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Milk production continues to grow in the East. Cheese plant contacts share seasonally steady production schedules. Cheese inventories remain ample despite there being some upticks in demand. Last Wednesday, cheese blocks closed on the CME at \$1.56 and have risen to \$1.61 as of report publishing time. Contacts continue to relay light foodservice demand. Retail demand is noted to be steady to stronger, with contacts citing grilling season as a possible reason for increased demand. Last week's National Retail Report lists shredded cheese in 6-8-ounce packages as the most advertised conventional cheese item, with a national weighted average advertised price of \$2.31, up from \$2.18 the week prior. In the Northeast U.S., the weighted average advertised price of shredded cheese in 6-8-ounce packages is listed at \$2.45.

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