

Dairy Products



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March 1997 Highlights

American type cheese production totaled 284 million pounds, slightly below March 1996 but 6 percent above February 1997.

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 637 million pounds, 2 percent above March 1996 and 11 percent above February 1997.

Creamed cottage cheese production was 33.4 million pounds, 10 percent above March 1996 and 20 percent above February 1997.

Lowfat cottage cheese production was 29.7 million pounds, 6 percent above March 1996 and 11 percent above February 1997.

Butter production was 102 million pounds in March, 9 percent below March 1996 and 6 percent below February 1997.

Frozen desserts: (comparisons with March 1996)

Ice cream, Regular (hard) --- 72.4 million gallons, up 6 percent.

Ice cream, Lowfat (total) --- 31.3 million gallons, down 2 percent.

Ice cream, Nonfat (hard) --- 2.53 million gallons, down 28 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 4.11 million gallons, down 3 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 8.56 million gallons, down 21 percent.

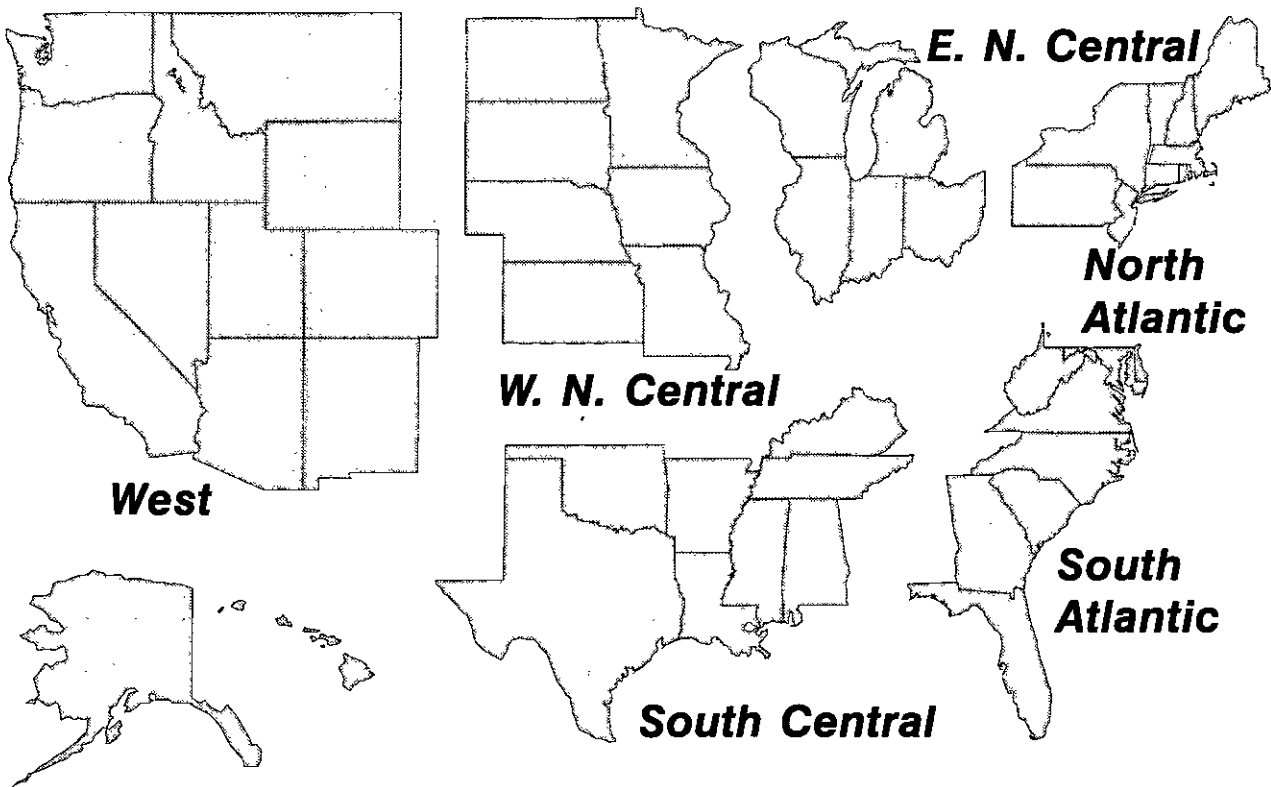
Dry milk products: (comparisons with March 1996)

Nonfat dry milk for human food --- 111 million pounds, up 5 percent.

Dry whole milk --- 9.52 million pounds, down 18 percent.

Dry buttermilk --- 4.31 million pounds, down 18 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 For example, if North Atlantic can not be published, then it will be combined with South Atlantic to publish Atlantic.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 1996-97

Product	Mar	Feb	Mar	Percent of	
	1996	1997 1/	1997	Mar 1996	Feb 1997
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----			Percent	
Butter	111,937	108,259	102,272	91	94
Cheese					
American Types 2/	284,675	266,818	284,110	100	106
Cheddar	226,096	208,135	220,312	97	106
Swiss	17,731	15,705	16,831	95	107
Brick and Muenster	9,406	7,619	9,065	96	119
Cream and Neufchatel	46,945	40,395	51,917	111	129
Blue	3,137	3,290	3,589	114	109
Hispanic	6,055	5,866	5,780	95	99
Mozzarella	196,355	184,700	202,614	103	110
Other Italian Types	52,556	42,635	53,626	102	126
Total Italian Types	248,911	227,335	256,240	103	113
All Other Types 3/	8,540	7,589	9,493	111	125
Total	625,400	574,617	637,025	102	111
Cottage Cheese, Curd 4/	37,758	35,467	36,931	98	104
Cottage Cheese, Creamed 5/	30,203	27,807	33,371	110	120
Cottage Cheese, Lowfat 6/	27,930	26,731	29,676	106	111
Canned Evaporated and					
Condensed Whole Milk	34,987	31,509	42,066	120	134
Dry Whole Milk	11,668	10,328	9,515	82	92
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	105,442	91,984	111,169	105	121
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	596	315	474	80	150
Dry Buttermilk	5,254	4,643	4,307	82	93
Yogurt, Plain & Flavored	151,509	127,305	138,373	91	109
	----- 1,000 Gallons -----			Percent	
Frozen Products					
Ice Cream, Hard	68,258	63,204	72,385	106	115
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Hard	10,030	8,618	11,268	112	131
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Soft	21,922	14,883	20,072	92	135
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Total	31,952	23,501	31,340	98	133
Ice Cream, Nonfat, Hard	3,541	2,687	2,533	72	94
Sherbet, Hard	4,245	3,611	4,106	97	114
Water and Juice Ices	5,987	5,260	5,750	96	109
Frozen Yogurt, Total	10,815	8,034	8,559	79	107
Regular & Lowfat, Hard	4,935	3,656	3,781	77	103
Nonfat, Hard	2,101	1,787	2,426	115	136
Other Frozen Dairy					
Products	1,078	915	1,145	106	125
Mix for Frozen Products					
Ice Cream Mix	37,558	34,212	39,948	106	117
Ice Cream, Lowfat, Mix	18,334	14,458	19,312	105	134
Ice Cream, Nonfat, Mix	2,156	1,347	1,532	71	114
Sherbet Mix	3,125	2,827	2,860	92	101
Yogurt Mix	6,845	5,085	5,417	79	107

1/ Revised.

2/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, Monterey, and Jack.

3/ Does not include Part Skim cheese beginning January 1996 or Hispanic cheese beginning June 1996.

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

5/ Fat content 4 percent or more.

6/ Fat content less than 4 percent.

Whey and Modified Whey Products: Production, Stocks,
and Prices, United States, March, 1996-97

Product	Mar	Feb	Mar	Percent of	
	1996	1997 1/	1997	Mar	Feb
				1996	1997
	Production			Percent	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				
Condensed Whey, Solids Content 2/					
Sweet-Type, Human	9,873	10,419	10,278	104	99
Sweet-Type, Animal	2,017	2,117	1,971	98	93
Dry Whey Products					
Dry Whey, Human	93,273	81,806	92,025	99	112
Dry Whey, Animal	5,098	5,138	5,340	105	104
Reduced Lactose and Minerals					
Human Food	7,591	5,618	5,981	79	106
Animal Feed	1,451	2,309	2,504	173	108
Lactose, Human and Animal	31,293	34,709	35,028	112	101
Whey					
Solids in Wet Blends, Animal	4,976	6,337	5,206	105	82
Protein Concentrate, Human	22,659	24,122	23,877	105	99
Protein Concentrate, Animal	2,882	2,656	2,782	97	105
	Manufacturers' Stocks End-of-Month 3/			Percent	
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----				
Dry Whey Products					
Dry Whey, Human	35,914	28,751	32,200	90	112
Dry Whey, Animal	4,006	3,698	4,182	104	113
Reduced Lactose and Minerals					
Human and Animal 4/	9,021	6,972	12,834	142	184
Lactose, Human and Animal	20,020	17,425	19,559	98	112
Whey Protein Concentrate, Human	8,026	7,089	8,766	109	124
Whey Protein Concentrate, Animal	544	537	540	99	101
	Manufacturers' Selling Price 5/			Cents Change	
	---- Cents per Pound ---				
Dry Whey, Human	21.7	19.1	20.0	-1.7	.9
Dry Whey, Animal	21.2	18.3	19.5	-1.7	1.2

- 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, 1996-97

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	-- 1,000 Pounds --		Percent	--- 1,000 Pounds ---		Percent
Butter						
Jan	132,408	123,966	94	132,408	123,966	94
Feb	114,734	108,259	94	247,142	232,225	94
Mar	111,937	102,272	91	359,079	334,497	93
Apr	109,345			468,424		
May	100,914			569,338		
Jun	72,716			642,054		
Jul	75,175			717,229		
Aug	73,217			790,446		
Sep	80,743			871,189		
Oct	96,623			967,812		
Nov	95,343			1,063,155		
Dec	111,320			1,174,475		
American Cheese						
Jan	275,726	278,873	101	275,726	278,873	101
Feb	266,815	266,818	100	542,541	545,691	101
Mar	284,675	284,110	100	827,216	829,801	100
Apr	278,037			1,105,253		
May	302,187			1,407,440		
Jun	278,510			1,685,950		
Jul	269,320			1,955,270		
Aug	262,260			2,217,530		
Sep	254,489			2,472,019		
Oct	266,208			2,738,227		
Nov	262,203			3,000,430		
Dec	280,369			3,280,799		
Italian Cheese						
Jan	234,299	233,867	100	234,299	233,867	100
Feb	230,311	227,335	99	464,610	461,202	99
Mar	248,911	256,240	103	713,521	717,442	101
Apr	238,601			952,122		
May	239,149			1,191,271		
Jun	223,238			1,414,509		
Jul	225,012			1,639,521		
Aug	231,172			1,870,693		
Sep	231,391			2,102,084		
Oct	234,731			2,336,815		
Nov	230,654			2,567,469		
Dec	244,928			2,812,397		

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Dairy Products: Production by Product and Month,
United States, 1996-97 (continued)

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	-- 1,000 Pounds --		Percent	--- 1,000 Pounds ---		Percent
Total Cheese						
Jan	589,952	596,052	101	589,952	596,052	101
Feb	576,024	574,617	100	1,165,976	1,170,669	100
Mar	625,400	637,025	102	1,791,376	1,807,694	101
Apr	606,017			2,397,393		
May	636,544			3,033,937		
Jun	595,823			3,629,760		
Jul	582,210			4,211,970		
Aug	589,483			4,801,453		
Sep	584,468			5,385,921		
Oct	612,242			5,998,163		
Nov	595,495			6,593,658		
Dec	623,886			7,217,544		
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human						
Jan	97,413	97,288	100	97,413	97,288	100
Feb	93,091	91,984	99	190,504	189,272	99
Mar	105,442	111,169	105	295,946	300,441	102
Apr	116,790			412,736		
May	114,445			527,181		
Jun	94,341			621,522		
Jul	78,849			700,371		
Aug	61,427			761,798		
Sep	56,034			817,832		
Oct	65,690			883,522		
Nov	76,732			960,254		
Dec	101,517			1,061,771		
Total Dry Whey 1/:						
Jan	94,663	92,568	98	94,663	92,568	98
Feb	94,917	86,944	92	189,580	179,512	95
Mar	98,371	97,365	99	287,951	276,877	96
Apr	99,674			387,625		
May	100,853			488,478		
Jun	98,053			586,531		
Jul	95,368			681,899		
Aug	93,238			775,137		
Sep	86,030			861,167		
Oct	87,603			948,770		
Nov	78,765			1,027,535		
Dec	88,979			1,116,514		

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Dairy Products: Production by Product and Month,
United States, 1996-97 (continued)

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	1,000 Pounds		Percent	1,000 Pounds		Percent
Cream Cottage Cheese						
Jan	29,524	28,672	97	29,524	28,672	97
Feb	29,167	27,807	95	58,691	56,479	96
Mar	30,203	33,371	110	88,894	89,850	101
Apr	29,365			118,259		
May	31,940			150,199		
Jun	29,813			180,012		
Jul	32,230			212,242		
Aug	32,058			244,300		
Sep	30,607			274,907		
Oct	30,662			305,569		
Nov	27,864			333,433		
Dec	26,980			360,413		
Lowfat Cottage Cheese						
Jan	25,843	26,851	104	25,843	26,851	104
Feb	26,672	26,731	100	52,515	53,582	102
Mar	27,930	29,676	106	80,445	83,258	103
Apr	28,295			108,740		
May	29,113			137,853		
Jun	27,375			165,228		
Jul	30,250			195,478		
Aug	29,428			224,906		
Sep	28,290			253,196		
Oct	27,118			280,314		
Nov	25,537			305,851		
Dec	24,039			329,890		
Ice Cream, Hard						
Jan	56,419	58,621	104	56,419	58,621	104
Feb	62,337	63,204	101	118,756	121,825	103
Mar	68,258	72,385	106	187,014	194,210	104
Apr	74,011			261,025		
May	79,862			340,887		
Jun	85,562			426,449		
Jul	86,931			513,380		
Aug	77,490			590,870		
Sep	67,962			658,832		
Oct	62,395			721,227		
Nov	50,905			772,132		
Dec	53,106			825,238		

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Dairy Products: Production by Product and Month,
United States, 1996-97 (continued)

Product and Month	By Month			Cumulative		
	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996	1996	1997	1997 as % of 1996
	1,000 Gallons		Percent	1,000 Gallons		Percent
Ice Cream, Lowfat						
Jan	23,291	23,205	100	23,291	23,205	100
Feb	24,704	23,501	95	47,995	46,706	97
Mar	31,952	31,340	98	79,947	78,046	98
Apr	33,111			113,058		
May	36,495			149,553		
Jun	38,647			188,200		
Jul	39,578			227,778		
Aug	36,666			264,444		
Sep	29,763			294,207		
Oct	27,135			321,342		
Nov	23,452			344,794		
Dec	21,332			366,126		
Ice Cream, NF, Hard						
Jan	2,383	2,117	89	2,383	2,117	89
Feb	2,679	2,687	100	5,062	4,804	95
Mar	3,541	2,533	72	8,603	7,337	85
Apr	3,148			11,751		
May	3,488			15,239		
Jun	3,402			18,641		
Jul	3,828			22,469		
Aug	3,244			25,713		
Sep	3,087			28,800		
Oct	2,832			31,632		
Nov	1,836			33,468		
Dec	1,722			35,190		
Sherbet, Hard						
Jan	3,489	3,331	95	3,489	3,331	95
Feb	3,587	3,611	101	7,076	6,942	98
Mar	4,245	4,106	97	11,321	11,048	98
Apr	4,526			15,847		
May	4,919			20,766		
Jun	5,113			25,879		
Jul	5,704			31,583		
Aug	4,975			36,558		
Sep	3,649			40,207		
Oct	3,440			43,647		
Nov	2,765			46,412		
Dec	3,081			49,493		
Frozen Yogurt						
Jan	8,538	6,467	76	8,538	6,467	76
Feb	9,295	8,034	86	17,833	14,501	81
Mar	10,815	8,559	79	28,648	23,060	80
Apr	11,308			39,956		
May	11,841			51,797		
Jun	10,949			62,746		
Jul	12,321			75,067		
Aug	11,205			86,272		
Sep	9,480			95,752		
Oct	8,502			104,254		
Nov	7,205			111,459		
Dec	6,672			118,131		

1/ Excludes all modified dry whey products.

American Cheese: Production by State and United States, March 1996-97

State	Mar	Feb	Mar	Percent of	
	1996	1997	1997	Mar 1996	Feb 1997
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----			--- Percent ---	
CA	25,564	39,016	37,890	148	97
ID	32,216	30,445	34,815	108	114
IA	8,958	8,074	8,732	97	108
KS	3,477	2,685	2,857	82	106
MN	57,234	46,464	47,978	84	103
NY	7,995	8,060	8,331	104	103
ND	2,120	1,643	1,684	79	102
OH	2,756	2,477	2,475	90	100
SD	4,107	3,972	4,117	100	104
TN	1,589	2,175	2,051	129	94
UT	3,010	2,985	3,028	101	101
WA	3,683	4,590	4,997	136	109
WI	85,347	75,000	81,500	95	109
Oth Sts 1/	46,619	39,232	43,655	94	111
US	284,675	266,818	284,110	100	106
Atlantic	15,106	11,639	12,649	84	109
E N Central	89,472	78,785	85,441	95	108
W N Central	80,267	67,480	70,683	88	105
S Central	14,393	13,403	13,554	94	101
West	85,437	95,511	101,783	119	107

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 1996-97

State	Mar	Feb	Mar	Percent of	
	1996	1997	1997	Mar 1996	Feb 1997
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----			--- Percent ---	
CA	44,454	43,245	48,212	108	111
ID	289	602	323	112	54
NY	17,977	16,110	18,481	103	115
PA	18,890	18,855	20,079	106	106
VT	4,499	3,791	3,857	86	102
WI	56,370	51,500	58,000	103	113
Oth Sts 1/	53,876	50,597	53,662	100	106
US	196,355	184,700	202,614	103	110
Atlantic	44,353	40,189	44,786	101	111
E N Central	67,249	60,246	68,891	102	114
W N Central	21,298	17,968	19,217	90	107
West	63,455	66,297	69,720	110	105

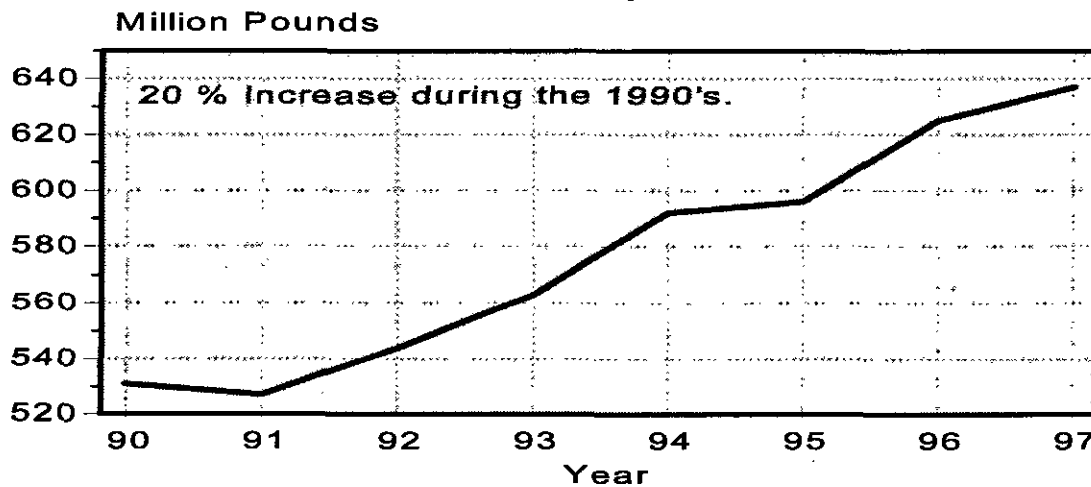
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Butter: Production by State and United States, March 1996-97

State	Mar 1996	Feb 1997	Mar 1997	Percent of	
				Mar 1996	Feb 1997
	----- 1,000 Pounds -----			--- Percent ---	
CA	28,445	25,960	23,597	83	91
MI	2,169	1,500	2,030	94	135
MN	5,893	5,068	6,547	111	129
NY	2,660	2,404	2,260	85	94
ND	365	331	291	80	88
OR	1,332	2,300	2,130	160	93
PA	7,892	5,731	6,850	87	120
WA	6,219	7,791	8,046	129	103
WI	26,776	29,000	25,000	93	86
Oth Sts 1/	30,186	28,174	25,521	85	91
US	111,937	108,259	102,272	91	94
N Atlantic	13,413	11,199	11,635	87	104
S Atlantic	4,788	4,447	4,692	98	106
E N Central	35,476	37,092	33,363	94	90
W N Central	11,715	9,752	11,147	95	114
S Central	8,780	8,309	6,753	77	81
West	37,765	37,460	34,682	92	93

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March Total Cheese Production United States



Nonfat Dry Milk, Human: Production by State
and United States, March 1996-97

State	Mar	Feb	Mar	Percent of	
	1996	1997	1997	Mar 1996	Feb 1997
----- 1,000 Pounds -----			--- Percent ---		
CA	34,360	36,062	45,784	133	127
IA	4,969	4,860	5,841	118	120
MI	4,392	1,362	2,740	62	201
MN	1,497	720	872	58	121
NM	712	3,202	2,705	380	84
NY	2,252	1,543	1,915	85	124
TN	712				
WA	15,686	12,913	15,377	98	119
WI	4,146	865	1,115	27	129
Oth Sts 1/	36,716	30,457	34,820	95	114
US	105,442	91,984	111,169	105	121
Atlantic	18,778	19,263	21,745	116	113
E N Central	9,771	3,414	5,278	54	155
W N Central	11,050	6,856	8,155	74	119
S Central	9,338	5,263	6,308	68	120
West	56,505	57,188	69,683	123	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 1996-97

State	Mar	Feb	Mar	Percent of	
	1996	1997	1997	Mar 1996	Feb 1997
----- 1,000 Gallons -----			--- Percent ---		
AZ	762	333	423	56	127
AR	339	287	301	89	105
CA	8,615	7,489	9,195	107	123
FL	2,339	1,400	1,575	67	113
GA	1,029	736	1,018	99	138
ID	573	473	460	80	97
IL	3,307	2,911	3,374	102	116
IN	3,251	5,081	6,626	204	130
KS	218	259	197	90	76
KY	364	336	397	109	118
ME	117	47	150	128	319
MD	1,788	1,530	1,743	97	114
MA	4,024	3,673	4,175	104	114
MI	2,087	1,650	2,035	98	123
MN	3,323	3,274	3,734	112	114
MO	1,179	920	1,165	99	127
NM	556	230	235	42	102
NY	2,736	2,100	2,500	91	119
NC	2,182	1,586	1,981	91	125
ND	85	72	78	92	108
OH	3,322	2,800	3,000	90	107
OR	829	680	800	97	118
PA	4,215	3,749	4,800	114	128
SC	909	852	1,090	120	128
TN	1,064	864	1,186	111	137
TX	3,435	3,723	4,037	118	108
UT	996	797	885	89	111
VT	1,012	743	840	83	113
WA	1,438	1,512	1,963	137	130
WI	666	600	725	109	121
Oth Sts 1/	11,498	12,497	11,697	102	94
US	68,258	63,204	72,385	106	115
N Atlantic	14,453	12,974	15,084	104	116
S Atlantic	9,169	7,016	8,259	90	118
E N Central	12,633	13,042	15,760	125	121
W N Central	9,202	9,689	9,465	103	98
S Central	7,268	6,870	7,658	105	111
West	15,533	13,613	16,159	104	119

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 1996-97

Product	Percent of				
	Mar 1996	Feb 1997 1/	Mar 1997	Mar 1996	Feb 1997

Manufacturers' Shipments 2/ ----- 1,000 Pounds ----- Percent -----					
Dry Whole Milk	5,311	7,302	6,519	123	89
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	79,835	84,406	96,490	121	114
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	720	324	673	93	208
Dry Buttermilk, Human	2,872	3,040	2,872	100	94

Manufacturers' Stocks End-of-Month 3/ ----- 1,000 Pounds ----- Percent -----					
Canned Evaporated and Condensed Whole Milk	43,445	21,579	25,718	59	119
Dry Whole Milk	9,809	4,770	5,203	53	109
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	98,399	71,577	80,345	82	112
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	1,033	767	681	66	89
Dry Buttermilk, Total	5,250	2,560	3,089	59	121

Manufacturers' Selling Prices 4/ ----- Cents per Pound ----- Cents Change					
Dry Whole Milk	116.68	119.99	123.97	7.29	3.98
Nonfat Dry Milk, Human	107.91	111.26	113.30	5.39	2.04
Dry Skim Milk, Animal	58.21	56.36	54.00	-4.21	-2.36
Dry Buttermilk, Human	92.64	94.24	102.28	9.64	8.04

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 1,420 manufacturers that made one or more products in 1996. 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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