



Dairy - The butter markets have been steady, and the cheese markets have fallen modestly during the last week. Per the USDA, January milk output was up .9% despite the milk cow herd being down .9% year-over-year. The milk per cow yield was 1.8% better than a year ago. Farmers added a net 2k to the herd which was the first increase since May. Recently rising milk prices are aiding margins which could temper the seasonal price gains for butter and cheese. The spot butter market tends to move notably higher from late-March through mid-June. The cheese markets are usually choppy in March.

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

