

Various sources named for imported cheeses

ROSEMONT, Ill. — The average American ate 15.9 pounds of cheese in 1977. Of that amount, less than one pound or about 6 per cent was imported. The bulk of the foreign name cheese consumed here was produced in the United States. The average American consumes 1.25 pounds of Swiss cheese per year with .35 pound imported. Top source in 1977 imports was

Finland, supplying 30 per cent.

Next were Austria and Norway at about 20 per cent each. Switzerland provided only 13 per cent. Leading suppliers of the balance were Denmark and Germany, with smaller amounts coming from ten other countries.

Italian cheese imports include Pecorino, Romano, Reggiano, Parmesano,

Provolone, and Provolette. Average U.S. per capita consumption of Italian cheese is nearly 4 pounds with imports in 1977 only .13 pound per capita.

Pecorino is, by far, the leading imported Italian cheese. Approximately 60 per cent comes from Italy, 19 per cent from Romania, 11 per cent from Greece and the balance from seven or eight other countries.

Reggiano and Parmesano comprise 17.5 per cent of Italian cheese imports, with approximately 80 per cent coming from Argentina and 20 per cent from Italy.

Romano accounts for 15 per cent of the imported Italian cheeses. Practically all of it comes from Argentina.

Provolone and Provolette

make up the remaining 8.5 per cent of imports in the Italian category. Nearly all comes from Italy.

The U.S. is apparently almost self-sufficient in soft Italian cheeses. Our government reports that, in 1975, we produced and consumed 457.6 million pounds of Mozzarella and 81.3 million pounds of Ricotta.

Per capita consumption of Cheddar and similar cheeses is about 9.0 pounds per year. Cheddar is 75 per cent of this total. The remaining types include Colby, washed curd, stirred curd and Monterey Jack.

Imports are almost insignificant at only .07 pound per capita per year. Australia and New Zealand are the major sources, with

smaller amounts coming from Canada and four other countries.

Americans consume about .11 pound of Edam and Gouda per year. The U.S. imports approximately .04 pound, or a little more than one-third of what is consumed. The Netherlands supplies about 87 per cent of our imports. Smaller amounts come from Portugal, Finland, Argentina and six other countries.

U.S. per capita consumption of Blue Cheese is approximately .18 pound per capita. In 1977 we imported about .016 pound per capita, or less than 10 per cent of our needs. Denmark supplied 90 per cent of this amount; the

rest came from six other countries.

Americans consume only .01 pound of Roquefort per capita annually. We import all of our requirements. Because of legal rights and restrictions, France is the only supplier.

The largest single category of cheese imports consists of "other" cheeses. They amount to .36 pound per capita, or approximately 38 per cent of our imports.

Many types of foreign made cheeses are consumed in the United States. They vary from skim milk cheese to exotic types. New Zealand, Denmark and France are the leading exporters to the U.S. In addition Switzerland, Sweden, Poland and 20 or more countries send us cheeses included in the "other" category.

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DELTA — The Junior Holstein Club of York County will sponsor a judging school on Saturday, June 24, for all youth and adults interested in brushing up on their dairy judging skills.

Paul and Kathy King, of Kingway Farms at Delta R2, will host the educational seminar, set to begin at 10 a.m. and run through mid-afternoon.

Official for the school will be Dr. James McCaffrey, well-known area dairy cattle specialist.

"This is not a contest, just a learning opportunity," stresses Kathy King, a leader of the Junior Holstein Association. "No one will be

expected to compete with others or to turn in their scoring sheets for marks or placings."

Members of the 4-H and FFA dairy project areas are especially urged to take part in the school. Lunch will be available for a small fee, or participants may supply their own meal.

No pre-registration will be required to attend.



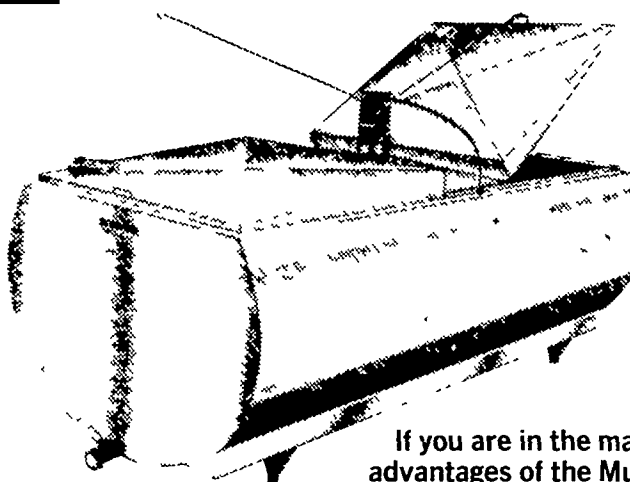
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