



California Cheese Trail's State of the Cheese 2023

Total # of California Cheesemakers:	77	
	Open to Public:	Not open to Public:
	45	32
	58.44%	41.56%
By County, all the cheesemakers who are listed on our:	CT Map & Website	CT Website only
Alameda	-	2
Contra Costa	1	-
Del Norte	1	-
El Dorado	1	-
Fresno	2	-
Glenn	1	-
Humboldt	1	-
Imperial	-	1
Kings	-	1
Los Angeles	3	5
Marin	4	-
Mendocino	2	-
Merced	2	2
Monterey	1	-
Napa	-	1
Sacramento	-	1
San Benito	1	-
Santa Barbara	-	1
San Bernardino	1	2
San Diego	1	-
San Francisco	1	-
San Joaquin	2	1
San Luis Obispo	4	1
San Mateo	1	-
Santa Cruz	1	-
Siskiyou	1	-
Sonoma	9	6
Stanislaus	3	5
Tulare	1	2
Yolo	-	1
Cheesemakers - Listed the Map, Open to the Public, and:	# of Cheesemakers	% of Cheesemakers
-- On-site Cheese Shops, Farm Tours and/or Cheesemaking Classes	45	100%
-- Mail Order:	27	60.00%
-- Locally Owned & Operated:	45	100%
# Cheesemakers (Open to the Public) by Type of Milk	Cow:	35
-- Some cheesemakers use multiple types of milk --	Goat:	22
	Sheep:	9
	Water Buffalo:	3

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California Cheesemakers who are ...

Farmstead (i.e. they're also the farmers, making cheese onsite with milk from their own herds)	24
-- As percentage of all Cheesemakers who are Open to the public (listed on the Map)	53.33%
-- As percentage of all California Cheesemakers	31.17%
Certified Organic	5
-- As percentage of all Cheesemakers who are Open to the public (listed on the Map)	11.11%
-- As percentage of all California Cheesemakers	6.49%

County Stats (California = 58 Counties)

# of CA's Counties with Cheesemakers	30
-- As Percentage of all Counties	51.72%
# of Counties with cheesemakers open to the Public	23
-- As Percentage of all Counties	39.66%
# of Counties with cheesemakers not open to the Public	15
# of Counties with cheesemakers both open & not open to the Public	8

Cheesemakers Acquisitions:	Purchased by:
Cowgirl Creamery (2016), Redwood Hill (2015), Cypress Grove (2010)	Emmi USA (Switzerland)
Marin French (2011), Laura Chenel (2006)	Rians (France)
Cheesemakers with equity partners:	Investment by:
Clover Stornetta (2021)	Alpina (Columbia) - Undisclosed % equity stake

The Cheeses of California:
 The Cheese Trail is in the process of collecting comprehensive data, which we hope to have available by mid-to-late 2023.
 The California Milk Advisory Board (CMAB) estimates that there are 250+ varieties and styles of cow's milk cheeses produced in California: <https://www.realcaliforniamilk.com/real-california/cheese>

All Cheese Trail-developed stats are best estimates, and may contain omissions and/or errors.

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