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In the Central region, summer heat is reducing cow comfort and having a negative impact on milk output. Some cheesemakers in the Midwest say they are offering loads of milk on the spot market, due to unplanned down time. Spot Class III milk prices are holding steady in the Midwest ranging from \$8-under to flat, as of reporting. Cheesemakers say they are running busy schedules, while downtime at some cheese plants in the region is contributing to lighter overall production. Strong demand for cheese curds persists in the region. Retail purchasers are steadily ordering cheese to meet shoppers' needs, but stakeholders say food service sales are softening.

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