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Production  
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COTTAGE CHEESE  
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Production of cottage cheese curd in the United States during February was estimated at 64,620,000 pounds -- a record high for the month, the Crop Reporting Board reports. From January to February, on a daily average basis, output increased 10 percent this year, 12 percent in 1971 and 16 percent in 1970. All regions showed gains between these months except the South Central and the Pacific.

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	64,620	+ 10	+ 6
TWO MONTH TOTAL	114,170	121,485	127,455	+ 12	+ 5
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 baker's cheese.

Creamed cottage cheese production during February totaled 86,115,000 pounds, also a record for the month. The seasonal increase, on a daily average basis, this year was 11 percent. This compares with 12 percent between these months a year ago and 16 percent two years earlier. From January to February, all regions showed increased production except the South Central and the Pacific. Compared with February 1971 output was more in all areas.

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	86,115	+ 9	+ 6
TWO MONTH TOTAL	154,387	162,165	169,340	+ 10	+ 4
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 5.0 million pounds of partially (less than 4%) creamed cottage cheese  
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