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Pennsylvania Cheese Production Down 2 Percent in 2015

HARRISBURG, PA - Total cheese production in Pennsylvania, excluding cottage cheeses, was 408.6 million pounds, 2 percent below 2014 production, according to King Whetstone, Director, of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office.

Italian varieties, with 246.9 million pounds were 4 percent below 2014 production and accounted for 60 percent of total cheese in 2015. Mozzarella accounted for 85 percent of the Italian production, at 210.0 million pounds, 5 percent below 2014. Swiss cheese production, was 9.9 million pounds, 8 percent above 2014 production. American cheese varieties totaled 1.0 million pounds, 45 percent above 2014 production.

Sour cream production during 2015 totaled 1.9 million pounds, 17 percent above last year.

Butter production during 2015 totaled 93.2 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2014. Pennsylvania accounted for 5 percent of the United States production.

Ice cream, regular (hard) production totaled 38.9 million gallons, up 7 percent from 2014. Ice cream mix, regular production totaled 25.3 million gallons, 18 percent above 2014. Low fat ice cream production, at 5.0 million gallons, was 5 percent below the 2014 production level. Ice cream mix, lowfat production totaled 4.6 thousand gallons, 7 percent above 2014. Sherbet mix production was up 31 percent in 2015, at 603 thousand gallons.

Nonfat dry milk (human) production totaled 179.9 million pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year.

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