



Dairy - The cheese markets remain supported. Cheese block prices are the highest since mid-October. December 31st cheese stocks were up 5% year-over-year and a record for the month. But, it was the largest drawdown in cheese supplies for any December since 1987. History suggests that cheese prices can still appreciate modestly in March. The butter markets continue to be firm. December butter inventories were 6.3% bigger than the previous year and were the largest for the month since 1993. It was the best build for December since 2012. Still, the spot butter market usually rises during the spring.

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

