Cheese

Livestock, meat & dairy

Milk concentrated by coagulation and ageing, the form in which most traded dairy protein and fat moves.

Key facts

World production, 2023
23 million tonnes

Top producer
United States, 28%

Top exporter, cheese (HS 0406), 2024
Germany, 15% of export value

HS code
0406 Cheese and curd

FAOSTAT item
901 Cheese from whole cow milk

Also called
cheeses, cheddar, mozzarella, curd

Top producers, 2023

Country	Tonnes	Share
United States	6.4 million	28%
Germany	2.4 million	10%
France	1.7 million	7.5%
Italy	1.2 million	5.3%
Netherlands	989,810	4.3%

FAOSTAT Crops and livestock products (QCL), 2023.

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
Germany	6.6 billion USD	15%
Italy	5.7 billion USD	13%
Netherlands	5.6 billion USD	13%
France	4.2 billion USD	9.4%
United States	2.5 billion USD	5.6%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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