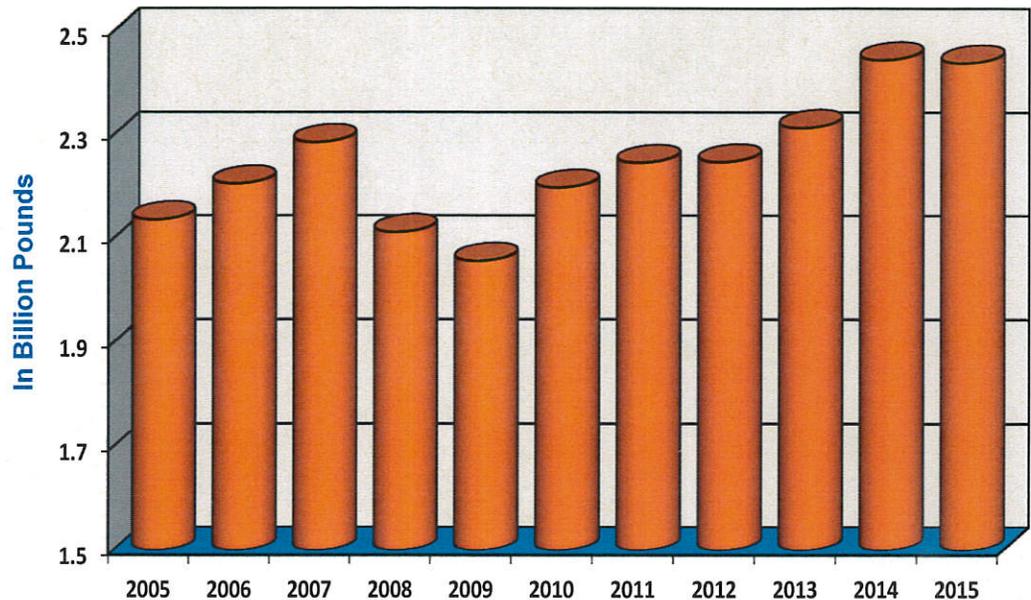


Total Cheese Production in California

- California total cheese production reached 2.44 billion pounds for 2015, just slightly less than the previous year's totals.
- Cheddar, Monterey, and Mozzarella cheeses accounted for approximately 85 percent of California's total cheese production in 2015.
- Mozzarella cheese represents more than half of all cheese produced in California.



■ Total California Cheese Production

Source: CDFA Dairy Marketing Branch, California cheese processing plants.

Milk Producers Approve Merger of the California Milk Advisory Board (CMAB) and the California Manufacturing Milk Advisory Board

CDFA recently conducted a vote of all of California Grade A milk producers and Grade B milk producers to determine if the industry supports the merger of the CMAB and the CMMAB. The CMAB is the state milk marketing program that since 1969 has been funded by Grade A milk producers and the CMMAB is the state milk marketing program that since 1970 has been funded by Grade B milk producers. The merger had been proposed by the CMAB and the CMMAB as a means to increase efficiency and reduce administrative costs. The voting results are presented below. Based upon this supportive vote, the CMAB and the CMMAB have been merged into one program (entitled the CMAB) which is now funded by all California milk producers. If you have any questions regarding this program merger or about this milk producer vote, please call Dennis Manderfield of the CDFA Marketing Branch at 916-900-5018.

Grade A Producer Voting Results *	
Portion of all eligible Grade A producers that participated in the referendum:	73.6%
Portion of those Grade A producers voting who favored the merger:	98.1%
Portion of the voted volume represented by Grade A producers favoring the merger:	99.0%

Grade B Producer Voting Results *	
Portion of all eligible Grade B milk producers that participated in the referendum:	60.7%
Portion of those Grade B producers voting who favored the merger:	88.2%
Portion of the voted volume represented by Grade B producers favoring the merger:	98.2%

* These voting results include bloc votes of milk cooperatives on behalf of their respective producer members.