

Weighted Average Manufacturing Costs  
for Butter, Nonfat Powder and Cheddar Cheese  
1989 - 2004 <sup>1/2/3/</sup>  
COST STUDY DATA ADJUSTED FOR UTILITIES AND PAYROLL

Costs include processing labor, non-labor processing, packaging, other ingredients (for butter and Cheddar cheese only), general and administrative and return on investments.

<u>Date of Release</u>		<u>Butter</u>		<u>Nonfat Powder</u>		<u>Cheddar Cheese</u>	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Cost per Pound</u>	<u>Number of Plants</u>	<u>Cost per Pound</u>	<u>Number of Plants</u>	<u>Cost per Pound</u>	<u>Number of Plants</u>
2001	October <sup>1</sup>	\$0.1001	8	\$0.1590	11	\$0.1802	9
2002	December <sup>2</sup>	\$0.1211	7	\$0.1512	11	\$0.1746	9
2004	December <sup>3</sup>	\$0.1321	7	\$0.1551	10	\$0.1734	9

<sup>1</sup> Includes the cost studies completed for periods between January 1998 and December 1999 and adjusted for utility costs. The utility cost adjustments were made using each plant's invoices for energy costs for August 2001.

<sup>2</sup> Includes the cost studies for periods between July 2000 and December 2001 and adjusted for August 2002 utility invoices as well as 2002 data updating wages, payroll taxes and fringe benefits for all plants.

<sup>3</sup> Includes the cost studies for periods between January 2003 and December 2003 and adjusted for September 2004 utility invoices as well as 2004 data updating wages, payroll taxes and fringe benefits for all plants.