

Production of
CREAMERY BUTTER
and
CHEESE
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CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION

Production of creamery butter in the United States during March was estimated at 106,775,000 pounds, the Crop Reporting Board reports. Output was down 4 percent from March last year and fractionally from two years ago. Churnings increased 7 percent from February to March this year, 14 percent a year ago and 16 percent two years earlier. On a daily average basis, production was unchanged between these months this year, but gained 3 percent in 1971 and 4 percent in 1970.

U.S. milk production during March was estimated at 10,440 million pounds, up 2 percent from a year ago. Daily average production for March was nearly 5 percent above February, compared with about 3-percent increase during the corresponding period last year.

Compared with March 1971, output was smaller in all regions except the Pacific, where it was 15 percent larger and the South Atlantic, where it was 18 percent greater. Production was down 8 percent in the West North Central States and 3 percent in the East North Central. Churnings were 17 percent smaller in the South Central Region and 1 percent less in both the North Atlantic and the Mountain.

In the four leading butter-producing states output was down 1 percent in Wisconsin, 9 percent in Minnesota, 7 percent in Iowa, but up 19 percent in California.

Increases in production from February to March in all regions varied from 5 percent in the West to 13 percent in the North Atlantic. Output jumped 10 percent in both the South Atlantic States and the South Central. Churnings increased 8 percent in the East North Central Region and 7 percent in the West North Central.

The Chicago Dairy Office will close May 1, 1972. The information contained in this report will be published in a combined report "DAIRY PRODUCTS" to be released starting May 31, 1972 from Washington, D. C.

PRODUCTION OF CREAMERY BUTTER, BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES, 1972

MONTH	ENUMERATED	ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971
		<u>Thousand Pounds</u>		<u>Percent</u>	
January	99,748	103,845	101,475	+ 2	- 2
February	92,528	97,775	99,390	+ 7	+ 2
March	106,954	110,985	106,775	0	- 4
THREE MONTH TOTAL	299,230	312,605	307,640	+ 3	- 2
April	110,918	112,995			
May	116,865	119,520			
June	113,314	112,170			
July	92,129	90,175			
August	78,743	79,575			
September	71,850	69,010			
October	81,580	79,435			
November	78,944	78,330			
December	93,109	88,690			
TWELVE MONTH TOTAL	1,136,682	1,142,505			

CREAMERY BUTTER PRODUCTION, BY STATES, MARCH 1972

STATE AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	ENUMERATED	ESTIMATED			CHANGE FROM:	
	MARCH 1970	MARCH 1971	FEBRUARY 1972	MARCH 1972	MARCH 1971	FEB. 1972
		Thousand Pounds			Percent	
Vermont	730	1,100	1,120	1,185	+ 8	+ 6
New York	5,095	5,340	4,400	4,960	- 7	+ 13
Pennsylvania	2,507	2,490	2,300	2,670	+ 7	+ 16
Other N.A. States ..	11	5	0	5	0	0
N. ATLANTIC STATES	8,343	8,935	7,820	8,820	- 1	+ 13
S. ATLANTIC STATES	2,173	1,800	1,925	2,115	+ 18	+ 10
Ohio.....	1,995	2,035	1,740	1,870	- 8	+ 7
Indiana	2,392	2,250	2,200	2,050	- 9	- 7
Illinois.....	1,979	2,120	1,515	1,650	- 22	+ 9
Michigan	2,518	3,100	3,100	3,060	- 1	- 1
Wisconsin	18,237	19,600	17,540	19,460	- 1	+ 11
E.N. CENTRAL STATES	27,121	29,105	26,095	28,090	- 3	+ 8
Minnesota	30,373	29,640	24,700	26,900	- 9	+ 9
Iowa	8,483	8,810	7,720	8,150	- 7	+ 6
Missouri ,.....	2,620	2,740	3,400	3,200	+ 17	- 6
North Dakota.....	2,112	1,975	1,630	1,820	- 8	+ 12
South Dakota.....	2,344	1,870	1,200	1,330	- 29	+ 11
Nebraska	2,697	2,750	2,530	2,530	- 8	0
Kansas	1,274	1,160	1,090	1,260	+ 9	+ 16
W.N. CENTRAL STATES	49,903	48,945	42,270	45,190	- 8	+ 7
Kentucky.....	1,831	1,680	1,605	1,590	- 5	- 1
Tennessee	1,283	1,460	1,100	1,140	- 22	+ 4
Oklahoma	2,190	3,045	1,875	2,380	- 22	+ 27
Texas	361	370	300	280	- 24	- 7
Other S.C. States...	448	640	565	580	- 9	+ 3
S. CENTRAL STATES	6,113	7,195	5,445	5,970	- 17	+ 10
Montana	220	245	250	255	+ 4	+ 2
Idaho	1,833	2,075	2,000	2,300	+ 11	+ 15
Wyoming	113	60	70	70	+ 17	0
Colorado.....	621	670	605	480	- 28	- 21
Utah	685	760	780	715	- 6	- 8
Other Mt. States ...	284	440	320	390	- 11	+ 22
MOUNTAIN STATES	3,756	4,250	4,025	4,210	- 1	+ 5
Washington	1,194	1,990	2,080	2,130	+ 7	+ 2
Oregon	997	1,200	1,150	1,250	+ 4	+ 9
California	7,354	7,565	8,580	9,000	+ 19	+ 5
PACIFIC STATES	9,545	10,755	11,810	12,380	+ 15	+ 5
UNITED STATES	106,954	110,985	99,390	106,775	- 4	+ 7

AMERICAN CHEESE PRODUCTION, BY STATES, MARCH 1972

STATE AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	ENUMERATED	ESTIMATED			CHANGE FROM:	
	MARCH 1970	MARCH 1971	FEBRUARY 1972	MARCH 1972	MAR. 1971	FEB. 1972
		Thousand Pounds			Percent	
New York.....	3,949	3,970	4,720	5,780	+ 46	+ 22
Other N.A. States...	1,127	1,335	1,190	1,450	+ 9	+ 22
N. ATLANTIC STATES	5,076	5,305	5,910	7,230	+ 36	+ 22
S. ATLANTIC STATES	364	450	475	600	+ 33	+ 26
Ohio.....	814	1,080	1,015	1,475	+ 37	+ 45
Indiana	1,115	1,200	1,395	1,650	+ 38	+ 18
Illinois.....	1,136	1,080	1,020	1,240	+ 15	+ 22
Michigan	1,320	1,350	1,280	1,630	+ 21	+ 27
Wisconsin	56,960	58,700	56,000	68,800	+ 17	+ 23
E.N. CENTRAL STATES	61,345	63,410	60,710	74,795	+ 18	+ 23
Minnesota	11,889	15,100	15,900	18,200	+ 21	+ 14
Iowa	6,326	6,980	7,800	8,700	+ 25	+ 12
Missouri.....	5,417	6,160	5,000	6,600	+ 7	+ 32
North Dakota	2,943	2,970	3,200	3,430	+ 15	+ 7
South Dakota	3,764	3,760	3,410	3,600	- 4	+ 6
Nebraska	2,316	2,620	2,430	2,300	- 12	- 5
Kansas.....	2,231	2,260	2,780	3,570	+ 58	+ 28
W.N. CENTRAL STATES	34,886	39,850	40,520	46,400	+ 16	+ 15
Kentucky.....	4,822	4,080	3,680	4,530	+ 11	+ 23
Tennessee.....	2,426	2,520	1,670	1,910	- 24	+ 14
Alabama	541	415	280	370	- 11	+ 32
Mississippi.....	698	935	560	930	- 1	+ 66
Arkansas.....	410	520	260	450	- 13	+ 73
Other S.C. States....	1,887	1,775	1,280	1,935	+ 9	+ 51
S. CENTRAL STATES	10,784	10,245	7,730	10,125	- 1	+ 31
Montana.....	267	240	245	315	+ 31	+ 29
Idaho	3,517	3,010	3,150	3,450	+ 15	+ 10
Utah	1,735	2,345	2,350	2,495	+ 6	+ 6
Other Mt. States	77	75	20	40	- 47	+100
MOUNTAIN STATES	5,596	5,670	5,765	6,300	+ 11	+ 9
Washington	959	280	430	500	+ 79	+ 16
Oregon	1,130	1,400	1,150	1,500	+ 7	+ 30
California.....	234	250	195	265	+ 6	+ 36
PACIFIC STATES	2,323	1,930	1,775	2,265	+ 17	+ 28
UNITED STATES	120,374	126,860	122,885	147,715	+ 16	+ 20
Cumulative Total	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>		<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	
January - March	328,460	345,440	xxx	394,560	+ 14	xxx

American cheese production in the United States during March, estimated at 147,715,000 pounds, is the largest March output on record. Production at this level is 16 percent larger than in the same month a year earlier and 23 percent greater than two years ago.

Production gained 20 percent from February to March this year, compared with 21 percent in 1971 and 18 percent in 1970. On a daily average basis, the seasonal increase between these months was 12 percent this year, 9 percent last year and 6 percent two years ago. Gains in all regions varied from 9 percent in the Mountain to 31 percent in the South Central. Output jumped 23 percent in the East North Central States and 15 percent in the West North Central. Other gains were: 22 percent in the North Atlantic Region, 26 percent in the South Atlantic and 28 percent in the Pacific. Wisconsin's production was 23 percent larger.

Compared with March 1971, output was more in all regions except the South Central, where it was 1 percent less. Production was up 18 percent in the East North Central States, 16 percent in the West North Central and 36 percent in the North Atlantic. In the West, output was 17 percent greater in the Pacific States and 11 percent larger in the Mountain. Production was 33 percent more in the South Atlantic Region. In Wisconsin, output was up 17 percent.

Miscellaneous or foreign-type cheese, excluding cottage and full skim, during March totaled 83,120,000 pounds. Current output exceeded last year's record high by 9 percent. From February to March, production increased 12 percent. All types showed gains from February except Brick and Munster and Neufchatel. Compared with March a year earlier, output was up for all types except Cream and Neufchatel.

Total cheese production (American and Miscellaneous combined) totaled 230,835,000 pounds, also a record high for the month. Output was 14 percent above March 1971.

PRODUCTION OF CHEESE, BY VARIETIES, MARCH 1972

TYPES	ENUMERATED	ESTIMATED			CHANGE FROM:	
	MARCH 1970	MARCH 1971	FEBRUARY 1972	MARCH 1972	MAR. 1971	FEB. 1972
TOTAL-AMERICAN TYPES 1/	120,374	126,860	122,885	147,715	+ 16	+ 20
Swiss	12,010	13,070	13,250	14,965	+ 14	+ 13
Brick & Munster	4,876	5,110	5,900	5,870	+ 15	0
Limburger.....	262	205	195	235	+ 15	+ 21
Cream.....	10,588	12,440	8,575	11,745	- 6	+ 37
Neufchatel.....	398	535	470	470	- 12	0
Italian.....	34,843	39,895	40,930	44,180	+ 11	+ 8
Blue Mold.....	1,854	2,040	2,160	2,450	+ 20	+ 13
All Other 2/	2,959	2,655	2,970	3,205	+ 21	+ 8
TOTAL - Misc. Types	67,790	75,950	74,450	83,120	+ 9	+ 12
TOTAL ALL VARIETIES 3/	188,164	202,810	197,335	230,835	+ 14	+ 17
Cumulative Total January - March	1970 515,196	1971 552,535	xxx	1972 627,155	1971 + 14	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.