

# Cheddar Cheese Prices



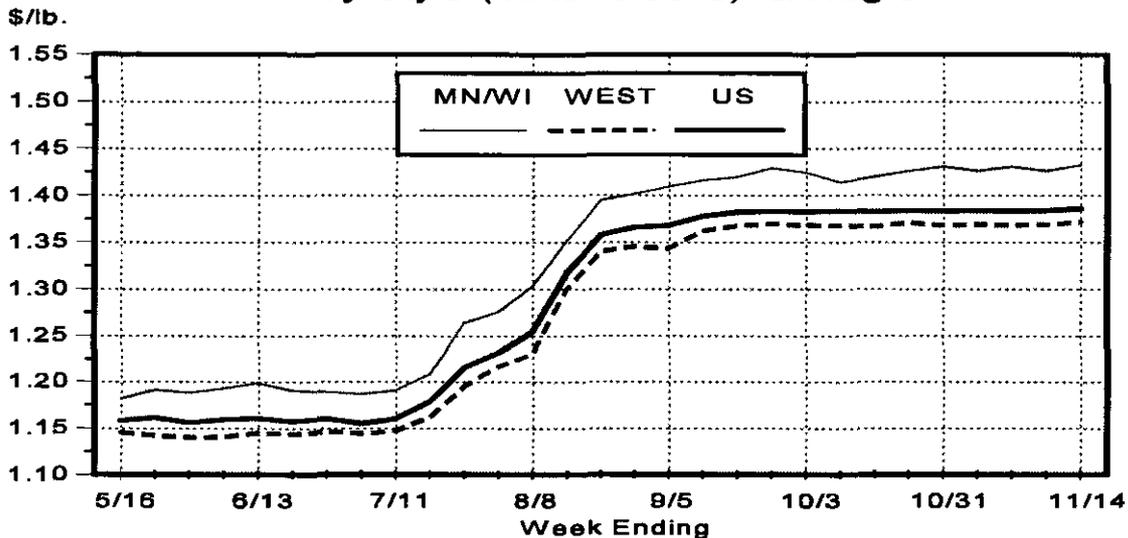
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## Block Prices Increase 0.3 Cent

Prices received for 40 lb. block Cheddar cheese increased 0.3 cent per lb. for the week ending November 14, 1997. Barrel prices declined slightly. This is the ninth consecutive week that the US 40 lb. block price has averaged greater than \$1.38 per lb.

**Cheddar Cheese Prices  
by Style (40 lb. blocks) & Region**



**Data Reliability:** The survey collects price information on sales of natural, unaged, Cheddar cheese at the first (wholesale) point of sale. Data are recorded for sales transactions completed during the survey week. A transaction is considered complete when cheese is shipped out or title transfers. The 65 plants reporting account for an estimated 85 percent of natural Cheddar cheese sales. Estimates for only the current month are subject to revision.

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**Cheddar Cheese Prices by Style and Region**

Style and Region	Week Ending				
	Nov 14, 1997	Nov 7, 1997 <sup>1</sup>	Oct 31, 1997	Oct 24, 1997	Oct 17, 1997
<b>40 Lb. Blocks</b>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>
Avg. Price <sup>2</sup>					
MN/WI	1.4324	1.4259	1.4307	1.4257	1.4198
West <sup>3</sup>	1.3719	1.3692	1.3684	1.3712	1.3670
US <sup>4</sup>	1.3864	1.3838	1.3837	1.3843	1.3829
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Sales Volume <sup>5</sup>					
MN/WI	1,018,343	1,405,855	1,204,089	1,023,123	1,440,675
West <sup>3</sup>	4,056,365	4,851,343	4,412,883	3,859,337	3,870,255
US <sup>4</sup>	5,243,002	6,397,365	5,776,342	5,000,976	5,488,269
<b>640 Lb. Blocks</b>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>
Avg. Price <sup>2</sup>					
US	1.4007	1.4190	1.4125	1.3992	1.3916
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Sales Volume <sup>5</sup>					
US	1,119,297	587,132	600,281	1,078,931	851,545
<b>500 Lb. Barrels</b>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>	<i>Dol./Lb.</i>
Avg. Price <sup>2</sup>					
MN/WI	1.4439	1.4484	1.4457	1.4457	1.4330
Oth	1.4385	1.4401	1.4383	1.4390	1.4292
US	1.4407	1.4430	1.4408	1.4414	1.4306
Price Adj. To 39% Moisture					
MN/WI	1.3634	1.3645	1.3649	1.3659	1.3572
Oth	1.3343	1.3377	1.3394	1.3355	1.3322
US	1.3460	1.3473	1.3481	1.3462	1.3412
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
Sales Volume <sup>5</sup>					
MN/WI	3,151,365	3,378,856	3,241,416	3,026,238	3,047,368
Oth	4,597,232	5,997,281	6,229,834	5,438,437	5,310,989
US	7,748,597	9,376,137	9,471,250	8,464,675	8,358,357
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Moisture Content					
MN/WI	35.40	35.25	35.39	35.43	35.59
Oth	34.24	34.33	34.50	34.27	34.56
US	34.71	34.66	34.80	34.69	34.94

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Prices weighted by volumes reported.

<sup>3</sup> CA, ID, OR, and WA.

<sup>4</sup> "Other Regions" included in U.S. total.

<sup>5</sup> Sales as reported by cooperating manufacturers.