



## School Year 2024 Cheese Pricing Process

We updated the USDA Foods cheese pricing process used in valuing the USDA Foods discounts and rebates on the Summary End Product Data Schedules (SEPDS). The value is a 24-month weighted average based on the pounds purchased and prices paid by USDA for Purchase Orders in the date range, 10/2020 - 09/2022. A 24-month weighted average was set to use current data to arrive at the average price and to provide for stable valuation in a volatile market.

Mozzarella cheese will be valued separately from other cheeses. A processed cheese hybrid price has been set using 24 months of data from the Cheese Natural American FDB Barrel - 500lb (110242), Cheese Process Yellow Slice (100018) and Cheese Blend American Skim (100036). We also calculated a 24-month weighted average for Cheese Mozzarella Part Skim Unfrozen Processor Pack (110244).

The average weighted price for SY 2024 is **\$1.9231 for mozzarella and \$1.9476 for all other cheese**. If you have questions, please contact [Kathleen.Staley@usda.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Staley@usda.gov)