

# DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES CHEDDAR CHEESE

Week Ending Saturday \_\_\_\_\_



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Dear Cheddar Cheese Producer:

USDA NASS collects weekly information on cheddar cheese sales and prices to be published in the Dairy Products Prices Release. The information you provide is important to establish U.S. Cheddar cheese prices used in setting minimum class prices under the Federal milk order program. An accurate response to this survey is mandatory and subject to verification by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) under Public Law No. 106-532. This law specifically protects the confidentiality of your report from public disclosure except as directed by the Secretary or the Attorney General for enforcement purposes to ensure compliance with the Dairy Product Mandatory Reporting program.

Please make corrections to name, address and Zip Code, if necessary.

### INSTRUCTIONS

**Sale:**

When a transaction is completed, i.e. cheese is "shipped out" and title transfer occurs. Report for sales of Cheddar cheese only. Price is **f.o.b.** processing plant/storage center. Report moisture content of barrel cheese when sold. Report prices for "bare" or "naked" cheese with only minimum packaging as required for 40 lb. Blocks.

**Include:**

Total volume sold and total dollars received or price per pound. Include only cheese 4 – 30 days in age. CME Sales initial manufacturer sales only. CCC purchases under the Dairy Price Support and related programs.

**Exclude:**

Intra-company sales.  
Transportation and clearing charges from price.  
Block cheese that will be aged.  
Resales of purchased cheese.  
Forward pricing sales: sales in which the selling price was set (and not adjusted) 30 or more days before the transaction was completed.

\*\*See additional instructions on reverse side\*\*

**Records:**

Each person required to report information on this survey, shall maintain, and make available to the Secretary on request, original contracts, agreements, receipts, and other records associated with the sale of qualified dairy products during the two-year period beginning on the date of the creation of the records.

If you have any questions, please call 202-690-2168.

CHEDDAR CHEESE SALES for the WEEK ENDING SATURDAY _____				
1. PLANT LOCATION	POUNDS OF CHEDDAR	TOTAL DOLLARS OR DOLLARS / LB.		MOISTURE CONTENT
<b>500 lb. Barrels</b>				
	511	521	531	541
	lb.	\$	\$ . _____	____ . ____ %
	512	522	532	542
	lb.	\$	\$ . _____	____ . ____ %
	513	523	533	543
	lb.	\$	\$ . _____	____ . ____ %
	514	524	534	544
	lb.	\$	\$ . _____	____ . ____ %
	515	525	535	545
	lb.	\$	\$ . _____	____ . ____ %
<b>40 lb. Blocks</b>				
	611	621	631	
	lb.	\$	\$ . _____	
	612	622	632	
	lb.	\$	\$ . _____	
	613	623	633	
	lb.	\$	\$ . _____	
	614	624	634	
	lb.	\$	\$ . _____	
	615	625	635	
	lb.	\$	\$ . _____	

Reported by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of authorized official)

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CHEDDAR CHEESE PRICE SURVEY

Report total pounds sold and total dollars received (or price per pound) for all bulk transactions during the week. Please report cheese sales according to the following terms and definitions.

**1. Sale:** When a transaction is completed, i.e. cheese is “shipped out” and the transfer occurs.

**2. Variety:** Cheddar cheese

**3. Style:**

40# blocks  
500# barrels

**4. Moisture content:**

40# blocks – Exclude cheese that will be aged.

Barrels – Report moisture content of cheese sold, not to exceed 37.7%. NASS will adjust price to a benchmark of 38.0% based on standard moisture adjustment formulas.

**5. Age:**

Not less than 4 days or more than 30 days on date of sale.

**6. Grade:**

Barrels – Wisconsin State Brand, USDA Extra Grade or better.

40# blocks – Wisconsin State Brand, USDA Grade A or better.

**7. Color:**

Barrels – White

40# blocks – colored between 6-8 on the National Cheese Institute color chart.

**8. Packaging:**

40# blocks – Price should reflect cheese wrapped in a sealed, airtight package in corrugated or solid fiberboard containers with a reinforcing inner liner or sleeve. Exclude all other packaging costs from the reported price.

Barrels – Exclude all packaging costs from the reported price.

**9. Price:**

Price should be reported as price per pound or total dollars received.

Price is f.o.b. processing plant/storage center.