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Milk output varies throughout the Central region. Contacts in the southern portions of the region say high temperatures are contributing to lighter milk output, but in the upper-Midwest cool temperatures in recent weeks have kept milk production steady. Educational institutions are out for summer break, reducing demand for milk from bottling operations and leaving additional spot loads of milk for cheesemaking. Additional availability has pushed spot Class III milk prices lower; volumes are trading from \$7 to \$1-under this week. Cheesemakers continue to run busy schedules. Contacts say export demand for cheese is strong, as loads produced in the US are competitively priced to internationally produced cheese. Meanwhile, domestic demand for cheese is light. Contacts say cheese inventories are somewhat snug, but spot loads are available for purchasing.

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