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Cheese production is strong overall in the West. Some cheese manufacturers say stronger 2024 year-over-year components in milk output have positively contributed to the ability of cheesemakers to run full production schedules. Class III milk volumes are tightening in parts of the region. However, upcoming summer breaks within educational institution schedules are anticipated to improve milk availability for cheesemakers. Reported domestic cheese demand varies from stronger to steady. Stakeholders convey domestic market prices over most of Q1/Q2 have helped to strengthen the willingness of international buyers to purchase loads. However, stakeholders also relay sentiments that booking export sales will be more challenging next quarter due to how domestic market prices currently compare with international market prices.

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