

2004 Cheese Plant Costs (All Cheeses)

Item	17-plant simple average	Dairy Farmers of America		
		Lovington, NM	Monett, MO	Zumbrota, MN
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Labor				
Direct labor				
Fringe benefits				
Supervisory/indirect labor				
Fringe benefits				
Total labor	5.406		5.807	
Electricity*	0.425		0.000	
Fuels*				
Natural gas			1.104	
Fuel oil			0.000	
Propane gas			0.000	
Steam			0.000	
Other fuels			0.000	
Total fuels	0.874		1.104	
Water and sewer*	0.374			
Packaging materials--all	1.835			
Ingredients	1.662			
Cleaning supplies	0.379			
Plant and lab supplies	0.481			
Laundry	0.095			
Repair and Maintenance	0.785			
Depreciation	0.793			
Equipment rentals	0.617			
Taxes	0.091			
Insurance (Included below)	0.118			
Miscellaneous	0.332			
Total cost**	<u>14.267</u>		<u>11.001</u>	
Pounds of cheese made***	62,265,377		61,779,328	
Annual capacity (14 plants)	67,763,240			
Capacity used (14 plants)	93.7%			
Cheese yield/cwt of milk	<u>10.41</u>		<u>10.25</u>	
Butterfat content based on input	35.7%		38.8%	

*For some plants, fuels represent utilities, which include water and sewer.

**Weighted average cost was 13.295cents/pound of columns do not include costs.

***Mainly Cheddar cheese in 40-pound, 640-pound, may contain some

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