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During week nine of 2023, spot milk prices were \$10- to \$2.50-under Class III. At report time during the current week, spot milk prices range from \$0.25- to \$2.50-over Class. Some cheesemakers say they are using internally sourced milk supplies, but they say handlers' offers have been mum. Some fluid milk contacts do expect near-term spot offer growth in availability as Class I demand slows and milk production seasonally increases. Cheese demand remains lackluster according to a number of cheesemaker contacts in the Midwest. Some, particularly barrel makers, say demand is better year-over-year, but most cheddar and other varietal processors say it is slower. Market tones have begun to gather some bullish momentum.

Information for the period February 26 - March 1, 2024, issued weekly

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This week, a cooperative export assistance program accepted requests for export assistance on contracts to sell 1.1 million pounds (490 metric tons) of American-type cheese. So far this year, the program has assisted member cooperatives who have contracts to sell 20.1 million pounds of American-type cheeses and 1.3 million pounds of cream cheese in export markets.

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