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East region cheese production is steady as cheesemakers receive adequate milk supplies. Hot weather is impacting milk volumes and components, but cheesemakers are not concerned. Demand is seasonally soft. Inventories are stable and the market tone is steady to slightly weaker.

High temperatures are affecting cow comfort and milk output. Spot milk offers are light, but some contacts are able to secure loads below Class, while other cheesemakers are paying higher prices to keep vats full. Class III spot milk prices range from \$2.00-under to \$5-over Class. Demand is steady, spot loads of cheese are available, but lighter production schedules will tighten inventories.

Cheese makers are receiving contractual milk loads and spot milk availability is tight in the West. Production schedules are stable, and production is on pace or slightly ahead of demand for most types of cheese. Domestic and International demand is steady.

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