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The curd at this stage is soft and velvety to the touch, and it should break "softly" rather than have any tendency to toughness. It is ground to a fine state, salt added at the rate of one ounce to three pounds curd, and put into the moulds at once. The moulds are made of well-tinned metal, four inches in height, diameter three and one-half inches; the bottom of the mould is closed except for a hole in the centre one and one-half inch diameter; a loose tin follower is used in the bottom, and a wooden follower one inch thick is needed to cover the curd at the top. The weight of curd obtained varies with the season of the year, but averages 1 1/4 to 1 1/3 lb. per gallon of milk.

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