

# DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES CHEDDAR CHEESE

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



**NATIONAL  
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SERVICE**

**Report by noon on Wednesday** unless a Federal Holiday falls on Tuesday or Wednesday.  
In this case, NASS will contact you by email or telephone concerning the report deadline.

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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 US Secretary of Agriculture or the US 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.

**Report:**

- **Cheddar cheese in 40 pound blocks**, colored between 6 and 8 on the National Cheese Institute color chart, meeting Wisconsin State Brand and/or USDA Grade A or better standards.
- **Cheddar cheese in 500 pound barrels**, white, meeting Wisconsin State Brand and/or USDA Extra Grade or better standards.
- Price as either **f.o.b. plant** if the product is "shipped out" from a plant or **f.o.b. storage facility** if the product is "shipped out" from a storage facility.
- Complete transactions, i.e. cheddar cheese is "shipped out" **and** title transfer occurs.
- Sales of cheddar cheese **4 to 30** days of age.
- For **40 pound block cheddar cheese**, price reflecting packaging costs for cheese wrapped in a sealed, airtight package in corrugated or solid fiberboard container with a reinforcing inner liner or sleeve. Exclude all other packaging costs from the reported price.

**Do Not Deduct:**

- **Brokerage fees** paid by the manufacturer.
- **Clearing charges** paid by the manufacturer.

**Exclude:**

- **Forward pricing sales:** sales in which the selling price is established (and not adjusted) 30 or more days before the transaction is completed.
- **Intra-company sales** of cheddar cheese.
- **Re-sales** of purchased cheddar cheese.
- Cheddar cheese **certified as organic** by a USDA-accredited certifying agent.
- Sales of cheddar cheese produced **under faith-based close supervision and marketed at a higher price** than the manufacturer's wholesale market price for the basic commodity (for example, kosher cheese produced with a rabbi on site who is actively involved in supervision of the production process).
- Sales under the **Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP)** or other premium assisted sales (example: export assistance sales through the **Cooperatives Working Together (CWT)** program).
- **40 pound block cheddar cheese** to be aged.
- **500 pound barrel cheddar cheese** packaging costs.
- **500 pound barrel cheddar cheese** with moisture content above 37.7%.

**Records:**

- Each person required to report information on this survey shall maintain, and make available to the US Secretary of Agriculture office 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.

### Section 1 – Cheddar Cheese Sales

For the Week Ending Saturday _____				
1. Plant Location	Pounds of Cheddar	Total Dollars OR Dollars / lb.		Moisture Content *
500 lb. Barrels	Rounded to the Nearest Pound	Rounded to the Nearest Dollar	Rounded to the Nearest Hundredth of a Cent	Weighted Average: Rounded to the Nearest Hundredth of a Percent
	511	521 lb. \$	531 \$ . _____	541 ____.____%
	512	522 lb. \$	532 \$ . _____	542 ____.____%
	513	523 lb. \$	533 \$ . _____	543 ____.____%
40 lb. Blocks	Rounded to the Nearest Pound	Rounded to the Nearest Dollar	Rounded to the Nearest Hundredth of a Cent	
	611	621 lb. \$	631 \$ . _____	
	612	622 lb. \$	632 \$ . _____	
	613	623 lb. \$	633 \$ . _____	

\* NASS will adjust price to benchmark of 38.0% based on standard moisture adjustment formulas

### Section 2 – Other Information

	<b>Yes <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>No <sup>3</sup></b>
1. Do you understand the instructions and requirements of this questionnaire?.....2693	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Do you need any additional explanation of any definition or question on this form?.....2694	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If yes, a NASS representative will contact you to discuss the Dairy Product Prices reporting specifications.

Respondent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

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2-R								
3-Inac								
8-Known Zero								
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### Section 3 – General Comments (If necessary, attach additional comment sheets)