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As cheese market tones show further signals of life, the same is being said among contacts regarding demand. According to contacts, these bullish factors are not mutually exclusive. Customers are trying to get ahead of increasing market price points. Curd demand, according to processors, is not where it was two and three years ago, but it has improved when compared to 2023. Cheese supplies are available in the Midwest, but not at levels of concern for cheese plant contacts. Spot milk availability also shifted lower. At report time, spot prices are below-Class III, but not at the same lows as the previous few weeks. Current prices range from \$3- to \$1-under Class III. To compare, during week 16 of 2023, prices were \$11- to \$4-under Class.

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