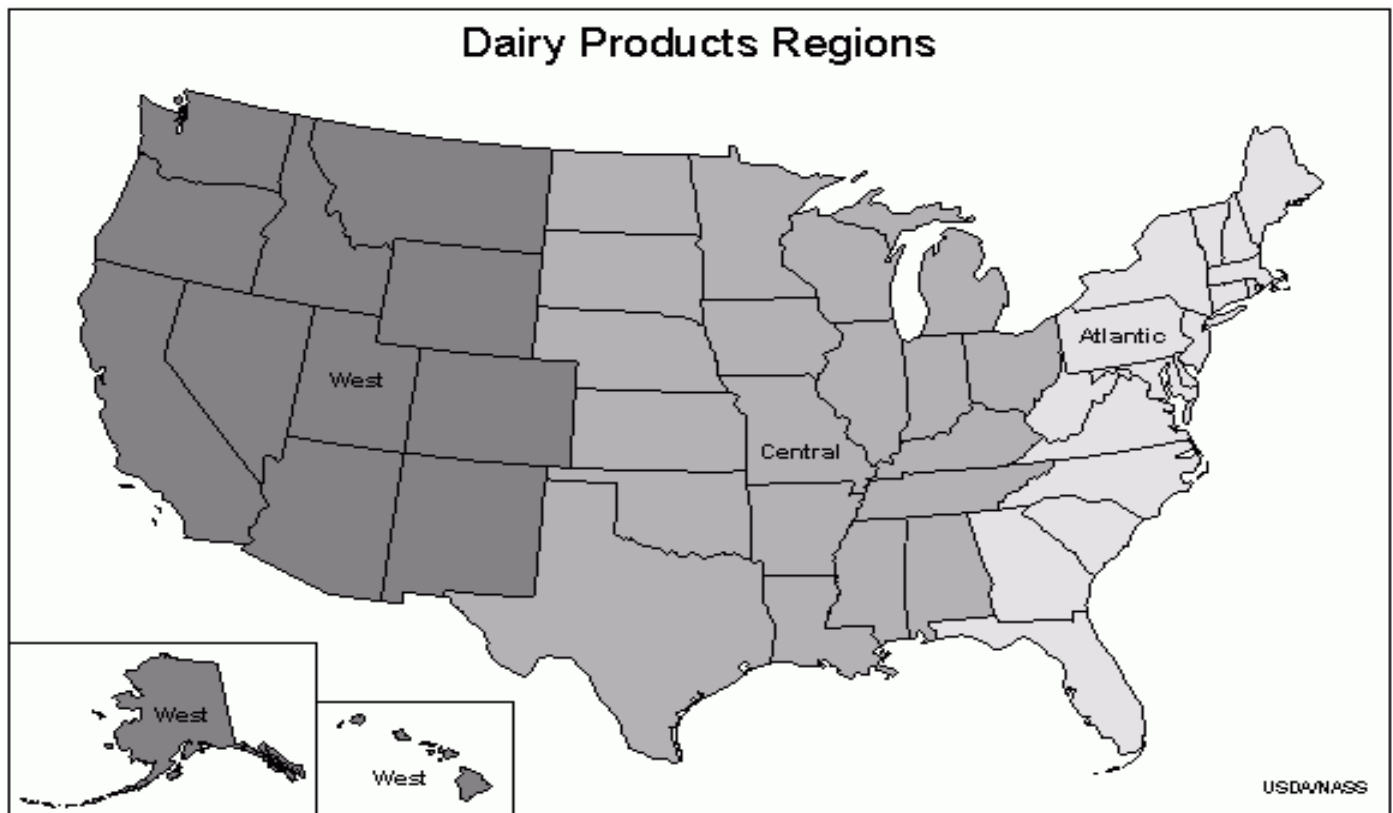
State and region	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Change from	
				February 2024	January 2025
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
New York	11,138	7,234	6,960	-37.5	-3.8
Wisconsin	21,150	26,216	20,832	-1.5	-20.5
Other States ¹	33,948	34,885	29,559	-12.9	-15.3
United States	66,236	68,335	57,351	-13.4	-16.1
Atlantic	17,917	16,952	15,280	-14.7	-9.9
Central	35,383	35,347	29,323	-17.1	-17.0
West	12,936	16,036	12,748	-1.5	-20.5

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Ice Cream, Regular (Hard) Production – States, United States, and Regions: February 2024 and 2025

State and region	February 2024	January 2025	February 2025	Change from	
				February 2024	January 2025
	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(1,000 gallons)	(percent)	(percent)
California	6,278	5,766	5,675	-9.6	-1.6
New York	2,050	2,055	1,811	-11.7	-11.9
Ohio	2,106	2,305	2,428	15.3	5.3
Utah	1,693	1,387	1,295	-23.5	-6.6
Wisconsin	818	948	848	3.7	-10.5
Other States ¹	44,355	47,083	43,504	-1.9	-7.6
United States	57,300	59,544	55,561	-3.0	-6.7
Atlantic	10,615	11,334	10,987	3.5	-3.1
Central	35,219	37,442	34,170	-3.0	-8.7
West	11,466	10,768	10,404	-9.3	-3.4

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

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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 2023, there were 1,183 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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