

GENERAL TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY GUIDELINES BY STYLE OF CHEESE:

FRESH CULTURE-RIPENED

(No bloom on surface) 50-55°F @ 80% humidity.

SALT-RUBBED OR BRINED

50-55°F @ 80-85% humidity; Chilled in 50-55°F brine.

If stored in refrigeration, 38-40°F @ 65% humidity

(as in home refrigerator).

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Depending upon finished style, 60-62°F @ 80-85% humidity.

Some are aged at 50-55°F @ 92-95% humidity.

If stored in refrigeration, 38-40°F @ 65% humidity

(as in home refrigerator).

SEMI-SOFT

60-62 °F @ 80-85% humidity.

Firm: Natural Rind cheeses: 50-55°F @ 90-92% humidity

Hard: 55-60°F @ 85-95% humidity

CLOTHBOUND

55-60°F @ 65-75% humidity

Waxed: 40-45°F @ 85% humidity OR 50-55°F @ 85-90% humidity

BLOOMY RIND (OTHER THAN BLUES)

Pasteurized Cow's or Mixed Milk: 50-55°F @ 90-95% humidity

Goat's Milk or Raw Milk: 48-50°F @ 90-95% humidity

SURFACE-RIPENED

50-55°F @ 90-92% humidity

MOLD-RIPENED

50-55°F @ 90-92% humidity

WASHED & SMEARED

Smeared (b.Linens): 50-52°F @ 92-95% humidity

Washed: 50-52°F @ 85-90% humidity

Soft-ripened washed: 55-60°F @ 90-95% humidity

Pressed, Hard Rind: 50-55°F @ 92-95% humidity

BLUES

Bloomy: 50-55°F @ 90-92% humidity

Pressed: 50-55°F @ 80-85% humidity

Veined: 50-55°F @ 85-90% humidity

If foil-wrapped, 40°F @ 85% humidity

Note: these ranges are general guidelines, not hard and fast rules. As you gain experience in making cheese, you will tweak these as needed to suit your desired results. Once ripened or aged to the desired degree, a specific style of cheese should be properly wrapped or vacuum sealed (see pages 30-31 in the book) and then placed in cold storage at the designated refrigeration temperature listed in the storing table.