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Million Metric Tons

## More cheese, please:

### **U.S.** trends in cheese export production

The U.S. is first in world cheese production, having produced 5.17 million metric tons in 2014. That's more than twice as much as our next closest competitor, Germany.

#### Top cheese-producing states

Of that 5.17 million metric tons of total U.S. cheese, the following states rank the top three in production:







#### What do we do best?

In 2014, Italian cheeses like Mozzarella were 35% of our production. American cheeses like Cheddar were 30%. Other miscellaneous cheeses like Swiss and Muenster made up the difference.







# Beyond that, we're awesome in competitions.

- At the 2014 World Cheese Awards, held in London, the U.S. took home 26 gold, 21 silver and 37 bronze medals.
- At the 2014 World Championship Cheese Contest, held in Madison, Wisconsin, the U.S. earned 61 gold, 60 silver and 66 bronze medals.

45% Asia

**26%** North America

**10% MENA** 

**5% Central America** 

3% Caribbean

**4%** South America

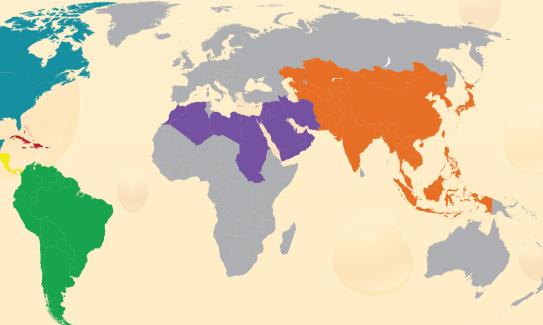
7% Others

EXPORTED 368,728

metric tons

Who's eating all that cheese?

The U.S. exported 368,728 metric tons of U.S. cheese.



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