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This holiday week, Northeast cheese production is steady but is expected to slow a bit as some processing schedules are interrupted by the mid-week holiday. Milk handlers are working to find homes for milk in the holiday season; this not an uncommon circumstance for the final weeks of any year. Cheese buyers say blocks and barrels are both available but not loose. Demand for cheese has changed little from last week. Last week's National Retail Report lists shredded cheese in 6-8- ounce packages as the most advertised conventional cheese item, with a national weighted average advertised price of \$2.43, down from \$2.48 the previous week. In the Northeast U.S., the weighted average advertised price of shredded cheese in 6-8-ounce packages is listed at \$2.45.

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