

Dairy Products



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November 1995 Highlights

Butter production was 91.5 million pounds in November, 9 percent below November 1994 and 3 percent below October 1995.

American type cheese production totaled 249 million pounds, 4 percent above November 1994 and slightly above October 1995.

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 587 million pounds, up 5 percent from November 1994 and slightly above October 1995.

Creamed cottage cheese production was 29.6 million pounds, 4 percent below November 1994 and 5 percent below October 1995.

Lowfat cottage cheese production was 23.1 million pounds, 7 percent below November 1994 and 12 percent below October 1995.

Canned evaporated and condensed milk production at 36.2 million pounds was 14 percent below November 1994 and 12 percent below October 1995.

Frozen desserts: (comparisons with November 1994).

Ice cream (hard) --- 56.5 million gallons, down 2 percent.

Ice cream (lowfat) --- 21.6 million gallons, down 10 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 3.35 million gallons, up 2 percent.

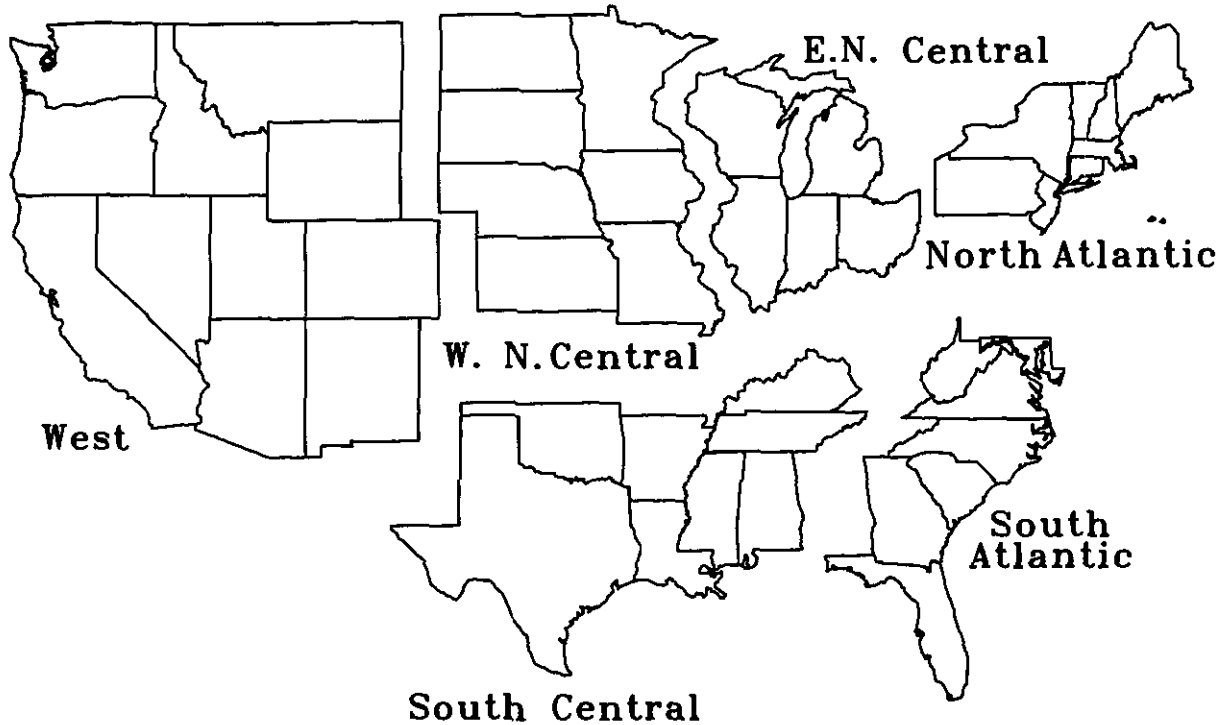
Dry milk products: (comparisons with November 1994).

Nonfat dry milk for human food --- 71.6 million pounds, down 19 percent.

Dry whole milk --- 10.2 million pounds, down 19 percent.

Dry buttermilk --- 3.26 million pounds, down 7 percent.

U.S. Geographic Regions Manufactured Dairy



State totals are not published when fewer than 3 firms have reported or one firm comprises more than 60 percent of the State total. The map above outlines the regions used in the product tables. If we are not able to publish a region for confidentiality reasons, it will be combined with other regions when possible. For example, if North Atlantic can not be published, then it will be combined with South Atlantic to publish Atlantic. The West North Central and East North Central will be combined, if necessary, to form North Central. In the event that neither could be published, they will be combined with South Central to publish Central. Some tables will have only one or two regions shown, therefore the regions may not add to the United States total.

Dairy Products: Production by Product,
United States, November 1994-95

Product	Nov	Oct	Nov	Percent of	
	1994	1995 1/	1995	Nov	Oct
	1,000 Pounds			1994	1995
Butter	100,664	94,418	91,485	91	97
Cheese					
American Types 2/	239,964	248,731	248,788	104	100
Swiss	15,433	18,371	16,599	108	90
Brick and Muenster	11,090	9,571	10,770	97	113
Cream and Neufchatel	60,529	60,098	62,722	104	104
Blue	2,655	3,240	2,718	102	84
Mozzarella	167,837	184,331	182,614	109	99
Other Italian Types	46,193	43,686	45,977	100	105
Total Italian Types	214,030	228,017	228,591	107	100
All Other Types	15,621	17,595	16,328	105	93
Total	559,322	585,623	586,516	105	100
Cottage Cheese, Curd 3/	35,926	38,173	34,869	97	91
Cottage Cheese, Creamed 4/	30,782	31,081	29,623	96	95
Cottage Cheese, Lowfat 5/	25,006	26,368	23,131	93	88
Canned Evaporated and					
Condensed Whole Milk	42,298	41,315	36,171	86	88
Dry Whole Milk	12,671	12,780	10,243	81	80
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	88,776	75,408	71,574	81	95
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	749	467	401	54	86
Dry Buttermilk	3,489	2,980	3,260	93	109
Yogurt, Plain & Flavored	100,200	104,957	96,526	96	92
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
Frozen Products					
Ice Cream, Hard	57,499	63,246	56,535	98	89
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Hard	8,436	9,263	8,456	100	91
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Soft	15,506	16,126	13,135	85	81
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Total	23,942	25,389	21,591	90	85
Sherbet, Hard	3,291	3,427	3,345	102	98
Water and Juice Ices	3,162	3,383	3,054	97	90
Frozen Yogurt, Total	9,143	11,782	9,657	106	82
Regular & Lowfat, Hard	2,152	5,377	4,272	199	79
Nonfat, Hard		2,018	1,471		73
Other Frozen Dairy					
Products	4,083	941	864	21	92
Mixed for Frozen Products					
Ice Cream Mix	31,442	33,148	29,668	94	90
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Mix	13,950	15,626	13,207	95	85
Ice Cream, Nonfat, Mix		1,926	1,745		91
Sherbet Mix	2,162	2,647	2,099	97	79
Yogurt Mix	5,787	7,457	6,112	106	82

1/ Revised.

2/ Whole milk cheese, including cheddar, colby, washed curd, stirred curd, monterey, and jack.

3/ Mostly used for processing into creamed or lowfat cottage cheese.

4/ Fat content 4 percent or more.

5/ Fat content less than 4 percent.

Whey and Modified Whey Products: Production, Stocks,
and Prices, United States, November, 1994-95

Product	Nov	Oct	Nov	Percent of	
	1994	1995 1/	1995	Nov	Oct
				1994	1995
	Production			Percent	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				
Condensed Whey, Solids Content 2/					
Sweet-Type, Human	5,371	5,544	4,547	85	82
Sweet-Type, Animal	1,811	2,336	2,129	118	91
Dry Whey Products					
Dry Whey, Human	78,861	79,272	78,079	99	98
Dry Whey, Animal	10,944	8,808	8,560	78	97
Reduced Lactose and Minerals					
Human Food	3,864	5,754	5,320	138	92
Animal Feed	2,747	1,920	1,659	60	86
Lactose, Human and Animal	18,847	25,145	24,364	129	97
Whey					
Solids in Wet Blends, Animal	8,047	5,680	7,619	95	134
Protein Concentrate, Human	12,743	14,439	15,264	120	106
Protein Concentrate, Animal	2,273	2,675	2,596	114	97
	Manufacturers' Stocks End-of-Month 3/			Percent	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				
Dry Whey Products					
Dry Whey, Human	34,487	26,920	29,645	86	110
Dry Whey, Animal	12,015	3,628	2,853	24	79
Reduced Lactose and Minerals					
Human and Animal 4/	9,019	12,640	10,977	122	87
Lactose, Human and Animal	15,466	21,323	19,669	127	92
Whey Protein Concentrate, Human	6,098	6,561	6,548	107	100
Whey Protein Concentrate, Animal	723	397	453	63	114
	Manufacturers' Selling Price 5/			Cents Change	
	---- Cents per Pound ---				
Dry Whey, Human	17.8	22.7	25.3	7.5	2.6
Dry Whey, Animal	17.4	23.2	25.8	8.4	2.6

1/ Revised.

2/ Final marketable product only. Does not include quantity used or shipped to another plant for further processing into dry whey or modified whey products.

3/ Stocks held by manufacturers at all points and in transit.

4/ Reduced lactose and minerals stocks combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

5/ Prices for bulk goods, f.o.b. plant. Average monthly prices reported by firms.

Dairy Products: Production by Product and Month,
United States, 1994-95 (continued)

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	: -- 1,000 Pounds --		Percent	--- 1,000 Pounds ---		Percent
Butter						
Jan	: 135,299	131,983	98	135,299	131,983	98
Feb	: 118,402	120,280	102	253,701	252,263	99
Mar	: 118,035	125,731	107	371,736	377,994	102
Apr	: 119,416	119,251	100	491,152	497,245	101
May	: 118,174	116,465	99	609,326	613,710	101
Jun	: 99,221	99,535	100	708,547	713,245	101
Jul	: 84,172	82,870	98	792,719	796,115	100
Aug	: 88,183	78,604	89	880,902	874,719	99
Sep	: 91,175	82,233	90	972,077	956,952	98
Oct	: 101,784	94,418	93	1,073,861	1,051,370	98
Nov	: 100,664	91,485	91	1,174,525	1,142,855	97
Dec	: 121,417			1,295,942		
American Cheese						
Jan	: 247,254	262,007	106	247,254	262,007	106
Feb	: 219,714	240,172	109	466,968	502,179	108
Mar	: 249,701	263,182	105	716,669	765,361	107
Apr	: 255,205	258,897	101	971,874	1,024,258	105
May	: 266,085	273,338	103	1,237,959	1,297,596	105
Jun	: 258,799	264,439	102	1,496,758	1,562,035	104
Jul	: 252,277	259,428	103	1,749,035	1,821,463	104
Aug	: 242,634	246,458	102	1,991,669	2,067,921	104
Sep	: 244,104	251,309	103	2,235,773	2,319,230	104
Oct	: 244,347	248,731	102	2,480,120	2,567,961	104
Nov	: 239,964	248,788	104	2,720,084	2,816,749	104
Dec	: 256,899			2,976,983		
Italian Cheese						
Jan	: 211,741	216,460	102	211,741	216,460	102
Feb	: 208,496	208,189	100	420,237	424,649	101
Mar	: 241,302	227,188	94	661,539	651,837	99
Apr	: 213,855	210,562	98	875,394	862,399	99
May	: 235,887	224,447	95	1,111,281	1,086,846	98
Jun	: 207,085	219,283	106	1,318,366	1,306,129	99
Jul	: 208,317	207,279	100	1,526,683	1,513,408	99
Aug	: 220,311	211,758	96	1,746,994	1,725,166	99
Sep	: 215,445	217,871	101	1,962,439	1,943,037	99
Oct	: 220,191	228,017	104	2,182,630	2,171,054	99
Nov	: 214,030	228,591	107	2,396,660	2,399,645	100
Dec	: 224,866			2,621,526		

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Dairy Products: Production by Product and Month,
United States, 1994-95 (continued)

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	-- 1,000 Pounds --		Percent	--- 1,000 Pounds ---		Percent
Total Cheese						
Jan	538,254	565,566	105	538,254	565,566	105
Feb	505,832	528,350	104	1,044,086	1,093,916	105
Mar	591,771	593,877	100	1,635,857	1,687,793	103
Apr	554,299	563,941	102	2,190,156	2,251,734	103
May	590,354	597,518	101	2,780,510	2,849,252	102
Jun	558,738	587,570	105	3,339,248	3,436,822	103
Jul	550,730	560,867	102	3,889,978	3,997,689	103
Aug	562,464	559,114	99	4,452,442	4,556,803	102
Sep	565,480	575,712	102	5,017,922	5,132,515	102
Oct	574,510	585,623	102	5,592,432	5,718,138	102
Nov	559,322	586,516	105	6,151,754	6,304,654	102
Dec	578,313			6,730,067		
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human						
Jan	91,366	106,680	117	91,366	106,680	117
Feb	84,542	98,333	116	175,908	205,013	117
Mar	102,368	110,370	108	278,276	315,383	113
Apr	126,146	116,463	92	404,422	431,846	107
May	134,151	129,951	97	538,573	561,797	104
Jun	118,568	122,349	103	657,141	684,146	104
Jul	99,486	102,056	103	756,627	786,202	104
Aug	86,835	83,602	96	843,462	869,804	103
Sep	80,917	76,929	95	924,379	946,733	102
Oct	86,159	75,408	88	1,010,538	1,022,141	101
Nov	88,776	71,574	81	1,099,314	1,093,715	99
Dec	116,264			1,215,578		
Total Dry Whey 1/						
Jan	94,302	98,489	104	94,302	98,489	104
Feb	86,910	89,082	102	181,212	187,571	104
Mar	100,927	101,859	101	282,139	289,430	103
Apr	104,185	98,644	95	386,324	388,074	100
May	108,616	105,139	97	494,940	493,213	100
Jun	99,393	100,045	101	594,333	593,258	100
Jul	100,470	96,922	96	694,803	690,180	99
Aug	97,964	88,101	90	792,767	778,281	98
Sep	94,991	85,181	90	887,758	863,462	97
Oct	91,543	88,080	96	979,301	951,542	97
Nov	89,805	86,639	96	1,069,106	1,038,181	97
Dec	94,783			1,163,889		

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Dairy Products: Production by Product and Month,
United States, 1994-95 (continued)

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	1,000 Pounds		Percent	1,000 Pounds		Percent
Cream Cottage Cheese						
Jan	33,046	30,429	92	33,046	30,429	92
Feb	32,849	29,741	91	65,895	60,170	91
Mar	37,979	36,277	96	103,874	96,447	93
Apr	34,416	30,028	87	138,290	126,475	91
May	35,414	32,528	92	173,704	159,003	92
Jun	35,922	32,712	91	209,626	191,715	91
Jul	35,473	32,085	90	245,099	223,800	91
Aug	37,242	34,657	93	282,341	258,457	92
Sep	33,945	31,564	93	316,286	290,021	92
Oct	32,374	31,081	96	348,660	321,102	92
Nov	30,782	29,623	96	379,442	350,725	92
Dec	30,512			409,954		
Lowfat Cottage Cheese						
Jan	24,955	26,714	107	24,955	26,714	107
Feb	26,168	25,742	98	51,123	52,456	103
Mar	29,083	28,406	98	80,206	80,862	101
Apr	27,667	26,375	95	107,873	107,237	99
May	28,714	28,130	98	136,587	135,367	99
Jun	27,884	29,044	104	164,471	164,411	100
Jul	27,528	27,856	101	191,999	192,267	100
Aug	28,859	28,976	100	220,858	221,243	100
Sep	27,801	26,991	97	248,659	248,234	100
Oct	25,096	26,368	105	273,755	274,602	100
Nov	25,006	23,131	93	298,761	297,733	100
Dec	22,316			321,077		
Ice Cream, Hard						
Jan	54,842	58,031	106	54,842	58,031	106
Feb	62,058	60,644	98	116,900	118,675	102
Mar	76,593	74,114	97	193,493	192,789	100
Apr	75,760	72,126	95	269,253	264,915	98
May	77,563	75,909	98	346,816	340,824	98
Jun	86,013	84,025	98	432,829	424,849	98
Jul	82,939	81,737	99	515,768	506,586	98
Aug	82,678	82,065	99	598,446	588,651	98
Sep	66,570	65,927	99	665,016	654,578	98
Oct	59,570	63,246	106	724,586	717,824	99
Nov	57,499	56,535	98	782,085	774,359	99
Dec	53,653			835,738		

See footnotes at end of table.

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Dairy Products: Production by Product and Month,
United States, 1994-95 (continued)

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994	1994	1995	1995 as % of 1994
	1,000 Gallons		Percent	1,000 Gallons		Percent
Ice Cream, Lowfat						
Jan	22,149	20,408	92	22,149	20,408	92
Feb	24,510	21,136	86	46,659	41,544	89
Mar	32,914	30,670	93	79,573	72,214	91
Apr	32,847	28,520	87	112,420	100,734	90
May	34,821	31,700	91	147,241	132,434	90
Jun	37,924	36,115	95	185,165	168,549	91
Jul	36,831	35,373	96	221,996	203,922	92
Aug	35,053	36,018	103	257,049	239,940	93
Sep	29,917	27,692	93	286,966	267,632	93
Oct	25,713	25,389	99	312,679	293,021	94
Nov	23,942	21,591	90	336,621	314,612	93
Dec	23,274			359,895		
Sherbet, Hard						
Jan	3,277	3,135	96	3,277	3,135	96
Feb	3,395	3,684	109	6,672	6,819	102
Mar	4,500	4,334	96	11,172	11,153	100
Apr	4,457	4,537	102	15,629	15,690	100
May	4,952	5,123	103	20,581	20,813	101
Jun	5,117	5,404	106	25,698	26,217	102
Jul	5,057	5,296	105	30,755	31,513	102
Aug	5,118	5,474	107	35,873	36,987	103
Sep	3,623	4,176	115	39,496	41,163	104
Oct	3,339	3,427	103	42,835	44,590	104
Nov	3,291	3,345	102	46,126	47,935	104
Dec	3,005			49,131		
Frozen Yogurt						
Jan	8,914	10,142	114	8,914	10,142	114
Feb	10,700	11,243	105	19,614	21,385	109
Mar	14,647	14,509	99	34,261	35,894	105
Apr	14,365	13,583	95	48,626	49,477	102
May	15,445	15,015	97	64,071	64,492	101
Jun	16,938	17,010	100	81,009	81,502	101
Jul	15,015	15,389	102	96,024	96,891	101
Aug	15,110	16,163	107	111,134	113,054	102
Sep	12,169	13,253	109	123,303	126,307	102
Oct	10,396	11,782	113	133,699	138,089	103
Nov	9,143	9,657	106	142,842	147,746	103
Dec	7,954			150,796		

1/ Excludes all modified dry whey products.

American Cheese: Production by State and United States, November 1994-95

State	Nov	Oct	Nov	Percent of	
	1994	1995	1995	Nov	Oct
1,000 Pounds			Percent		
CA	27,893	26,541	29,455	106	111
ID	25,002	28,747	27,875	111	97
IL	53	23	31	58	135
IA	7,089	7,727	7,581	107	98
KS	3,324	1,236	1,510	45	122
MN	45,021	49,187	47,723	106	97
NY	5,914	6,025	6,527	110	108
ND	2,270	2,069	2,023	89	98
OR	4,374	4,432	4,206	96	95
SD	2,733	3,411	3,534	129	104
UT	4,037	2,700	2,990	74	111
VT	2,564	3,844	3,027	118	79
WA	1,638	3,240	3,675	224	113
WI	72,725	76,600	73,900	102	96
Oth Sts 1/	35,327	32,949	34,731	98	105
US	239,964	248,731	248,788	104	100
Atlantic	10,252	12,372	11,393	111	92
E N Central	76,874	80,059	77,418	101	97
W N Central	66,285	67,287	66,072	100	98
S Central	12,839	10,006	9,914	77	99
West	73,714	79,007	83,991	114	106

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

Mozzarella Cheese: Production by State and United States, November 1994-95

State	Nov	Oct	Nov	Percent of	
	1994	1995	1995	Nov	Oct
1,000 Pounds			Percent		
CA	37,660	40,541	42,676	113	105
IL	1,623	1,582	1,620	100	102
MI	7,026	7,840	7,450	106	95
NY	13,952	15,532	15,013	108	97
PA	16,173	16,580	16,035	99	97
VT	3,483	4,419	3,475	100	79
WI	52,874	55,000	52,000	98	95
Oth Sts 1/	35,046	42,837	44,345	127	104
US	167,837	184,331	182,614	109	99
Atlantic	35,088	38,466	36,104	103	94
E N Central	61,879	64,822	61,354	99	95
W N Central	19,933	23,060	21,344	107	93
West	49,937	57,983	63,812	128	110

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

Butter: Production by State and United States, November 1994-95

State	Nov	Oct	Nov	Percent of	
	1994	1995	1995	Nov	Oct
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
	1994	1995	1995	1994	1995
CA	27,920	26,241	24,486	88	93
KS	1	11	12	1,200	109
MI	1,291	1,768	2,203	171	125
MN	3,354	3,090	2,893	86	94
NY	1,274	1,992	1,811	142	91
ND	417	431	433	104	100
OH	4,509	4,186	3,603	80	86
OR	1,611	1,900	1,890	117	99
PA	5,644	6,640	5,150	91	78
WA	9,755	6,302	6,282	64	100
WI	22,985	23,300	22,900	100	98
Oth Sts 1/	21,903	18,557	19,822	90	107
US	100,664	94,418	91,485	91	97
N Atlantic	9,517	9,844	8,378	88	85
S Atlantic	2,797	1,402	1,973	71	141
E N Central	30,507	31,036	30,615	100	99
W N Central	9,848	11,128	11,503	117	103
S Central	6,866	5,452	5,526	80	101
West	41,129	35,556	33,490	81	94

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

Nonfat Dry Milk, Human: Production by State
and United States, November 1994-95

State	Nov	Oct	Nov	Percent of	
	1994	1995	1995	Nov	Oct
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
CA	35,547	35,138	33,658	95	96
MI	1,719	1,037	1,232	72	119
MN	2,025	650	650	32	100
NY	672	1,804	1,521	226	84
ND					
WA	15,319	15,500	13,728	90	89
WI	4,153	3,060	1,690	41	55
Oth Sts 1/	29,341	18,219	19,095	65	105
US	88,776	75,408	71,574	81	95
Atlantic	11,201	10,468	10,473	94	100
E N Central	6,082	4,097	3,029	50	74
W N Central	9,799	6,192	5,726	58	92
S Central	7,301	3,060	4,108	56	134
West	54,393	51,591	48,238	89	94

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

Ice Cream, Hard: Production by State and United States, November 1994-95

State	Nov	Oct	Nov	Percent of	
	1994	1995	1995	Nov	Oct
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
	1994	1995	1995	1994	1995
AL	892	1,284	1,268	142	99
AZ	503	447	390	78	87
AR	252	320	264	105	83
CA	6,903	8,808	7,410	107	84
CO	601	733	493	82	67
FL	1,916	1,900	1,900	99	100
GA	605	949	566	94	60
ID	474	585	518	109	89
IL	2,178	2,348	2,220	102	95
IN	2,817	3,357	3,289	117	98
KS	206	224	205	100	92
ME	63	70	82	130	117
MD	924	1,220	801	87	66
MA	2,610	4,149	3,590	138	87
MI	1,722	1,888	1,451	84	77
MN	2,485	3,153	2,885	116	92
MO	1,260	1,555	1,100	87	71
NY	2,136	2,300	2,400	112	104
NC	2,298	2,207	1,995	87	90
ND	63	74	64	102	86
OH	3,402	2,800	2,600	76	93
OR	657	820	800	122	98
PA	3,619	4,770	3,505	97	73
SC	619	703	586	95	83
TN	924	731	787	85	108
TX	3,314	3,967	3,568	108	90
UT	602	940	795	132	85
VA	964	226	172	18	76
WA	1,757	1,695	1,446	82	85
WI	626	590	660	105	112
Oth Sts 1/	10,107	8,433	8,725	86	103
US	57,499	63,246	56,535	98	89
N Atlantic	11,608	14,078	12,748	110	91
S Atlantic	7,328	7,208	6,023	82	84
E N Central	10,745	10,983	10,220	95	93
W N Central	8,977	8,546	7,961	89	93
S Central	6,817	7,835	7,202	106	92
West	12,024	14,596	12,381	103	85

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

Canned Milk and Dry Milk Products: Manufacturers' Shipments,
Stocks, and Selling Prices, November 1994-95

Product	Nov	Oct	Nov	Percent of	
	1994	1995 1/	1995	Nov	Oct
				1994	1995
Manufacturers' Shipments 2/					
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----			---- Percent ---	
Dry Whole Milk	8,761	7,977	8,488	97	106
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	84,538	74,195	75,601	89	102
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	417	849	561	135	66
Dry Buttermilk, Human	3,182	3,104	2,960	93	95
Manufacturers' Stocks End-of-Month 3/					
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----			---- Percent ---	
Canned Evaporated and Condensed Whole Milk	53,713	69,098	43,287	81	63
Dry Whole Milk	8,458	6,709	6,013	71	90
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	89,109	70,066	50,279	56	72
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	1,991	1,245	984	49	79
Dry Buttermilk, Total	4,701	2,220	3,009	64	136
Manufacturers' Selling Prices 4/					
	----- Cents per Pound -----			Cents Change	
Dry Whole Milk	114.00	116.03	117.98	3.98	1.95
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	105.29	105.33	106.79	1.50	1.46
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	49.06	43.03	56.06	7.00	13.03
Dry Buttermilk, Human	98.41	83.63	88.18	-10.23	4.55

1/ Revised.

2/ For dry products, shipments of bulk goods only.

3/ Stocks held by manufacturers at all points and in transit.

4/ Prices for bulk goods, f.o.b. plant. Average monthly prices reported by firms, weighted by shipments of each firm.

Procedures and Reliability: Estimates included in this report are based on data provided each month by manufacturers of these products. In 32 States, the State Departments of Agriculture assist in collection of data, which eliminates duplicate reporting and reduces respondent burden. Data are collected by mail, personal and telephone interviews following the close of each month. There were 1,531 manufacturers that made one or more products in 1994. Each month, reports are generally received from all dairy plants in States with small numbers of plants. 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. Monthly estimates are based upon returns from about 70 percent of the plants which account for 70 to 90 percent of the total production of major dairy products.

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