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Although a few stakeholders report milk production increases are slowing in pace, seasonally stronger milk production is providing ample Class III milk volumes to fill needs of cheese manufacturers. Cheese production schedules are generally stronger following the holiday weekend. A few manufacturers indicate their inventories to be extremely tight in terms of spot load availability regardless of what variety of cheese is requested. Stakeholders note demand varies from steady to strong for both domestic and international buyers. However, in terms of domestic retail demand versus domestic food service demand, sellers report that stronger retail demand has somewhat taken the place of some weaker food service demand thus far this year.

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