

Weighted Average Manufacturing Costs
for Butter, Nonfat Powder and Cheddar Cheese
1989 - 2004

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>COST STUDY</u>	<u>Butter</u>		<u>Nonfat Powder</u>		<u>Cheddar Cheese¹</u>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>PERIODS</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>
May	1989	Jan '87 - Dec '88	\$0.0879	11	\$0.1370	11	\$0.2251	9
July	1992	Apr '90 - Dec '91	\$0.0969	12	\$0.1443	12	\$0.2010	9
November	1995	July '93 - Apr '95	\$0.0928	9	\$0.1328	9	\$0.1981	8
December	1996	July '94 - Apr '96	\$0.0970	9	\$0.1333	9	\$0.1898	8
July	1997	Sept '94 - Dec '96	\$0.0958	8	\$0.1327	9	\$0.1840	9
February	1999	July '96 - June '98	\$0.0930	8	\$0.1277	9	\$0.1759	10
February	2000	Jan '97 - Apr '99	\$0.0957	8	\$0.1356	10	\$0.1693	9
November	2002	July '00 - Dec '01	\$0.1208	7	\$0.1619	11	\$0.1775	9
November	2003	Jan '02 - Dec '02	\$0.1235	7	\$0.1464	10	\$0.1632	9
November	2004	Jan '03 - Dec '03	\$0.1299	7	\$0.1560	10	\$0.1706	9

¹ For the 1996 Cheddar cheese cost study and subsequent cost studies, we have included costs associated with Cheddar cheese plants producing 500 pound barrels and 640 pound blocks. However, costs for packaging labor and packaging expenses were replaced with the average of those costs associated with 40 pound block plants.