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Dairy - The CME cheese markets have continued to trade at historically engaging levels for buyers. The premium in cheese blocks to barrels has narrowed considerably in recent weeks. Low retail prices are playing a part in boosting cheese barrel demand. The average American cheese retail price in October was the lowest for the month in nine years. However, overall American cheese demand could be erratic in the coming months which could cause the discount in cheese barrels to blocks to widen. The CME butter market usually peaks in early December and then heads sharply lower. Prices per pound, except Class I Cream (hundred weight), from USDA

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

