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Contacts in the Midwest report mild temperatures in recent weeks contributed to a slight uptick in milk output but remains down from June. Some cheesemakers in the Central region say downtime at nearby plants enabled them to obtain spot volumes of Class III milk at lower prices this week. As of reporting, Class III milk prices range from \$3-under to flat. Downtime at some plants is contributing to lighter regional cheese output. Demand for cheese curds remains strong and some contacts say they have limited spot availability through the end of July. Meanwhile, retail cheese sales are steady and food service demand is light. Export cheese demand is strong as cheese produced domestically is being offered at lower prices than cheese produced internationally.

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