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Production  
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COTTAGE CHEESE  
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Cottage cheese curd production in the United States during January was estimated at 62,835,000 pounds - a record high for the month, the Crop Reporting Board reports. The seasonal increase from December to January this year was 12 percent, compared with 14 percent last year and 9 percent two years earlier. From December, all regions showed sharp gains. Compared with January 1971, output was more in all regions except the Pacific States.

PRODUCTION OF COTTAGE CHEESE CURD, BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES, 1972 1/

MONTH	ENUMERATED	ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971
		Thousand Pounds		Percent	
January .....	55,683	60,490	62,835	+ 13	+ 4
February .....	58,487	60,995			
March .....	65,108	70,580			
April .....	63,726	66,045			
May .....	64,471	66,195			
June .....	65,249	64,735			
July .....	63,001	64,440			
August .....	60,727	63,715			
September .....	60,283	60,995			
October .....	60,609	61,590			
November .....	55,637	60,705			
December .....	53,005	56,070			
TWELVE MONTH TOTAL	725,986	756,555			

1/ Used mostly for processing into creamed cottage cheese. Includes pot and bakers' cheese.

Production of creamed cottage cheese, during January, set at 83,225,000 pounds, was also a record high for the month. Output increased 10 percent from December to January this year. This compares with a 13-percent gain at this time last year and 10 percent two years ago. Production was up sharply from December in all regions. Compared with January 1971, output was less in the South Atlantic States and the Pacific, but more in all other areas of the country.

PRODUCTION OF CREAMED COTTAGE CHEESE, BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES, 1972 1/

MONTH	ENUMERATED	ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971
		Thousand Pounds		Percent	
January .....	75,442	80,650	83,225	+ 10	+ 3
February .....	78,945	81,515			
March .....	87,887	96,685			
April .....	86,331	90,470			
May .....	87,281	89,150			
June .....	89,251	87,075			
July .....	83,931	87,695			
August .....	81,209	84,835			
September .....	81,439	82,550			
October .....	81,687	81,735			
November .....	73,779	81,295			
December .....	71,237	75,505			
TWELVE MONTH TOTAL	978,419	1,019,160			

1/ In addition to the quantities shown here for fully creamed cottage cheese, there is produced a monthly average of approximately 3.6 million pounds of partially (less than 4%) creamed cottage cheese.