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In the West, retail demand for varietal cheeses is strong to steady, while food service demand is steady. Industry sources indicate declines have taken place in restaurant traffic this month, making the restaurant destination for varietal cheeses lighter compared to last month. Export demand is moderate to light. Stakeholders indicate less consistent demand from Asian purchasers and more consistent demand from Latin American purchasers thus far this year. Steady cheese making schedules are reported by production managers. Handlers report strong Class III milk demand from cheesemakers. Some manufacturers relay extra spot loads of milk are limited, causing some lighter than desired production schedules. A few stakeholders suggest that lighter export demand has shifted some cheese production toward barrel cheese production, which has made its way to CME cash calls, contributing to bearish barrel cheese price movements on the CME recently.

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TOTAL, JUL 81.1 - 1 TOTAL, JAN - JUL 552.5 - 6 Exports - Destination Country 1 Mexico 178.2 + 13 2 South Korea 56.7 - 44 3 Japan 55.2 -
14 4 Australia 42.2 + 17 5 Canada 22.8 + 37

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