Cream is tight in the West but is becoming more available in some parts of the region. Cream availability varies in the East and is available in the Central region. Contacts in the East and Central region say cream volumes have become more available recently than in prior weeks. Cream multiples in the Central region have shifted downward to the low 1.20s, becoming more comfortable for churning. In the East, contacts say they are purchasing spot loads and utilizing contracted cream volumes to run active schedules. Meanwhile in the West, butter production is mixed, and some butter makers relay current prices are contributing to limited spot cream purchases. Demand for butter is steady from domestic purchasers in the West, but contacts report moderate interest from international customers. In the East, demand for butter in retail and food service markets is unchanged from last week. Spot butter inventories are tight in the East, while stakeholders note somewhat tight bulk butter. Supplies of salted butter are not notably tight in the Central region. Bulk butter overages range from 3.0 to 11.0 cents over market value.

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