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Cheesemakers say orders are and have been steady to quiet during the final weeks of the year. They are moving cheese loads out to trim end-of-year inventories. The trading focus is now based more on the first two weeks of 2025, as a number of staff are expected to be out of pocket for the next two midweek holidays. Curd makers say sales are seasonally in line with expectations, but late-year curd demand is generally soft. Spot milk purchases on the shortened holiday week(s) are generally on the same trend as they were expected to be. A lot of holiday milk trading was done earlier in the month. Spot milk prices were reported as low as \$7-under Class this week, although some were closer to the Class III baseline. Cheese production will be variant this week and next, but some say lines are going to run this week or next week, as cheesemakers plan to take advantage of the extra milk available.

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