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CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION

Creamery butter production in the United States in April is estimated at 113,525,000 pounds: 5 percent less than in April 1967 and 16 percent smaller than the April 1962-66 average, the Crop Reporting Board reports. Production gained 7 percent from March to April this year, the same as the seasonal increase at this time last year. During the 1962-66 period, the average gain between these months was only 1 percent. U.S. milk production in April is estimated at 10,460 million pounds: 3 percent less than a year earlier and the smallest since 1952.

Compared with April 1967, butter production was unchanged in the important West North Central Region, while the South Atlantic Region had the only increase: 11 percent. Decreases in the other regions varied from 3 percent in the Pacific to 34 percent in the North Atlantic. Output was 7 percent less in the East North Central Region. Production was down 9 percent in the Mountain States and 10 percent in the South Central. In the three leading states, production was up 7 percent in Minnesota, but down 6 percent in Wisconsin and 10 percent in Iowa. All other important-producing states showed decreases except South Dakota, Maryland, Colorado, and Oregon.

Seasonal gains from March to April occurred in all regions, and varied from only 2 percent in the West North Central Region to 44 percent in the South Atlantic. Production advanced 9 percent in the East North Central Region, while it jumped 37 percent in the North Atlantic. Gains in the other regions were 8 percent in the South Central, 4 percent in the Mountain, and 14 percent in the Pacific. Production increased 10 percent in Wisconsin, and 2 percent in both Minnesota and Iowa. Decreases occurred in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming, while output held steady in Indiana. All other important-producing states showed increases.

Compared with the 1962-66 average for April, changes by regions were mixed. Production was 13 percent less in the West North Central Region and 25 percent smaller in the East North Central. Output was off 42 percent in the North Atlantic States and 16 percent in the Mountain. Production was up 26 percent in the South Central Region and 32 percent in the South Atlantic. The Pacific States showed a 22-percent increase. Production was down 6 percent in Minnesota, 21 percent in Iowa, and 24 percent in Wisconsin. All important-producing states had decreases except South Dakota, Maryland, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas, Oregon, and California.

PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER, UNITED STATES, 1968

MONTH	ENUMERATED		ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:		
	1962-66 Average	1966	1967	1968	1962-66 Av.	1967	
		Thousand Pounds				Percent	
January	127,328	98,569	112,270	108,065	- 15	- 4	
February	119,106	91,923	105,035	101,855	- 14	- 3	
March	133,709	101,766	111,805	106,130	- 21	- 5	
April	135,370	106,538	120,025	113,525	- 16	- 5	
FOUR MONTH TOTAL	515,513	398,796	449,135	429,575	- 17	- 4	
May	147,385	114,552	129,125				
June	137,043	114,340	129,500				
July	106,879	83,104	104,900				
August	90,892	76,516	86,175				
September	81,034	68,660	75,345				
October	90,085	78,022	84,645				
November	90,389	80,860	82,165				
December	107,764	97,159	92,405				
TWELVE MONTH TOTAL	1,366,984	1,112,009	1,233,395				

CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION: APRIL 1968

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION OR STATE	ENUMERATED	ESTIMATED			CHANGE IN APRIL 1968 PRODUCTION FROM:		
	APRIL AVERAGE 1962-66	APR. 1967	MAR. 1968	APR. 1968	APR. AV. 1962-66	APR. 1967	MAR. 1968
		Thousand Pounds			Percent		
Vermont	951	880	340	610	- 36	- 31	+ 79
New York	7,698	6,750	2,820	3,890	- 49	- 42	+ 38
Pennsylvania	2,132	1,840	1,410	1,760	- 17	- 4	+ 25
Other N.A. States ..	11	10	20	10	- 9	0	- 50
N. ATLANTIC STATES	10,792	9,480	4,590	6,270	- 42	- 34	+ 37
Ohio	2,831	1,735	1,560	1,580	- 44	- 9	+ 1
Indiana	2,347	2,100	2,050	2,050	- 13	- 2	0
Illinois	2,813	2,730	2,420	2,720	- 3	0	+ 12
Michigan	4,506	3,100	2,190	2,590	- 43	- 16	+ 18
Wisconsin	29,630	24,000	20,500	22,500	- 24	- 6	+ 10
E. N. CENTRAL STATES	42,127	33,665	28,720	31,440	- 25	- 7	+ 9
Minnesota	35,953	31,300	33,080	33,640	- 6	+ 7	+ 2
Iowa	14,246	12,600	11,100	11,290	- 21	- 10	+ 2
Missouri	3,082	2,800	2,100	2,250	- 27	- 20	+ 7
North Dakota	4,335	3,070	2,960	3,050	- 30	- 1	+ 3
South Dakota	3,309	3,330	3,310	3,370	+ 2	+ 1	+ 2
Nebraska	4,456	3,900	3,420	3,490	- 22	- 11	+ 2
Kansas	2,059	1,980	1,690	1,870	- 9	- 6	+ 11
W. N. CENTRAL STATES	67,440	58,980	57,660	58,960	- 13	0	+ 2
Maryland	491	410	470	665	+ 35	+ 62	+ 41
Other S.A. States ..	218	435	180	270	+ 24	- 38	+ 50
S. ATLANTIC STATES	709	845	650	935	+ 32	+ 11	+ 44
Kentucky	1,327	1,560	1,140	1,290	- 3	- 17	+ 13
Tennessee	631	1,360	965	1,210	+ 92	- 11	+ 25
Mississippi	223	280	215	185	- 17	- 34	- 14
Oklahoma	1,248	1,685	1,760	1,600	+ 28	- 5	- 9
Texas	423	520	520	485	+ 15	- 7	- 7
Other S.C. States ..	294	420	250	450	+ 53	+ 7	+ 80
S. CENTRAL STATES	4,146	5,825	4,850	5,220	+ 26	- 10	+ 8
Montana	297	275	210	250	- 16	- 9	+ 19
Idaho	2,553	2,320	2,200	2,230	- 13	- 4	+ 1
Wyoming	192	135	125	115	- 40	- 15	- 8
Colorado	648	490	500	505	- 22	+ 3	+ 1
Utah	619	740	435	520	- 16	- 30	+ 20
Other Mt. States ...	24	5	5	5	- 79	0	0
MOUNTAIN STATES	4,333	3,965	3,475	3,625	- 16	- 9	+ 4
Washington	1,650	1,415	985	1,195	- 28	- 16	+ 21
Oregon	895	870	950	1,080	+ 21	+ 24	+ 14
California	3,278	4,980	4,250	4,800	+ 46	- 4	+ 13
PACIFIC STATES	5,823	7,265	6,185	7,075	+ 22	- 3	+ 14
UNITED STATES	135,370	120,025	106,130	113,525	- 16	- 5	+ 7

American cheese production in April, estimated at 121,030,000 pounds, was 2 per cent more than the previous April record production attained last year, the Crop Reporting Board reports. Output was 14 percent greater than the 1962-66 average for the month. Production gained 14 percent from March to April this year, compared with 12 percent at this time last year, and 13 percent on the average in the 1962-66 period.

AMERICAN CHEESE PRODUCTION: APRIL 1968

GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION OR STATE	ENUMERATED	ESTIMATED			CHANGE IN APRIL 1968 PRODUCTION FROM:		
	APRIL AVERAGE 1962-66	APRIL 1967	MARCH 1968	APRIL 1968	APR. AV. 1962-66	APR. 1967	MAR. 1968
		Thousand Pounds			Percent		
New York	5,914	5,470	3,180	5,080	- 14	- 7	+ 60
Other N.A. States ..	1,258	1,490	755	1,300	+ 3	- 13	+ 72
N. ATLANTIC STATES	7,172	6,960	3,935	6,380	- 11	- 8	+ 62
S. ATLANTIC STATES 1/	581	665	280	545	- 6	- 18	+ 95
Ohio	1,116	1,225	915	955	- 14	- 22	+ 4
Indiana	2,346	1,700	1,200	1,400	- 40	- 18	+ 17
Illinois	1,962	1,240	1,050	1,080	- 45	- 13	+ 3
Michigan	2,318	1,920	1,480	1,630	- 30	- 15	+ 10
Wisconsin	47,635	53,600	51,800	54,600	+ 15	+ 2	+ 5
E. N. CENTRAL STATES	55,377	59,685	56,445	59,665	+ 8	0	+ 6
Minnesota	6,303	8,740	9,900	9,510	+ 51	+ 9	- 4
Iowa	5,599	6,840	6,180	6,310	+ 13	- 8	+ 2
Missouri	7,499	8,210	6,380	8,770	+ 17	+ 7	+ 37
North Dakota	1,348	2,000	2,310	2,725	+ 102	+ 36	+ 18
South Dakota	2,116	2,400	2,980	2,710	+ 28	+ 13	- 9
Nebraska	634	1,325	1,530	1,550	+ 144	+ 17	+ 1
Kansas	1,587	1,410	1,760	1,870	+ 18	+ 33	+ 6
W. N. CENTRAL STATES	25,086	30,925	31,040	33,445	+ 33	+ 8	+ 8
Kentucky	5,018	5,560	3,480	5,280	+ 5	- 5	+ 52
Tennessee	3,165	3,500	2,150	3,870	+ 22	+ 11	+ 80
Alabama	346	460	210	430	+ 24	- 7	+ 105
Mississippi	1,137	1,600	570	1,080	- 5	- 32	+ 89
Arkansas	1,102	1,490	640	1,080	- 2	- 28	+ 69
Oklahoma	779	690	480	685	- 12	- 1	+ 43
Texas	837	880	1,100	1,570	+ 88	+ 78	+ 43
S. CENTRAL STATES 1/	12,408	14,200	8,640	14,245	+ 15	0	+ 65
Montana	260	245	150	180	- 31	- 27	+ 20
Idaho	2,603	2,940	2,700	3,000	+ 15	+ 2	+ 11
Utah	537	835	790	1,040	+ 94	+ 25	+ 32
Other Mt. States ...	113	205	80	180	+ 59	- 12	+ 125
MOUNTAIN STATES	3,513	4,225	3,720	4,400	+ 25	+ 4	+ 18
Washington	397	520	545	400	+ 1	- 23	- 27
Oregon	1,862	1,720	1,120	1,600	- 14	- 7	+ 43
California	212	220	265	350	+ 65	+ 59	+ 32
PACIFIC STATES	2,471	2,460	1,930	2,350	- 5	- 4	+ 22
UNITED STATES	106,608	119,120	105,990	121,030	+ 14	+ 2	+ 14
Cumulative Total January - April	5-Yr. Av. 359,096	1967 422,325	xxxx	1968 416,445	5-Yr. Av. + 16	1967 - 1	xxx

1/Regional totals include production for states not shown separately.

Compared with April 1967, changes in production by regions were mixed. Output held steady in both the South Central Region and the East North Central. Increases were 8 percent in the West North Central Region and 4 percent in the Mountain. Production was down 8 percent in the North Atlantic States and 18 percent in the South Atlantic. Output was 4 percent less in the Pacific States. In Wisconsin, the 2-percent increase offset declines in all the remaining states of the East North Central Region. Increases were shown in all states of the West North Central Region except Iowa.

Production gained seasonally from March in all regions. Output advanced 6 percent in the East North Central Region and 8 percent in the West North Central. In the West, production increased 18 percent in the Mountain States and 22 percent in the Pacific. Gains were sharp in the other regions: 62 percent in the North Atlantic, 65 percent in the South Central, and 95 percent in the South Atlantic. Wisconsin showed only a 5-percent increase. Contra-seasonal decreases occurred only in Minnesota, South Dakota, and Washington.

Compared with the 1962-66 April average, changes were varied. Production was 8 percent larger in the East North Central Region, due to the 15-percent gain in Wisconsin, which outweighed decreases in all the other states of the region. Output was 15 percent larger in the South Central Region and 33 percent greater in the West North Central. Production was down 11 percent in the North Atlantic States and 6 percent in the South Atlantic. In the West, production was 25 percent larger in the Mountain States, but 5 percent smaller in the Pacific. All West North Central States had increases.

Production of miscellaneous or foreign-type cheese excluding cottage and full-skim American in April, at 55,695,000 pounds, was 8 percent more than in April 1967 and 16 percent larger than the 1962-66 average. Production gained 1 percent from March due to increases in Swiss, Brick and Munster, Neufchatel, and Italian types. Compared with April 1967, production was more in all types except Swiss and Blue Mold. All types except Limburger showed increases from the 1962-66 average.

PRODUCTION OF CHEESE BY VARIETIES, APRIL 1968

TYPES	ENUMERATED	ESTIMATED			CHANGE IN PRODUCTION APRIL 1968 FROM:		
	APRIL AVERAGE 1962-66	APR. 1967	MAR. 1968	APR. 1968	APR.AV. 1962-66	APR. 1967	MAR. 1968
	Thousand Pounds				Percent		
TOTAL-AMERICAN TYPES 1/	106,608	119,120	105,990	121,030	+ 14	+ 2	+ 14
Swiss	10,584	11,030	10,505	10,990	+ 4	0	+ 5
Brick & Munster ...	4,382	4,670	4,570	5,020	+ 15	+ 7	+ 10
Limburger	229	175	260	215	- 6	+ 23	- 17
Cream	8,388	6,575	10,120	8,730	+ 4	+ 33	- 14
Neufchatel	545	595	715	720	+ 32	+ 21	+ 1
Italian	19,766	23,995	23,920	25,020	+ 27	+ 4	+ 5
Blue Mold	1,458	1,800	1,835	1,695	+ 16	- 6	- 8
All Other 2/	2,819	2,585	3,295	3,305	+ 17	+ 28	0
TOTAL-Misc. Types	48,171	51,425	55,220	55,695	+ 16	+ 8	+ 1
TOTAL ALL VARIETIES 3/	154,779	170,545	161,210	176,725	+ 14	+ 4	+ 10
Cumulative Total	5-Yr. Av.	1967		1968	5-Yr. Av.	1967	
January - April	546,505	627,265	xxxx	628,320	+ 15	0	xxx

1/Whole milk cheese including Cheddar, Colby, Washed Curd, Monterey, and Jack cheese.
 2/Includes part-skim American types. 3/Does not include full-skim American and Cottage cheese.