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Cheese demand notes continue to move in somewhat bullish fashion according to Central region cheesemakers. Customer orders for May and June have elevated in recent weeks. Cheesemakers who have recently been offering spot loads at below-CME Group market values say prices have moved to meet those price points or slightly higher. Some say they have no spot volumes to offer. Cheese production continues apace. Cheesemakers share that the availability of spot milk exhibits clear evidence of spring flush. Spot milk prices, at report time, have been reported as low as \$7-under Class III. Cheese markets have lost a slight amount of steam from last week, but are holding somewhat firm in the high \$1.70s/lb for blocks to low \$1.80s/lb for barrels.

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