Retail and food service demands for varietal cheeses are mostly reported as steady in the West. Inventories are noted as comfortable, overall, by stakeholders. A few cheese manufacturers indicate inventories available for spot purchasing are slightly decreasing. Export demand is moderate. Recent sentiments by some stakeholders that current domestic prices are in a better place to attract more interest from international buyers has dissipated. Class III milk demand is strong to steady. However, extra spot milk loads are somewhat limited. Overall, cheese makers relay tightness in availability of extra Class III spot milk loads. This is keeping production schedules mostly steady. A few American style cheese manufacturers note current production schedules are prioritizing cheddar.

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