Cheese production is seasonally weakening in the West. Class III milk demand is strong from cheese manufacturers. However, spot milk availability is tighter to various degrees throughout the region. A few manufacturers indicate production schedules are heavily covering contractual obligations. That said, stakeholders indicate loads are generally available for spot buyers, but some contractual commitments are behind lead times. According to the latest Cold Storage Report by National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) the U.S. total natural cheese holdings for June 2024 were 11.174 million pounds lower than for May 2024. Domestic demand varies from steady to lighter.

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