



School Year 2022 Cheese Pricing Process

We have updated the USDA process of cheese valuations to be used on the Summary End Product Data Schedules (SEPDS) for the purpose of rebating or discounting finished product prices for USDA commodities. The value will be a 24-month average based on the prices paid by USDA for Purchase Orders in the date range, 10/2018 - 09/2020. A 24-month average was set to use more current data to arrive at the average price and to provide for stable valuation in a volatile market.

The mozzarella 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 then calculated the 24 month average for Cheese Mozzarella Part Skim Unfrozen Processor Pack (110244).

Therefore the average price for SY 2021 is **\$1.8467 for mozzarella and \$1.7956 for all other cheese**. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Thackeray at 703-305-2652.