

**B006 – CHEESE, QUESO BLANCO, LOAVES, 5 LB**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meat/Meat Alternates</li> </ul>
<b>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Queso Blanco is a Latin-style cheese prepared by an acid set process. Queso Blanco, "white cheese," has a creamy white appearance made from pasteurized cow's milk. It is slightly acidic, does not melt when heated, and is sliceable. The cheese is firm, curdy, and has a salty taste.</li> </ul>
<b>PACK/YIELD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4/5 lb loaves per case.</li> <li>One 5 lb loaf AP provides about 80.0 1-oz servings cheese.</li> <li>One lb AP provides about 16.0 1-oz servings cheese.</li> <li>CN Crediting: 1 oz cheese provides 1 oz-equivalent meat/meat alternate.</li> </ul>
<b>STORAGE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Store cheese in its original container at 41 °F or lower until needed.</li> <li>If the original wrap is removed, re-wrap cheese tightly with plastic film wrap without air pockets. Once cheese is exposed to air, mold and dehydration may occur. To protect cheese from mold, always work with it in a clean area. Cheese will keep better if re-wrapped with new plastic wrap after each use. To be extra cautious, double-wrap the cheese or place it back in its original container or a sealed dated container.</li> <li>Use First-In-First-Out (FIFO) storage practices to ensure use of older product first.</li> </ul>



**Nutrition Information**

Cheese, queso blanco

	1 oz (28 g)
Calories	90
Protein	6 g
Carbohydrate	1 g
Dietary Fiber	0 g
Sugars	N/A
Total Fat	6.1 g
Saturated Fat	4.0 g
<i>Trans</i> Fat	N/A
Cholesterol	15 mg
Iron	0.3 mg
Calcium	200 mg
Sodium	230 mg
Magnesium	N/A
Potassium	N/A
Vitamin A	N/A
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Vitamin C	0 mg
Vitamin E	N/A



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<b>PREPARATION/ COOKING INSTRUCTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queso Blanco can be easily crumbled, sliced, or shredded. Dishes containing this cheese should be heated at lower temperatures to preserve quality.</li> <li>• Queso Blanco has a high melting temperature and will soften but does not melt when heated.</li> </ul>
<b>USES AND TIPS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queso Blanco may be eaten as a snack with fruit, but is popularly used in main ethnic dishes such as enchiladas and burritos. It may also be used as a garnish for vegetable or fruit salads or other foods.</li> </ul>
<b>FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a section of cheese contains mold, cut off at least 1 inch around and below the mold spot and recover the cheese in fresh wrap. When trimming off mold, keep the knife out of the mold itself to avoid cross-contamination with other parts of the cheese.</li> </ul>
<b>BEST IF USED BY GUIDANCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For guidance on how to effectively manage, store, and maintain USDA commodities, please visit the FDD Website at: <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/facts/biubguidance.htm">http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/facts/biubguidance.htm</a>.</li> <li>• For additional information on product dating, go to page 6 of <i>Choice Plus Food Safety Supplement</i> at: <a href="http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/choice-plus-food-safety-supplement.pdf">http://www.nfsmi.org/Information/choice-plus-food-safety-supplement.pdf</a>.</li> </ul>

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