

The dairy market was sharply lower last week. Breaking out the segment, CME spot butter prices were down \$0.04 w/w to \$2.30/lb at the close on Thursday. Butter producers report that demand varies from steady to lighter throughout the country; however, butter demand from international buyers is very strong. Butter churners are busy running cream volumes through their churns and building stock for later seasonal demands. Looking at the chart, CME blocks were down 15% or \$0.24 to \$1.63/lb, and CME barrels were lower by \$0.14 to \$1.66/lb last week. Cheese production schedules vary from steady to stronger throughout the U.S. Milk producers relay healthy demand for milk from cheese manufacturers. Cheesemakers report demand from both retail and foodservice sectors is steady to stronger; however, international demand is mixed. Class I Cream (hundredweight), from USDA.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Cheese Barrels (CME)	Decreasing	Available	Higher
Cheese Blocks (CME)	Decreasing	Available	Higher
Butter (CME)	Decreasing	Available	Lower
Nonfat Dry Milk	Decreasing	Available	Higher
Whey, Dry	Decreasing	Available	Higher
Class 1 Base	Steady	Steady	Higher
Class II Cream, heavy	Decreasing	Available	Lower
Class III Milk (CME)	Decreasing	Available	Higher
Class IV Milk (CME)	Decreasing	Available	Lower

