

CME Cheddar Cheese Prices vs. Audited California Cheddar Cheese Sales

Introductory Remarks

Data were collected and audited from four Cheddar cheese plants, representing sales of 40 pound blocks of Cheddar cheese from January 2004 to December 2005. Four plants reported monthly sales volume and sales revenue for the 24 month period. CME cheese prices are the monthly simple averages of block Cheddar cheese prices released by CME, using the 26th of the prior month through the 25th of the current month. Weighted average California Cheddar cheese prices represent the monthly price per pound received by each plant and then weighted by sales volume. The data represent over 99% of the 40 pound block Cheddar sold by California plants

	CME Cheese	CA Weighted	Difference
Jan-04	\$1.3029	\$1.2765	-\$0.0264
Feb-04	\$1.3688	\$1.3255	-\$0.0433
Mar-04	\$1.7439	\$1.5337	-\$0.2102
Apr-04	\$2.1404	\$1.9714	-\$0.1690
May-04	\$2.0634	\$2.0943	\$0.0309
Jun-04	\$1.7648	\$1.8554	\$0.0906
Jul-04	\$1.4279	\$1.5470	\$0.1191
Aug-04	\$1.5636	\$1.4763	-\$0.0873
Sep-04	\$1.5660	\$1.5527	-\$0.0133
Oct-04	\$1.5174	\$1.5093	-\$0.0081
Nov-04	\$1.6613	\$1.5275	-\$0.1338
Dec-04	\$1.6397	\$1.7019	\$0.0622
Jan-05	\$1.5766	\$1.5347	-\$0.0419
Feb-05	\$1.5299	\$1.5429	\$0.0130
Mar-05	\$1.5204	\$1.4829	-\$0.0375
Apr-05	\$1.5733	\$1.5155	-\$0.0578
May-05	\$1.4745	\$1.4594	-\$0.0151
Jun-05	\$1.4921	\$1.4719	-\$0.0202
Jul-05	\$1.5239	\$1.5165	-\$0.0074
Aug-05	\$1.4195	\$1.4205	\$0.0010
Sep-05	\$1.5384	\$1.4824	-\$0.0560
Oct-05	\$1.4849	\$1.5000	\$0.0151
Nov-05	\$1.3808	\$1.3945	\$0.0137
Dec-05	\$1.4304	\$1.4063	-\$0.0241

Summary of Results: CA less CME

	Average Differences	
	Simple	Weighted
All 24 Months	-\$0.0252	-\$0.0242
12 months ending Dec. 2004	-\$0.0324	-\$0.0314
12 months ending Dec. 2005	-\$0.0181	-\$0.0175
Smallest Monthly Difference		-\$0.2102
Largest Monthly Difference		\$0.1191
Average without smallest and largest differences	-\$0.0234	-\$0.0229

Difference of Monthly CME Average Price and California Weighted Average Price Received

