

Dairy Products



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March 1996 Highlights

Butter production was 113 million pounds in March, 11 percent below March 1995 and 4 percent below February 1996.

American type cheese production totaled 293 million pounds, 9 percent above March 1995 and 8 percent above February 1996.

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 640 million pounds, up 6 percent from March 1995 and 9 percent above February 1996.

Creamed cottage cheese production was 30.7 million pounds, 17 percent below March 1995 but 4 percent above February 1996.

Lowfat cottage cheese production was 28.0 million pounds, 5 percent below March 1995 but 7 percent above February 1996.

Frozen desserts: (comparisons with March 1995)

Ice cream (hard) --- 66.8 million gallons, down 9 percent.

Ice cream (lowfat) --- 27.2 million gallons, down 14 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 4.13 million gallons, down 7 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 10.8 million gallons, down 26 percent.

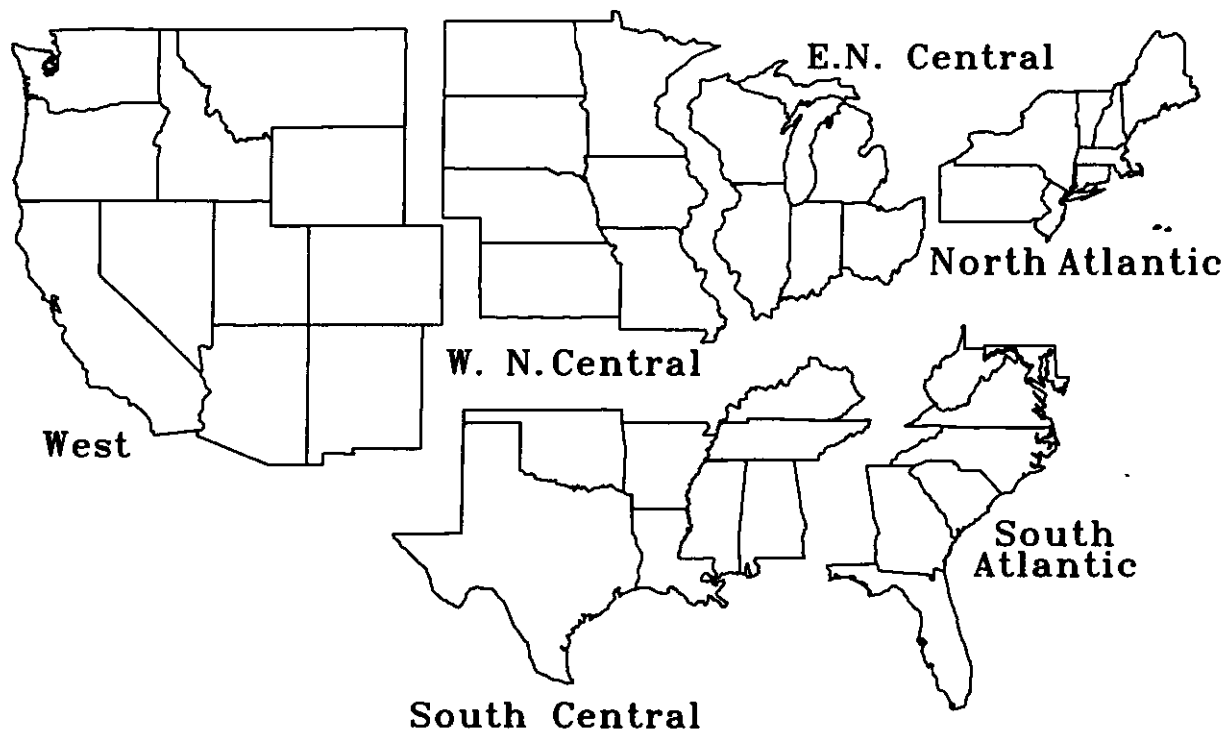
Dry milk products: (comparisons with March 1995)

Nonfat dry milk for human food --- 110 million pounds, down 7 percent.

Dry whole milk --- 10.6 million pounds, down 39 percent.

Dry buttermilk --- 5.05 million pounds, down 16 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 For example, if North Atlantic can not be published, then it will be combined with South Atlantic to publish Atlantic.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, March 1995-96

Product	Mar	Feb	Mar	Percent of	
	1995	1996 1/	1996	Mar	Feb
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	127,338	118,088	113,077	89	96
Cheese					
American Types 2/	269,545	270,824	292,551	109	108
Swiss	21,257	18,939	17,487	82	92
Brick and Muenster	8,899	9,185	9,513	107	104
Cream and Neufchatel	52,452	48,445	59,470	113	123
Blue	3,469	2,774	3,435	99	124
Mozzarella	178,417	184,026	194,949	109	106
Other Italian Types	50,202	40,911	48,801	97	119
Total Italian Types	228,619	224,937	243,750	107	108
All Other Types	16,957	12,314	13,668	81	111
Total	601,198	587,418	639,874	106	109
Cottage Cheese, Curd 3/	40,599	36,177	37,740	93	104
Cottage Cheese, Creamed 4/	36,949	29,511	30,685	83	104
Cottage Cheese, Lowfat 5/	29,543	26,281	28,036	95	107
Canned Evaporated and					
Condensed Whole Milk	48,173	31,161	34,987	73	112
Dry Whole Milk	17,354	11,754	10,624	61	90
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	118,726	92,967	110,029	93	118
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	793	386	614	77	159
Dry Buttermilk	5,983	5,586	5,054	84	90
Yogurt, Plain & Flavored	139,326	109,256	123,295	88	113
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
Frozen Products					
Ice Cream, Hard	73,467	60,872	66,831	91	110
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Hard	10,323	7,409	8,502	82	115
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Soft	21,223	13,828	18,741	88	136
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Total	31,546	21,237	27,243	86	128
Sherbet, Hard	4,446	3,569	4,129	93	116
Water and Juice Ices	6,420	4,311	5,504	86	128
Frozen Yogurt, Total	14,664	9,314	10,837	74	116
Regular & Lowfat, Hard	6,709	3,793	4,419	66	117
Nonfat, Hard	2,831	1,628	2,030	72	125
Other Frozen Dairy					
Products	3,008	965	1,145	38	119
Mixed for Frozen Products					
Ice Cream Mix	39,712	33,330	36,824	93	110
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Mix	18,559	13,118	16,969	91	129
Ice Cream, Nonfat, Mix	1,819	1,519	1,997	110	131
Sherbet Mix	3,094	2,596	3,121	101	120
Yogurt Mix	9,281	5,895	6,859	74	116

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, March, 1995-96

Product	Production		Percent of	
	Mar 1995	Feb 1996 1/	Mar 1996	Mar 1995 : Feb 1996
	Production		Percent	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-----	
Condensed Whey, Solids Content 2/				
Sweet-Type, Human	7,765	7,083	7,369	95 104
Sweet-Type, Animal	1,776	2,530	3,021	170 119
Dry Whey Products				
Dry Whey, Human	92,942	87,978	91,173	98 104
Dry Whey, Animal	12,407	5,567	6,208	50 112
Reduced Lactose and Minerals				
Human Food	7,339	6,980	8,251	112 118
Animal Feed	2,697	1,994	1,452	54 73
Lactose, Human and Animal	26,735	26,558	27,995	105 105
Whey				
Solids in Wet Blends, Animal	7,394	6,049	4,976	67 82
Protein Concentrate, Human	16,031	13,577	16,142	101 119
Protein Concentrate, Animal	2,907	2,592	2,982	103 115
	Manufacturers' Stocks End-of-Month 3/		-----	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----		-----	
Dry Whey Products				
Dry Whey, Human	30,559	34,336	35,914	118 105
Dry Whey, Animal	11,531	4,904	4,006	35 82
Reduced Lactose and Minerals				
Human and Animal 4/	10,873	10,334	9,021	83 87
Lactose, Human and Animal	15,175	17,803	17,434	115 98
Whey Protein Concentrate, Human	6,879	7,247	6,429	93 89
Whey Protein Concentrate, Animal	477	664	479	100 72
	Manufacturers' Selling Price 5/		-----	
	---- Cents per Pound ---		Cents Change	
Dry Whey, Human	18.0	21.3	21.7	3.7 .4
Dry Whey, Animal	17.4	21.0	21.2	3.8 .2

- 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, 1995-96 (continued)

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	-- 1,000 Pounds --		Percent	--- 1,000 Pounds ---		Percent
Butter						
Jan	135,639	125,431	92	135,639	125,431	92
Feb	121,719	118,088	97	257,358	243,519	95
Mar	127,338	113,077	89	384,696	356,596	93
Apr	120,641			505,337		
May	119,435			624,772		
Jun	98,401			723,173		
Jul	84,989			808,162		
Aug	76,025			884,187		
Sep	80,218			964,405		
Oct	93,461			1,057,866		
Nov	90,451			1,148,317		
Dec	112,419			1,260,736		
American Cheese						
Jan	263,879	275,432	104	263,879	275,432	104
Feb	243,162	270,824	111	507,041	546,256	108
Mar	269,545	292,551	109	776,586	838,807	108
Apr	264,907			1,041,493		
May	278,284			1,319,777		
Jun	264,457			1,584,234		
Jul	262,443			1,846,677		
Aug	245,069			2,091,746		
Sep	251,379			2,343,125		
Oct	252,814			2,595,939		
Nov	252,752			2,848,691		
Dec	279,877			3,128,568		
Italian Cheese						
Jan	214,778	228,900	107	214,778	228,900	107
Feb	206,112	224,937	109	420,890	453,837	108
Mar	228,619	243,750	107	649,509	697,587	107
Apr	207,334			856,843		
May	223,812			1,080,655		
Jun	220,246			1,300,901		
Jul	207,511			1,508,412		
Aug	211,872			1,720,284		
Sep	221,655			1,941,939		
Oct	229,139			2,171,078		
Nov	228,193			2,399,271		
Dec	242,753			2,642,024		

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Dairy Products: Production by Product and Month,
United States, 1995-96 (continued)

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	-- 1,000 Pounds --		Percent	--- 1,000 Pounds ---		Percent
Total Cheese						
Jan	562,558	588,044	105	562,558	588,044	105
Feb	527,310	587,418	111	1,089,868	1,175,462	108
Mar	601,198	639,874	106	1,691,066	1,815,336	107
Apr	563,598			2,254,664		
May	599,693			2,854,357		
Jun	584,684			3,439,041		
Jul	559,878			3,998,919		
Aug	556,090			4,555,009		
Sep	577,685			5,132,694		
Oct	594,037			5,726,731		
Nov	589,728			6,316,459		
Dec	623,780			6,940,239		
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human						
Jan	113,913	98,945	87	113,913	98,945	87
Feb	98,292	92,967	95	212,205	191,912	90
Mar	118,726	110,029	93	330,931	301,941	91
Apr	125,028			455,959		
May	137,075			593,034		
Jun	128,149			721,183		
Jul	107,578			828,761		
Aug	82,401			911,162		
Sep	72,046			983,208		
Oct	75,732			1,058,940		
Nov	73,099			1,132,039		
Dec	101,799			1,233,838		
Total Dry Whey 1/:						
Jan	102,090	89,595	88	102,090	89,595	88
Feb	95,744	93,545	98	197,834	183,140	93
Mar	105,349	97,381	92	303,183	280,521	93
Apr	102,788			405,971		
May	110,690			516,661		
Jun	104,435			621,096		
Jul	101,225			722,321		
Aug	92,475			814,796		
Sep	86,370			901,166		
Oct	89,684			990,850		
Nov	89,296			1,080,146		
Dec	93,139			1,173,285		

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Dairy Products: Production by Product and Month,
United States, 1995-96 (continued)

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995	1995	1996	1996 as % of 1995
	1,000 Pounds		Percent	-- 1,000 Pounds --		Percent
Cream Cottage Cheese						
Jan	31,225	29,830	96	31,225	29,830	96
Feb	30,166	29,511	98	61,391	59,341	97
Mar	36,949	30,685	83	98,340	90,026	92
Apr	30,683			129,023		
May	33,601			162,624		
Jun	34,242			196,866		
Jul	31,309			228,175		
Aug	34,602			262,777		
Sep	30,714			293,491		
Oct	29,758			323,249		
Nov	29,633			352,882		
Dec	27,480			380,362		
Lowfat Cottage Cheese						
Jan	26,576	25,174	95	26,576	25,174	95
Feb	26,469	26,281	99	53,045	51,455	97
Mar	29,543	28,036	95	82,588	79,491	96
Apr	26,147			108,735		
May	29,294			138,029		
Jun	29,897			167,926		
Jul	27,002			194,928		
Aug	28,409			223,337		
Sep	25,504			248,841		
Oct	25,037			273,878		
Nov	23,518			297,396		
Dec	20,902			318,298		
Ice Cream, Hard	1,000 Gallons		Percent	1,000 Gallons		Percent
Jan	57,909	54,090	93	57,909	54,090	93
Feb	60,387	60,872	101	118,296	114,962	97
Mar	73,467	66,831	91	191,763	181,793	95
Apr	72,173			263,936		
May	76,625			340,561		
Jun	84,608			425,169		
Jul	81,712			506,881		
Aug	82,358			589,239		
Sep	64,717			653,956		
Oct	62,023			715,979		
Nov	54,261			770,240		
Dec	46,671			816,911		

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Dairy Products: Production by Product and Month,
United States, 1995-96 (continued)

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1995	1996	1996 : as % of : 1995	1995	1996	1996 : as % of : 1995
	1,000 Gallons		Percent	1,000 Gallons		Percent
Ice Cream, Lowfat						
Jan	22,143	20,183	91	22,143	20,183	91
Feb	22,159	21,237	96	44,302	41,420	93
Mar	31,546	27,243	86	75,848	68,663	91
Apr	29,922			105,770		
May	33,562			139,332		
Jun	38,689			178,021		
Jul	36,790			214,811		
Aug	37,173			251,984		
Sep	28,846			280,830		
Oct	27,161			307,991		
Nov	21,847			329,838		
Dec	20,015			349,853		
Sherbet, Hard						
Jan	3,205	3,451	108	3,205	3,451	108
Feb	3,725	3,569	96	6,930	7,020	101
Mar	4,446	4,129	93	11,376	11,149	98
Apr	4,447			15,823		
May	5,025			20,848		
Jun	5,329			26,177		
Jul	5,145			31,322		
Aug	5,503			36,825		
Sep	4,131			40,956		
Oct	3,331			44,287		
Nov	3,051			47,338		
Dec	2,884			50,222		
Frozen Yogurt						
Jan	9,305	7,420	80	9,305	7,420	80
Feb	11,333	9,314	82	20,638	16,734	81
Mar	14,664	10,837	74	35,302	27,571	78
Apr	12,763			48,065		
May	14,514			62,579		
Jun	16,393			78,972		
Jul	15,287			94,259		
Aug	16,088			110,347		
Sep	12,991			123,338		
Oct	11,845			135,183		
Nov	9,387			144,570		
Dec	7,012			151,582		

1/ Excludes all modified dry whey products.

American Cheese: Production by State and United States, March 1995-96

State	Mar	Feb	Mar	Percent of	
	1995	1996	1996	Mar 1995	Feb 1996
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
CA	28,716	32,583	32,482	113	100
ID	27,845	29,805	34,951	126	117
IA	8,277	7,306	8,717	105	119
KS	3,452	2,564	3,478	101	136
MN	51,796	51,413	57,234	110	111
NY	7,423	7,196	8,009	108	111
ND	2,552	1,849	2,119	83	115
OH	1,493	2,544	2,756	185	108
OR	4,311	4,029	4,408	102	109
SD	3,308	3,969	4,107	124	103
TN	1,983	881	1,589	80	180
UT	3,098	2,824	3,013	97	107
VT	1,804	4,700	4,513	250	96
WA	1,452	3,803	3,683	254	97
WI	83,314	79,000	82,800	99	105
Oth Sts 1/	38,721	36,358	38,692	100	106
US	269,545	270,824	292,551	109	108
Atlantic	12,859	14,148	15,309	119	108
E N Central	87,428	82,992	87,040	100	105
W N Central	75,497	71,011	80,017	106	113
S Central	15,612	12,777	15,097	97	118
West	78,149	89,896	95,088	122	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, March 1995-96

State	Mar	Feb	Mar	Percent of	
	1995	1996	1996	Mar 1995	Feb 1996
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
CA	37,581	40,039	43,226	115	108
MI	7,249	7,995	8,752	121	109
NY	15,742	16,752	18,097	115	108
PA	18,237	19,885	18,890	104	95
WI	57,187	49,700	57,000	100	115
Oth Sts 1/	42,421	49,655	48,984	115	99
US	178,417	184,026	194,949	109	106
Atlantic	40,571	42,073	43,473	107	103
E N Central	66,680	59,652	67,951	102	114
W N Central	22,306	19,827	21,298	95	107
West	47,256	62,474	62,227	132	100

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

Butter: Production by State and United States, March 1995-96

State	Mar	Feb	Mar	Percent of	
	1995	1996	1996	Mar 1995	Feb 1996
----- 1,000 Pounds -----			--- Percent ---		
CA	32,240	29,642	28,733	89	97
MI	2,161	1,737	2,550	118	147
MN	4,528	4,543	5,876	130	129
NY	2,685	2,575	2,658	99	103
ND	462	356	365	79	103
OR	1,512	1,850	1,400	93	76
PA	7,813	8,700	7,890	101	91
WA	9,056	7,754	6,219	69	80
WI	26,296	25,800	27,200	103	105
Oth Sts 1/	40,585	35,131	30,186	74	86
US	127,338	118,088	113,077	89	96
N Atlantic	14,645	14,328	13,276	91	93
S Atlantic	4,683	5,233	4,788	102	91
E N Central	36,729	34,522	36,281	99	105
W N Central	14,231	12,608	11,831	83	94
S Central	10,821	10,175	8,780	81	86
West	46,229	41,222	38,121	82	92

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, March 1995-96

State	Mar	Feb	Mar	Percent of	
	1995	1996	1996	Mar 1995	Feb 1996
----- 1,000 Pounds -----			--- Percent ---		
CA	34,431	32,925	39,946	116	121
IA	5,066	4,356	4,969	98	114
MI	4,584	3,577	4,392	96	123
MN	3,285	1,486	1,247	38	84
NY	2,413	2,509	2,242	93	89
ND	156				
TN	1,985	643	712	36	111
WA	18,387	13,970	15,686	85	112
WI	5,176	3,900	4,200	81	108
Oth Sts 1/	43,243	29,601	36,635	85	124
US	118,726	92,967	110,029	93	118
Atlantic	20,205	16,615	18,767	93	113
E N Central	12,139	8,262	9,745	80	118
W N Central	15,307	9,609	10,800	71	112
S Central	13,313	8,254	9,338	70	113
West	57,762	50,227	61,379	106	122

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, March 1995-96

State	Mar	Feb	Mar	Percent of	
	1995	1996	1996	Mar 1995	Feb 1996
----- 1,000 Gallons -----			--- Percent ---		
AZ	612	605	762	125	126
AR	322	417	339	105	81
CA	10,090	7,588	8,595	85	113
CO	945	831	924	98	111
FL	2,420	1,800	1,961	81	109
GA	772	894	1,025	133	115
ID	586	539	572	98	106
IL	3,025	2,225	3,400	112	153
IN	3,966	4,078	3,456	87	85
KS	232	209	218	94	104
MD	1,531	1,263	1,502	98	119
MA	2,789	3,840	4,110	147	107
MI	2,039	1,787	1,853	91	104
MN	3,471	3,306	3,322	96	100
MO	1,063	835	890	84	107
NM	477	299	299	63	100
NY	2,707	2,400	2,600	96	108
NC	2,336	1,669	2,182	93	131
ND	60	74	85	142	115
OH	4,173	3,000	3,300	79	110
OR	740	680	800	108	118
PA	6,372	3,900	5,495	86	141
SC	1,316	432	759	58	176
TN	1,044	874	1,047	100	120
TX	3,911	3,447	3,431	88	100
UT	1,329	794	996	75	125
WA	1,912	1,398	1,438	75	103
WI	719	610	680	95	111
Oth Sts 1/	12,508	11,078	10,790	86	97
US	73,467	60,872	66,831	91	110
N Atlantic	14,874	13,393	15,041	101	112
S Atlantic	9,932	6,978	8,350	84	120
E N Central	13,922	11,700	12,689	91	108
W N Central	9,444	8,607	8,886	94	103
S Central	8,301	7,323	7,303	88	100
West	16,994	12,871	14,562	86	113

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, March 1995-96

Product	Manufacturers' Shipments 2/ 1,000 Pounds			Percent of	
	Mar 1995	Feb 1996 1/	Mar 1996	Mar 1995	Feb 1996
Dry Whole Milk	13,548	8,086	5,311	39	66
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	104,680	68,313	79,820	76	117
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	852	619	718	84	116
Dry Buttermilk, Human	5,156	3,143	2,872	56	91
Manufacturers' Stocks End-of-Month 3/ 1,000 Pounds					
Canned Evaporated and Condensed Whole Milk	70,534	39,197	43,262	61	110
Dry Whole Milk	15,199	8,557	9,809	65	115
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	97,525	80,018	98,399	101	123
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	1,710	931	1,033	60	111
Dry Buttermilk, Total	7,032	4,448	5,250	75	118
Manufacturers' Selling Prices 4/ Cents per Pound					
Dry Whole Milk	114.15	117.29	116.68	2.53	-.61
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	105.35	109.70	108.26	2.91	-1.44
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	51.19	52.79	58.51	7.32	5.72
Dry Buttermilk, Human	88.27	94.84	92.64	4.37	-2.20

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.

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