

# **Cheese Ingredients Market – Global Industry Size, Share, Trends, Opportunity, and Forecast, Segmented By Cheese Type (Natural and Processed), By Ingredient (Milk, Enzymes, Additives, Cultures and Others), By Region & Competition, 2021-2031F**

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## **Abstracts**

The Global Cheese Ingredients Market is expected to expand from USD 72.84 billion in 2025 to USD 92.49 billion by 2031, reflecting a compound annual growth rate of 4.06%. These ingredients include the essential chemical and biological elements needed to produce and refine the texture of commercial cheeses. Expanding urbanization and the growing appetite for convenience foods are major forces propelling this market. These shifting demographics lead to a higher output of processed foods, which heavily rely on these components. Additionally, the growth of modern retail channels enhances product availability and supports global production efforts.

Even with a positive forecast, the sector encounters substantial hurdles due to fluctuating raw milk prices, which impact production expenses and squeeze profit margins. In 2025, the United States Dairy Export Council reported that U.S. cheese exports hit a record high of 613,045 metric tons. Such massive manufacturing volumes put severe strain on ingredient supply chains, worsening financial difficulties when materials are scarce. As a result, manufacturers are forced to continually modify their pricing, which could hinder market growth in highly price-sensitive regions.

## **Market Driver**

An increasing consumer shift toward functional, protein-dense diets acts as a leading driver for the Global Cheese Ingredients Market. With populations focusing more on macronutrient consumption, manufacturers are creating cheeses fortified with specific

probiotic cultures and whey protein concentrates. This change in dietary habits directly boosts the need for high-yield bacterial cultures and strong enzyme blends to preserve desired flavors and textures. In its January 2026 'Dairy Industry Outlook', Farm Credit East noted a 14.5 percent unit growth in protein-rich cottage cheese sales. Such swift market acceptance compels ingredient providers to increase their output of stabilizing hydrocolloids and specialized rennet to adequately supply the functional food sector.

At the same time, the rising demand for specialty, flavored, and processed cheeses is driving substantial ingredient usage. Manufacturers rely heavily on lipases, emulsifying salts, and natural flavor enhancers to achieve exceptional melting qualities and unique tastes. This product diversification demands ongoing financial investments to support intricate recipe needs. As highlighted in an October 2025 Feedstuffs article titled 'Dairy processors put record \$11B into capacity expansion', the dairy industry dedicated \$3.20 billion exclusively to expanding cheese production. Growing commercial operations naturally increase the need for bulk chemical additives. With global cheese production hitting 22.89 million metric tons in 2026, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, furnishing ingredients for this massive output guarantees steady income for dairy additive manufacturers.

## **Market Challenge**

The unpredictable pricing of raw milk causes significant financial turbulence for cheese ingredient manufacturers. Because raw milk is the foundational material used to extract vital dairy elements, any cost variations immediately impact the base production expenses of ingredient providers. Erratic milk prices make it exceptionally difficult for suppliers to offer stable pricing to their commercial customers. Consequently, this financial unpredictability requires manufacturers to regularly adjust their pricing frameworks and economic projections, making long-term supply contracts with cheese producers much more complicated.

This persistent volatility directly constrains profitability throughout the cheese ingredients sector. When input costs fluctuate without warning, ingredient producers frequently absorb the extra expenses instead of alienating customers with abrupt price hikes. The United States Department of Agriculture projected that the average Class III milk price in 2025 would be \$18.10 per hundredweight, down from \$18.89 the previous year. This kind of price fluctuation complicates the ability of ingredient suppliers to dedicate funds toward operational upgrades. In the end, these squeezed margins impede the overall financial expansion of the industry.

## Market Trends

The shift toward dairy-free and plant-based enzymes and cultures represents a fundamental transformation within the global cheese ingredients industry. Producers are crafting specialized microbial cultures to mimic the melting properties and flavors of conventional cheese without using animal-derived materials. These essential components are used to ferment plant-based mixtures into desired taste profiles, driving suppliers to increase their output of dairy-free bacterial strains. As reported in Ingredion's August 2025 article, 'Reinventing cheese How dairy alternatives are transforming the cheese market', the plant-based food industry in North America grew by 29 percent, with dairy substitutes accounting for half of that surge.

Employing precision fermentation to create animal-free cheese proteins is reshaping conventional ingredient production methods. By utilizing genetically engineered microorganisms, this technique generates exact replicas of milk proteins like casein without involving livestock. This offers a highly sustainable and reliable approach for securing the functional proteins necessary for cheese elasticity. Growing investments are speeding up the commercial scaling of these fermentation plants. Highlighting this trend, a February 2026 article from DairyReporter.com titled 'Investment Surges Back Into Precision Fermented Dairy' reported that the foodtech company Verley secured \$38 million in funding to boost its precision-fermented whey protein capabilities.

## Key Market Players

Kerry Group plc

Symrise AG

EPI Ingredients

DairiConcepts LP

First Choice Ingredients

Aromsa SAS

Jeneil Biotech Inc.

Flaverco Ltd.

CTCGroup

Givaudan S.A.

## Report Scope

In this report, the Global Cheese Ingredients Market has been segmented into the following categories, in addition to the industry trends which have also been detailed below:

### Cheese Ingredients Market, By Cheese Type

Natural

Processed

### Cheese Ingredients Market, By Ingredient

Milk

Enzymes

Additives

Cultures

Others

### Cheese Ingredients Market, By Region

North America

United States

Canada

Mexico

Europe

France

United Kingdom

Italy

Germany

Spain

Asia Pacific

China

India

Japan

Australia

South Korea

South America

Brazil

Argentina

Colombia

Middle East & Africa

South Africa

Saudi Arabia

UAE

### **Competitive Landscape**

Company Profiles: Detailed analysis of the major companies present in the Global Cheese Ingredients Market.

### **Available Customizations:**

Global Cheese Ingredients Market report with the given market data, TechSci Research offers customizations according to a company's specific needs. The following customization options are available for the report:

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