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Production
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Production of cottage cheese curd in the United States during December was estimated at 56,070,000 pounds -- a record high for the month, the Crop Reporting Board reports. Output was 6 percent more than in December a year ago and 10 percent larger than two years earlier. All regions showed decreases from November 1971. Production for the year totaled 756,555,000 pounds, also a record high for the year.

PRODUCTION OF COTTAGE CHEESE CURD, BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES, 1971 1/

MONTH	ENUMERATED		ESTIMATED	CHANGE FROM:	
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970
		<u>Thousand Pounds</u>		<u>Percent</u>	
January	53,724	55,683	60,490	+ 13	+ 9
February	54,847	58,487	60,995	+ 11	+ 4
March	61,377	65,108	70,580	+ 15	+ 8
April	59,240	63,726	66,045	+ 11	+ 4
May	62,555	64,471	66,195	+ 6	+ 3
June	57,021	65,249	64,735	+ 14	- 1
July	59,361	63,001	64,440	+ 9	+ 2
August	56,018	60,727	63,715	+ 14	+ 5
September	55,833	60,283	60,995	+ 9	+ 1
October	56,884	60,609	61,590	+ 8	+ 2
November	51,448	55,637	60,705	+ 18	+ 9
December	51,033	53,005	56,070	+10	+ 6
TWELVE MONTH TOTAL	679,341	725,986	756,555	+11	+ 4

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

Creamed cottage cheese output in December, at 75,505,000 pounds, was also the largest of record. Production was up 6 percent from December 1970 and 10 percent from 1969. From November to December, production declined in all regions. Total output for the year was set at 1,019,160,000 pounds, the first time production for a year has gone over a billion pounds.

PRODUCTION OF CREAMED COTTAGE CHEESE, BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES, 1971 1/

MONTH	ENUMERATED		ESTIMATED	CHANGE FROM:	
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970
		<u>Thousand Pounds</u>		<u>Percent</u>	
January	71,408	75,442	80,650	+ 13	+ 7
February	73,545	78,945	81,515	+ 11	+ 3
March	81,469	87,887	96,685	+ 19	+ 10
April	79,124	86,331	90,470	+ 14	+ 5
May	83,672	87,281	89,150	+ 7	+ 2
June	76,723	89,251	87,075	+ 13	- 2
July	80,356	83,931	87,695	+ 9	+ 4
August	75,400	81,209	84,835	+ 13	+ 4
September	74,575	81,439	82,550	+ 11	+ 1
October	76,332	81,687	81,735	+ 7	0
November	68,611	73,779	81,295	+ 18	+ 10
December	68,756	71,237	75,505	+ 10	+ 6
TWELVE MONTH TOTAL	909,971	978,419	1,019,160	+ 12	+ 4

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.