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Cheese production is mixed in the West. Many cheese makers note some degree of downtime planned with the holiday week making Class III spot milk demand lighter, at least from cheese manufacturers generally. Although some cheese manufacturers convey tighter inventories for spot buyers, varietal cheese loads are widely available for buyers looking to secure loads. Stakeholders indicate steady or stronger domestic cheese demand, and demand from international buyers varies from steady to light. Sellers indicate the competitive edge domestic prices have compared to European or New Zealand prices is shrinking recently. CME cheese barrels finished today at \$1.7525, while CME cheese blocks finished today at \$1.8525.

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