

Dairy

The cheese markets continue to trade at relatively engaging levels. Milk and cheese supplies are seasonally building on top of already ample stocks. As of March 31, the U.S. cheese inventory was 8.5% bigger than the prior year and the largest for the month on record. Further, cheese stocks expanded during March at a record pace for the month. Still, domestic cheese is pricing well below the international markets which should encourage exports and bring support to prices in the not-so-distant future. March butter holdings were the largest for the month since 1993.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Cheese Barrels (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Cheese Blocks (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
American Cheese	Increasing	Good	Higher
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Mozzarella Cheese	Increasing	Good	Higher
Provolone Cheese	Steady	Good	Same
Parmesan Cheese	Increasing	Good	Lower
Butter (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Nonfat Dry Milk	Increasing	Ample	Higher
Whey, Dry	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Class 1 Base	Steady	Good	Higher
Class II Cream, heavy	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Class III Milk (CME)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Class IV Milk (CME)	Increasing	Good	Higher

