# final project

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# 1 Prediction of Fat Levels in Canadian Cheese

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### 2 Introduction

This **Jupyter Notebook** will be implementing *Machine Learning (ML)* models to predict the fat levels in *Canadian* cheeses.

#### 2.1 Intended Outcome

We can utilize a rich understanding of the factors which yield high fat levels to reduce the risk of mass manufacturing an unsuccessful product.

We are already confident that the *Total Addressable Market (TAM)* is particularly concerned with fat level in cheeses (as per a previous study on consumer tastes). We would like to manufacture lower fat cheese products and this will act as our positive label.

### 2.2 What is Machine Learning?

Machine Learning is defined by IBM as the use of statistical methods, algorithms that are trained to make classifications or predictions, and to uncover key insights in data mining projects. These insights subsequently drive decision making within applications and businesses, ideally impacting key growth metrics.

### 2.3 Cheese Classification

We will be identifying different features within our dataset in order to classify our cheese products as either lower fat or higher fat.

### 2.3.1 Estimators

We will be training, and evaluating a set of ML models (i.e. estimators), which will be compared to a baseline model, in our case a Dummy Classifier.

This will involve:

Tactful preprocessing of our data with imputation, scaling, feature transformations

Training the classifier models with an appropriately split and balanced dataset.

Assessing the model with evaluation metrics.

Picking the estimator with the best validation score and finetuning the hyperparameters.

# 2.4 Dataset Description

This dataset provides an overview of the different types of Canadian cheeses. The original data was found on the *Government of Canada's Open Government Portal* but has unfortunately been taken down. What we have here is a wrangled and partially cleaned, modified version of the original dataset.

# 3 Exploratory Data Analysis

# 3.1 Import Packages

```
[1]: import numpy as np
     import pandas as pd
     import altair as alt
     import datetime as dt
     from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, cross_validate
     from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
     from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer
     from sklearn.pipeline import make pipeline
     from sklearn.compose import make_column_transformer
     from sklearn.preprocessing import (
         OneHotEncoder,
         StandardScaler,
     )
     from sklearn.dummy import DummyClassifier
     from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
     from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
     from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
     from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
     from sklearn.svm import SVC
     from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV, RandomizedSearchCV
     import sklearn.metrics
     from sklearn.metrics import make scorer, accuracy_score, precision_score,
     →recall_score, f1_score
     from sklearn.metrics import ConfusionMatrixDisplay, confusion_matrix,_
     →classification_report
```

```
from sklearn import set_config
     alt.data_transformers.disable_max_rows()
     from cheese_functions import *
[2]: directory_df = pd.read_csv("data/canadianCheeseDirectory.csv")
     display(directory_df.head())
       CheeseId
                                         CheeseNameEn
    0
            228
                                                  NaN
            242
    1
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    2
             301
                 Provolone Sette Fette (Tre-Stelle)
    3
             303
                                                   NaN
    4
            319
                                                   NaN
                              CheeseNameFr
                                                  ManufacturerNameEn
    0
                   Sieur de Duplessis (Le)
                                                                  NaN
    1
                       Tomme Le Champ Doré
                                                                  NaN
    2
       Provolone Sette Fette (Tre-Stelle)
                                             Tre Stelle (Arla Foods)
    3
                            Geai Bleu (Le)
                                                                  NaN
    4
                                Gamin (Le)
                                                                  NaN
             ManufacturerNameFr ManufacturerProvCode ManufacturingTypeEn
       Fromages la faim de loup
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                                                                  Farmstead
       Fromages la faim de loup
                                                    NB
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                                                                 Industrial
       Fromages la faim de loup
                                                     NB
                                                                  Farmstead
       Fromages la faim de loup
                                                                  Farmstead
      ManufacturingTypeFr
                                                     WebSiteEn
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                  Fermière
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    1
                  Fermière
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    2
              Industrielle
                           http://www.trestelle.ca/english/
    3
                  Fermière
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                  Fermière
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                                                           CategoryTypeEn
                                WebSiteFr
                                               Organic
    0
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                                       NaN
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    1
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                                                         Semi-soft Cheese
    2
       http://www.trestelle.ca/francais/
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                                       NaN
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                                                         Semi-soft Cheese
        CategoryTypeFr MilkTypeEn MilkTypeFr MilkTreatmentTypeEn \
            Pâte ferme
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                                        Brebis
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       Pâte demi-ferme
    1
                                Cow
                                         Vache
                                                           Raw Milk
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2
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                                Cow
                                         Vache
                                                        Pasteurized
    3
                                         Vache
                                                           Raw Milk
        Pâte persillée
                                Cow
       Pâte demi-ferme
                                Cow
                                         Vache
                                                           Raw Milk
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                              RindTypeEn
                                             RindTypeFr LastUpdateDate
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                            Washed Rind
                                          Croûte lavée
                                                             2016-02-03
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                            Washed Rind
                                           Croûte lavée
                                                             2016-02-03
                Pasteurisé
                                     NaN
                                                    NaN
                                                             2016-02-03
    3
                  Lait cru
                                     NaN
                                                    NaN
                                                             2016-02-03
    4
                  Lait cru Washed Rind Croûte lavée
                                                             2016-02-03
    [5 rows x 30 columns]
[3]: data_df = pd.read_csv("data/cheese_data.csv")
     display(data_df.head())
       {\tt CheeseId\ ManufacturerProvCode\ ManufacturingTypeEn}
                                                              MoisturePercent
    0
             228
                                    NB
                                                  Farmstead
                                                                         47.0
             242
                                                                         47.9
    1
                                    NB
                                                  Farmstead
    2
             301
                                    ON
                                                 Industrial
                                                                         54.0
    3
             303
                                    NB
                                                  Farmstead
                                                                         47.0
    4
             319
                                    NB
                                                  Farmstead
                                                                         49.4
                                                 FlavourEn \
    0
                                             Sharp, lactic
    1
                      Sharp, lactic, lightly caramelized
    2
                                  Mild, tangy, and fruity
    3
       Sharp with fruity notes and a hint of wild honey
    4
                                              Softer taste
                                         CharacteristicsEn
                                                              Organic
    0
                                                   Uncooked
                                                                    0
    1
                                                   Uncooked
    2
       Pressed and cooked cheese, pasta filata, inter...
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    3
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    4
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                                                            RindTypeEn
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                                 F.we
                                                 Raw Milk
                                                           Washed Rind
       Semi-soft Cheese
                                 Cow
                                                 Raw Milk
                                                           Washed Rind
    1
    2
             Firm Cheese
                                              Pasteurized
                                 Cow
                                                                    NaN
         Veined Cheeses
                                 Cow
                                                 Raw Milk
                                                                    NaN
    3
       Semi-soft Cheese
                                                 Raw Milk Washed Rind
                                 Cow
                                 CheeseName
                                              FatLevel
                   Sieur de Duplessis (Le)
    0
                                             lower fat
    1
                       Tomme Le Champ Doré
                                              lower fat
      Provolone Sette Fette (Tre-Stelle)
                                              lower fat
```

```
Geai Bleu (Le) lower fat
Gamin (Le) lower fat
```

### 3.2 Split Training and Test Datasets

Let's start by separating our training and test datasets. We're going to be working with a 80% training and 20% test set split and set our random\_state variable to 77.

#### 3.2.1 Golden Rule of Machine Learning

We don't want the test data to influence our model in any way. This must act as completely unseen data during the model training and validation process.

```
[4]: train_df, test_df = train_test_split(data_df, test_size = 0.2, random_state = →77)
```

```
[5]: X_train, y_train = train_df.drop(columns = ['FatLevel']), train_df['FatLevel']
X_test, y_test = test_df.drop(columns = ['FatLevel']), test_df['FatLevel']
```

### 3.3 Exploratory Data Analysis

### 3.3.1 Observe Outputs

Let's start by plotting a bar chart showing the quantity of each FatLevel in the training data.

```
[6]: fig_number = 1
     fat_prop = alt.Chart(
         train df,
         title = alt.TitleParams(
             text = f'Figure {fig number} : Fat Levels for Canadian Cheeses',
             subtitle = '''Data found on the Government of Canada's Open Government
      →Portal''',
             fontSize = 20, subtitleFontSize = 15,
             anchor = 'start'
     ).transform joinaggregate(
         total = 'count(*)'
     ).transform_calculate(
         pct = '1 / datum.total'
     ).mark_bar().encode(
         x = alt.X('count()', title = 'Quantity'),
         y = alt.Y('FatLevel:N', title = 'Fat Level'),
         tooltip = [alt.Tooltip('sum(pct):Q', format = '.2%', formatType = 'number', __
      ⇔title = '% of Total')],
         color = alt.Color(
             'FatLevel:N',
             scale = alt.Scale(
                 domain = ['lower fat', 'higher fat'],
```

```
range = ['teal', 'crimson']
),
legend = alt.Legend(title = 'Fat Level')
)
).properties(
   width = 500, height = 300,
).configure_axis(labelFontSize = 12, titleFontSize = 15)

display(fat_prop)
fig_number += 1
```

alt.Chart(...)

Imbalanced Data There's a high percentage of lower fat cheeses included in the training data, approximately 65.55% of the dataset. We're going to need to balance the dataset so each of the FatLevels above are 50%.

### 3.3.2 Data Sparsity

Let's get an understanding of the data sparsity (i.e. NULL values).

# [7]: display(train\_df.describe())

	${\tt CheeseId}$	${ t Moisture Percent}$	Organic
count	833.000000	823.000000	833.000000
mean	1557.866747	46.955043	0.094838
std	451.129129	9.557279	0.293167
min	228.000000	12.000000	0.000000
25%	1288.000000	40.000000	0.000000
50%	1535.000000	46.000000	0.000000
75%	1902.000000	52.000000	0.000000
max	2390.000000	88.000000	1.000000

### [8]: display(train\_df.info())

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
Int64Index: 833 entries, 110 to 727
Data columns (total 13 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	CheeseId	833 non-null	int64
1	ManufacturerProvCode	833 non-null	object
2	${ t Manufacturing Type En}$	833 non-null	object
3	MoisturePercent	823 non-null	float64
4	FlavourEn	649 non-null	object
5	CharacteristicsEn	514 non-null	object
6	Organic	833 non-null	int64

```
7
    CategoryTypeEn
                          814 non-null
                                          object
 8
    MilkTypeEn
                          832 non-null
                                          object
    MilkTreatmentTypeEn
                          779 non-null
                                          object
 10 RindTypeEn
                          583 non-null
                                          object
11 CheeseName
                          833 non-null
                                          object
 12 FatLevel
                          833 non-null
                                          object
dtypes: float64(1), int64(2), object(10)
memory usage: 91.1+ KB
```

None

It seems that the Flavouren, Characteristicsen, RindTypeen have a high amount of NULL values. Let's visualize the distribution in the dataset.

### 3.3.3 Observe Data Sparsity

```
[9]: heatmap_df = X_train.isna().reset_index()
heatmap_df.rename(columns = {'index' : 'Index'}, inplace = True)
heatmap_df = heatmap_df.melt(
    id_vars = 'Index',
    value_vars = [col for col in heatmap_df.columns.to_list() if col !=_
    ''Index'],
    var_name = 'Columns',
    value_name = 'IsNull'
)
```

```
[10]: sparsity_plot = alt.Chart(
              heatmap_df,
              title = alt.TitleParams(f'Figure {fig_number} : Cheese Dataset - Data_
       →Availability', fontSize = 27.5)
      ).mark rect().encode(
          x = alt.X(
              'Index:Q', title = '', axis = None
          ),
          y = alt.Y('Columns:N', title = 'Features'),
          tooltip = [alt.Tooltip('Index:Q', title = 'Index')],
          color = alt.Color(
              'IsNull:0',
              scale = alt.Scale(
                  domain = [False, True],
                  range = ['#000000', '#FFFFFF']
              legend = alt.Legend(title = 'Null Data')
          ),
      ).properties(
          height = 500, width = 600,
      ).configure_axis(labelFontSize = 15, titleFontSize = 20)
```

```
display(sparsity_plot)
fig_number += 1
```

alt.Chart(...)

### 3.3.4 Drop Columns From Dataset

From the visualization above, lets exclude CharacteristicsEn, FlavourEn due to the high level of data sparsity. Let's remove RindTypeEn as well. From displaying train\_df.info() it seems as if the data sparsity is higher than it appears from Figure 2.

We should also drop the Cheeselds from our training dataset since these won't be useful for statistical modeling.

### 3.3.5 Observe Feature Types

Let's distinguish the feature types in our dataset.

```
[12]: describe_df = X_train.describe(include = 'all').T
    display(describe_df)
```

```
count unique
                                                    top freq
                                                                                  std
                                                                                       \
                                                                     mean
ManufacturerProvCode
                           833
                                   10
                                                      QC
                                                          637
                                                                      NaN
                                                                                  NaN
ManufacturingTypeEn
                           833
                                     3
                                             Industrial
                                                          371
                                                                      NaN
                                                                                  NaN
MoisturePercent
                        823.0
                                  NaN
                                                    {\tt NaN}
                                                         {\tt NaN}
                                                                46.955043
                                                                           9.557279
Organic
                        833.0
                                                    NaN
                                                                 0.094838
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                                  NaN
                                                          NaN
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CategoryTypeEn
                           814
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                                           Firm Cheese
                                                                                  NaN
                                                                      NaN
MilkTypeEn
                           832
                                     8
                                                    Cow 591
                                                                      NaN
                                                                                  NaN
MilkTreatmentTypeEn
                           779
                                     3
                                           Pasteurized
                                                          640
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                                                                                  NaN
CheeseName
                           833
                                       Ménestrel (Le)
                                  830
                                                            2
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                                NaN
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ManufacturingTypeEn
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                        12.0
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                                            52.0
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Organic
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MilkTypeEn
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                                                    NaN
{\tt MilkTreatmentTypeEn}
                         NaN
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                                       {\tt NaN}
                                              {\tt NaN}
                                                    NaN
CheeseName
                                NaN
                         NaN
                                       NaN
                                              NaN
                                                    {\tt NaN}
```

```
[13]: objects_df = X_train.describe(include = 'object').T
    display(objects_df)
```

```
count unique
                                                     top freq
     ManufacturerProvCode
                                                      QC 637
                             833
                                     10
     ManufacturingTypeEn
                             833
                                      3
                                              Industrial 371
     CategoryTypeEn
                                      6
                                            Firm Cheese 276
                             814
                                                     Cow 591
     MilkTypeEn
                             832
                                      8
     {\tt MilkTreatmentTypeEn}
                             779
                                      3
                                            Pasteurized 640
     CheeseName
                             833
                                    830 Ménestrel (Le)
[14]: numeric_df = X_train.describe(include = ['int64', 'float64']).T
      display(numeric_df)
                                                     min
                                                           25%
                                                                 50%
                                                                       75%
                       count
                                              std
                                   mean
                                                                              max
     MoisturePercent 823.0 46.955043
                                                    12.0 40.0 46.0 52.0 88.0
                                         9.557279
     Organic
                       833.0
                               0.094838 0.293167
                                                     0.0
                                                           0.0
                                                                 0.0
                                                                       0.0
                                                                              1.0
     Numeric Feature The MoisturePercent column is a numeric feature.
[15]: numeric_feats = [feat for feat in numeric_df.index if len(X_train[feat].
       \rightarrowunique()) != 2]
      display(numeric_feats)
     ['MoisturePercent']
[16]: fig number = describe features(
          effective_df = X_train,
          features = numeric feats,
          fig_number = fig_number
      )
     The distinct values in the MoisturePercent column are :
     [52.0, 40.0, 48.0, 55.0, 60.0, 39.0, 50.0, 56.0, 57.0, 46.0, 42.0, 58.0, 37.0,
     44.0, 59.0, 88.0, 41.0, 43.0, 33.0, 35.0, 38.0, 27.0, nan, 36.0, 45.0, 61.0,
     31.0, 80.0, 68.0, 62.0, 51.0, 64.0, 76.0, 34.0, 74.0, 47.0, 49.0, 29.0, 54.0,
     40.3, 32.0, 22.0, 70.0, 86.0, 65.0, 75.0, 26.0, 78.0, 20.0, 23.0, 72.0, 63.0,
     49.4, 12.0, 25.0, 53.0, 30.0, 17.0, 47.9, 42.8, 42.6, 83.0, 69.0, 51.7, 21.0]
     alt.Chart(...)
     Binary Feature The Organic column is a binary feature.
[17]: binary_feats = [feat for feat in describe_df.index if len(X_train[feat].
       \rightarrowunique()) == 2]
      display(binary_feats)
     ['Organic']
[18]: fig_number = describe_features(
          effective_df = X_train,
          features = binary_feats,
```

```
fig_number = fig_number
      )
     The distinct values in the Organic column are :
     [0, 1]
     alt.Chart(...)
     Categorical Features The ManufacturerProvCode, ManufacturingTypeEn, CategoryTypeEn,
     MilkTypeEn, MilkTreatmentTypeEn columns are categorical features.
[19]: categorical feats = objects df[
          (objects_df['unique'] < 0.1 * objects_df['count']) &
          (objects_df['freq'] != 2)
      ].index.to_list()
      display(categorical_feats)
     ['ManufacturerProvCode',
      'ManufacturingTypeEn',
      'CategoryTypeEn',
      'MilkTypeEn',
      'MilkTreatmentTypeEn']
[20]: | fig_number = describe_features(
          effective_df = X_train, features = categorical_feats,
          fig_number = fig_number, sort_by = 'x'
      )
     The distinct values in the ManufacturerProvCode column are :
     ['ON', 'QC', 'BC', 'AB', 'NB', 'NS', 'PE', 'MB', 'NL', 'SK']
     alt.Chart(...)
     The distinct values in the ManufacturingTypeEn column are :
     ['Industrial', 'Artisan', 'Farmstead']
     alt.Chart(...)
     The distinct values in the CategoryTypeEn column are :
     ['Semi-soft Cheese', 'Firm Cheese', 'Soft Cheese', 'Fresh Cheese', nan, 'Hard
     Cheese', 'Veined Cheeses']
     alt.Chart(...)
     The distinct values in the MilkTypeEn column are :
     ['Cow', 'Goat', 'Ewe', 'Ewe and Cow', 'Cow and Goat', 'Cow, Goat and Ewe', 'Ewe
     and Goat', 'Buffalo Cow', nan]
     alt.Chart(...)
```

```
The distinct values in the MilkTreatmentTypeEn column are : ['Pasteurized', 'Raw Milk', 'Thermised', nan] alt.Chart(...)
```

Free-Text Feature The CheeseName column is a free text feature in our dataset. This is going to be fun to tackle. Let's start by printing the values to see what we have to deal with.

['CheeseName']

```
[22]: for feat in text_feats :
    print(f'''The distinct values in the {feat} column are :
    →\n{list(X_train[feat].unique())}\n''')
```

The distinct values in the CheeseName column are : ['Vaquinha (Portuguese)', 'Gorgonzola (Castello)', 'Tête à Papineau', 'Petit Rubis (Le)', 'Petites Soeurs (Les)', 'Cheddar 2 ans (Fromagerie Perron)', 'Brie Normandie double crème', 'Médard (Le)', 'Champfleury (Vaudreuil)', "St.John's Cow (Portuguese)", "Extra chèvre (L')", 'Chevrier', 'Tablée (La)', 'Sieur Riou-x (Le)', 'Médaillon et le Tournevent (Le)', 'Brie Vaudreuil Double Crème', 'Cheddar (Mornington Dairy)', 'Trésor du Fumoir', 'Caprice des Saisons', "P'tit féta", 'Damablanc', "Rayon d'or", "Cheddar L'Autre Versant", 'Menoum!', 'Eweda cru (Best Baa Dairy)', 'Cheddar (Biobio) - 1 year, 2 years and 3 years', 'Cracked Pepper Verdelait', 'Bocconcini (International Cheese)', 'Savoury Moon', 'Petit Poitou (Le)', 'Cheddar Coaticook', 'Légère Brise du Matin', 'Mozzarella (Lino)', 'FRESK-O', 'Evanturel', 'Brie double crème Provençal', 'Santa Lucia Tuma', 'Baluchon', "Alpinois (L')", 'Tomme Ferlend', 'Raclette (Little Qualicum)', 'Brie double crème Anco', 'Honfleur', 'Mountain Grana', 'Poivroux (Le)', 'Caciotta (Salerno)', 'Brick St-Guillaume', 'Moine (Le)', 'Cheddar Jocoeur', 'Wasabi Verdelait', 'Parmesan (Fromagerie Saint-Laurent)', 'Suisse léger (Fromagerie St-Fidèle)', 'Clandestin (Le)', 'Allégro 17%', "Archange (L')", 'Capra (Le)', 'Brie Le Petit Champlain', 'Holmestead Feta', 'Santa Lucia Goat Cheese', 'Avonlea Clothbound Cheddar', 'Chevalier de Lorimier', 'Mistouk (Le)', 'Cheddar frais Côte-de-Beaupré', 'Fetaccompli', 'Saumuré Coaticook', 'Beddis Blue', 'Doyen (Le)', 'Brie Vaudreuil', 'Tomme des cantons', 'Garlic Cheddar', 'Cheddar frais (Fromagerie du Matin)', 'Dama-12', 'Cheddar extra-fort (Fromagerie des Basques)', 'Avalanche', "Grelotins à l'huile aromatisée", 'Brise du Matin', "Cheddar fort (l'Ancêtre)", 'Monterey Jack St-Guillaume', 'Bleubry', 'Fresh Chèvre', 'Cheddar (Fromagerie Port-Joli)', 'Monterey Jack (Bothwell)', 'Rondoux pur chèvre', 'Micherolle', 'Rougette de Brigham', 'Asiago (Tre Stelle)', 'Cheddar (Fromagerie Couland)', 'Petits caprice', "Oka l'artisan", 'Camembert Vaudreuil', 'Seigneur de Tilly (Le)', 'Fridolines', 'Camembert Le

Grand Cru', 'Aged Farmhouse', 'San Pareil', 'Casey (Blue Cheese)', 'Monterey Jack (Black Diamond)', "Ange Fourchu (L')", 'Fromage en grains la Chèvrerie Barrousse', 'Ricotta Prestigio', 'Cendrillon (Le)', 'Comox Camembert', "Rivière Rouge d'Oka", 'Cheddar mi-fort (Fromagerie Lemaire)', 'Saint-Honoré', 'Queijo do Pico', 'Mamirolle (Le)', 'Roy Léo', 'Victor et Berthold', 'Grain caprin', 'Cheddar 1 an (Fromagerie Perron)', 'Tarapatapom', 'Gouda', 'Jac le Chevrier', 'Goat Lindsay Bandaged Cheddar (Celebrity International)', 'Féta de chèvre (Anco)', 'Vacherin de Châteauguay', 'Cheddar fort (Fromagerie Saint-Laurent)', 'Mild Goat Cheese', 'Camembert double crème (Damafro)', 'Gré des champs (Le)', 'Kraft LiveActive', 'Camembert Connaisseur', 'Red Hot Chili Pepper Jack', 'Fée des bois', 'Grondines (Les)', 'Scamorza (Salerno)', 'Pacific Rock', 'Barthélemy (Le)', 'Délice', "Cheddar nature (le P'tit Train du Nord)", 'Valida Fort (Le)', 'Grand Cahill (Le)', 'Caronzola', 'Blue Cheese (Rosenborg)', 'Cheddar', 'Cheddar fort (Fromagerie Lemaire)', 'Maasdammer', 'Bocconcini (Scardillo)', 'Raclette Anco', 'Saint-Pierre de Saurel léger', 'Empereur léger', 'Chaliberg léger', 'Cheddars (Black Diamond)', 'Symandre', 'Edam (Scardillo)', 'Rose', 'Ranchero Fresh Cheese', 'Belle du Jersey (La)', "P'tit Saint-Damase léger", 'Laliberté (triple crème)', 'Cheddar fort St-Guillaume', 'Sheep Feta', 'Udderly Organic Goat Feta (Jerseyland Organic)', 'Bocconcini (Tre Stelle)', "Mozzarella 20% (l'Ancêtre)", 'Freddo (Le)', 'Cheddar frais Le Fromage au Village', "L'Héritage", 'Goat Brie (Woolwich)', 'Crottin de chèvre Capriati', 'Saint-Pierre de Saurel', 'Jeune-Coeur', 'Chèvre des Alpes', 'Féta du Domaine', 'Edam (Tres Stelle)', 'Cabriolet (Le)', 'Chevrita', 'Belle Crème', 'Fromage frais assaisonné', 'Chèvre-Noît Bleu de chèvre', 'Mozzarellissima', 'Cru du Clocher (Réserve 2 ans) (Le)', 'St-Charles', 'Du Charme', "Cheddar moyen (l'Ancêtre)", 'Chèvre de Gaspé', 'Saint-Paulin (Damafro)', 'Ash-Ripened Camembert', 'Grana (Jerseyland Organic)', 'Chèvrai (Le)', 'Tomme de Monsieur Séguin (La)', 'Provolone Sette Fette (Tre-Stelle)', 'Cantolait', 'Garlic and Chive Verdelait', 'Camembert de Portneuf', 'Pont Tournant (Le)', 'Raclette Fritz Poivre', 'Burrata', 'Brick (Fromagerie Saint-Laurent)', 'Parmesan Rivièra', 'Bocconcini (Saputo)', 'Cheddar frais (Fromagerie St-Fidèle)', 'Udderly Organic Goat Gouda (Jerseyland Organic)', 'Monnoir (Le)', 'Jensen Cheese (Wilton Cheese Factory)', 'Winterlude Spice Verderlait', 'Chénéville', "Agate de St-Damien (L')", 'Cogruet', 'Cheddar aux fines herbes (Fromagerie Saint-Laurent)', 'Fromage de chèvre Tour de France', 'Soupçon de Bleu (Le)', 'Skouik!', 'Sieur Corbeau des Laurentides', 'Gouda (Sylvan Star Ltd.)', 'Sieur de Duplessis (Le)', 'Brick (Village Cheese)', 'Desneiges (Le)', 'Buchevrette', 'Labneh', 'Barbu (Le)', 'Little Qualicum Feta', 'Péningouin (Le)', 'Corvo Semi-Soft Cheese (Portuguese)', 'Camembert Allégro', 'Mont-Jacob (Le)', 'Raclette Fritz', 'Vlahos Feta', 'Tour St-François (La)', 'Cheddar très fort (Fromagerie Lemaire)', 'Saint-Damase', 'Clef des Champs (La)', "Brie L'Extra", 'Moujadalé', 'Cheddar (Farmers Dairy)', 'Tomme de Gaston', 'Raclette Kingsey', 'Fêtard (Le)', 'Parmesan (Tre Stelle)', 'Sonatine', 'Tintamarre (Le)', 'Cheddar Coaticook non salé', "Bergeronds dans l'huile (Les)", 'Gouda de chèvre (Damafro)', 'Monterey Jack (Village Cheese)', 'Petit Normand (Le)', 'Swiss Alpine Meadow (Village Cheese)', 'Grand Manitou (Le)', 'Chant du Coq (Le)', 'Cheddar (Thornloe)', 'Oka léger', 'Cheddar (Jerseyland Organic)', 'Cheddar sans sel (Fromagerie Boivin)', 'Côte-Sud (Le)', 'St-Antoine (Le)', 'Samuel et Jérémie', 'Cheddar La Chaudière',

'Cheddar (Biobio) - Mild, medium and strong', 'Lavallois (Le)', 'Cabrie', 'Chèvratout', 'Hip Hop', 'Cheddar La Galipette', 'Rathtrevor', 'Cheddar (Bright Brand)', 'Prés de Kildare', 'Fromage Frais', 'Emmental St-Guillaume', 'Cumin Verdelait', 'Forban (Le)', 'Feta Floralpe', 'Fredondaine', 'Halloom', 'Brie Chevalier triple crème', 'Ricotta (Skotidakis)', 'Pleine Lune (Le)', 'Tuma Cheese (Fresh Cheese)(Salerno)', 'Ricotta de Lactosérum Bari', 'Délice des Appalaches', 'Bleu de Brebis de Charlevoix (Le)', 'Démon (Le)', 'Nabulsi (Fromagerie Marie Kadé)', 'Caprichef', 'Bouton de Culotte (Le)', 'Goat Mozarella (Woolwich)', 'Allegretto (Le)', 'Chevrochon', "Gouda (Cheeselady's)", 'Curé-Hébert (Le)', 'Gouda (Ivanhoe)', 'Gouda (Bothwell)', 'Quark cheese (Damafro)', 'Peter', 'Récompense (La)', 'Gouda Anco', 'Tressé (Fromagerie Polyethnique)', 'Haloumi (Fromagerie Polyethnique)', "Épave (L')", 'Jersey du Fjord', 'Fleurmier de Charlevoix (Le)', 'Normandises (Les)', 'Feta (Anco)', "Provoletta (Franco's Brand)", 'Benedictus (Le)', "Chute à l'Ours (La)", 'Féta léger (Danesborg)', 'Sainte-Rose', 'Tortillard', 'Roméo (Le)', 'Montbeil (Le)', 'Petit frais aux canneberges', 'Six Pourcent 6% (Le)', 'Swiss (Central Dairies)', 'Saint-Augustin (Le)', 'Douce Folie', 'Mi Chèvre-Mi Vache', 'Brise des Vignerons (La)', 'Fumambule (Le)', 'Petit Pâturin (Le)', 'Tiger Blue', 'Mouton rouge (Best Baa Dairy)', 'Moutier (Le)', "P'tit Bonheur (Le)", 'Comox Brie', 'Mozzarella (Fiorella)', 'Sorcier de Missisquoi (Le)', "Cheddar en grains (SCA L'île-aux-Grues)", "Canotier de l'Isle", 'Capella', 'Asiago (Thornloe)', 'Chute Chaudière (La)', 'Angelus', "P'tit Basque", "Tomme D'Elles (La)", 'Sauvagine (La)', 'Citadelle', 'Tentation de Laurier (La)', 'Trappeur (Le) Brie Double crème', 'Montagnard (Le)', 'Chèvre', 'Migneron de Charlevoix (Le)', 'Myzithra', 'Brie double crème de Portneuf', 'Suisse au lait cru (Fromagerie Perron)', 'Caprano', 'Mozzarella (Prestigio)', 'Farandole', 'Ayoye!', 'St-Tordu', 'Syrean', "p'tit blanchon (le)", 'Petit Frais (Le)', 'Barbizon (Le)', 'Double Joie (Le)', 'Raclette (Fromagerie Champêtre)', 'Cheddar (Empire Cheese)', 'Caciocavallo fumé (Saputo)', 'Grey Owl', 'Suisse Grubec léger', 'Chute à Michel (La)', "D'Iberville (Le)", 'Valida Doux (Le)', 'Comtomme', 'Feta', 'Tomme des Cantons (Fromagerie 1860 Du Village) Saputo', 'Rumeur (La)', 'Péribonka (Le)', 'Tomme du Haut-Richelieu', 'Blanchon (Le)', 'Suisse Grubec', 'Cheddar frais St-Guillaume', "L'Aubert de Gaspé", 'Cheddar St-Georges', "P'tite Chevrette", 'Vent des îles', 'Cheddar doux Riviera', 'Marie-Charlotte', 'Oka avec champignons', "Extra Aged Gouda (Gort's Gouda)", 'Charlton', 'Eweda (Best Baa Dairy)', "Origine de Charevoix (L')", 'Brie Connaisseur (Damafro)', 'Mozzarella Chèvre (Le)', 'Sirocco', 'Petit lardé (Le)', 'Baladi (Fromagerie Marie Kadé)', 'Polichinel (Le)', 'Allégro 7%', 'Saint-Coeur-de-Marie', 'Grand Duc (Le)', 'Gouda de Saint-Antoine', 'Calendos (Le)', "Cheddar extra-fort (l'Ancêtre)", 'Chèvre des Alpes BIO', 'Okanagan Goat Cheese', 'Ricotta Prestigio léger', 'Fleur des Monts', 'Akawie (Fromagerie Polyethnique)', 'Cheddar médium Riviera', 'Cendré des Prés (Le)', 'Provolone (Tre Stelle)', 'Camembert BIO (Damafro)', 'Cheddar moyen (Fromagerie des Basques)', 'Noyan', 'Ballot (Le)', "Cheddar Bio d'Antan", "Acadiac (L')", 'Capri-Corne', 'Coureur des bois (Le)', 'Rang des Îles (Le)', 'Mozzarella', 'Shredded Parmesan with Romano Cheese', "Foin d'odeur (Le)", 'Troubadour (Le)', "Feuille d'automne", 'Havarti Danesborg léger', 'Montefino frais', "P'tit Bronzé", 'Feta de brebis (Alexis de Portneuf)', 'Krinos Sheep Feta (Shepherd Gourmet)', 'Petit Péché (Le)', 'Tilsit', 'Brebis frais (Best Baa

Dairy)', "Presqu'île (Le)", 'Cheddar Littoral', 'Louis-Joseph Papineau', 'Mozzarella (Mozza Fina)', 'Canadiane', 'Cabrita', 'Cheddar mi-fort St-Guillaume', 'Cheddar en grains et en bloc (Fromagerie Champêtre)', 'Biquet (Le)', 'Scamorza (International Cheese)', 'Métayères (Les)', 'Galarneau', 'Brie Notre-Dame', 'Feta (Jerseyland Organic)', "Bouton d'Or (Le)", 'Chèvre doux', 'Clé des champs', 'Lotbinière (Le)', 'Raclette Fritz Fort', 'Cogruet (Le)', 'Cru du Clocher (Le)', 'Brie Marie-Charlotte', 'Cancre', 'Cheddar Chèvre (Le)', 'Suisse léger (Fromagerie Perron)', "Devil's Rock (Creamy Blue Cheese)", 'Caprice des vents', 'Féta (Troupeau Bénit)', 'Rouet', 'Cheddar frais (Qualité Summum)', 'Cheddar frais (Fromagerie Saint-Laurent)', 'Gaulois de Portneuf (Le)', 'Bûchette de Chèvre (La)', "Brie L'Extra double crème", 'Romano (Ivanhoe)', 'Dame de Coeur (La)', "Labneh dans l'huile", 'Brie 4 Temps', "Hercule de Charlevoix (L')", 'Fior di Latte (Natural Pastures Cheese Company)', 'Heidi', 'Voltigeur', 'Cheddar (Balderson)', 'Ramembert (Best Baa Dairy)', 'Brie Mont-Laurier', 'Mini-Brie', 'Santa Lucia Provolone (International Cheese)', 'Calumet (Le)', 'Double Crème DuVillage', 'Cheddar Blackburn (Le)', 'Tomme Blanche', 'Petite Folie (La)', 'Oka Classique', 'Tomme du Draveur (La)', 'Bercail (Le)', 'Cheddar extra-fort Riviera', 'Alpindon "Gift Of The Alpine"', 'Miranda', 'Chèvre des Neiges (brie triple crème)', 'Cheddar Le Bourgadet doux', 'Fontina Canadien', 'Maître Jules', 'Réserve spéciale 115e', 'Gamin (Le)', 'Oka', 'Parmesan Chèvrerie Dion', 'Montasio (Tres Stelle)', 'Cottage de la Beurrerie du Patrimoine', 'Caciocavallo (Saputo)', 'Brie Chevalier double crème', 'Cheddar frais du jour (Fromagerie Perron)', 'Mozzarella (Salerno)', '14 Arpents (Le)', 'Swiss (Thornloe)', 'Bocké (Le)', 'Fetos Feta (Saputo)', 'Wabassee', 'Trois-Pistoles (Le)', 'Ricotta La Moutonnière', 'Graciosa Semi-Soft Goat Cheese (Portuguese)', 'Mario Hébert (4ième génération)', 'Petit Émile (Le)', 'Mackenzie (Le)', 'Cru des Érables (Le)', 'Féta de Chèvre (Le)', 'Goat Cheddar (Woolwich)', 'Zacharie Cloutier', 'Blanche du Fjord (La)', 'Nabulsi (Fromagerie Polyethnique)', 'Clos Saint-Ambroise', 'Patte Blanche', 'Cheddar extra-fort St-Guillaume', 'Baya', 'Raclette des Appalaches', 'Coeur de Brie', 'Mozzarella (Village Cheese)', 'Champayeur (Le)', 'Triple Cream Camembert', 'Grand Chouffe (Le)', 'Saint-Paulin Fritz léger', 'Vacherin Fri-Charco', 'Suisse (Fromagerie St-Fidèle)', "Sir Laurier d'Arthabaska", "Camembert L'Extra", 'Hilairemontais (Le)', 'Camarades (Des)', 'Mascarpone (Silani)', 'Brie Chevalier', 'Gilles Hébert (3ième génération)', 'Romanello (Salerno)', 'Feta Diodati', 'Parmadammer', 'Camembert (Damafro)', 'Camembert Petit Champlain (Le)', 'Bocconcini (Fiorella)', 'Coteau Hills Creamery Balkan Feta Style', 'Mi-Carême', 'Roubine de Noyan', "Ange Gardien (L')", 'Ste-Élisabeth', 'Fleur de Weedon (La)', 'Grand Délice', 'Bleu Fumé', 'Raclette de Joliette (La)', 'Chèvre Le Grand Cru', 'Windigo', 'Tiguidou', 'Brick (Tre Stelle)', 'Saint-Damase BIO', 'Chèbrie', "Tomme d'Or (Moonstruck Organic)", 'Feta Tradition', 'Saint-Paulin DuVillage', 'Bûchette (La)', 'Princeville', 'Montebello (Le)', 'Suisse macéré au porto (Fromagerie St-Fidèle)', 'Brie Tour de France (Damafro)', 'Friulano (International Cheese)', "Étoile Bleue de Saint-Rémi (L')", 'Petit Bayou (Le)', "Alpin (L')", 'Ste-Anne', 'Gouda (Jerseyland Organic)', 'Golden Blyth', 'Brie Le Grand Cru', "Cheddar vieilli de l'île-aux-Grues", "Cheddar doux (l'Ancêtre)", 'Petit Brie DuVillage', 'Fleur Saint-Michel', "Val-D'Espoir", 'Grand Cheddar Réserve Spéciale', 'Laracam', 'Bleu de la Moutonnière (Le)', "Élite (L')", 'Oo

La La Hot Jill', 'ChamPaître (Le)', 'St-Émile', 'Ermite', 'Doux du Fort (Le)', 'Kunik', 'Ma Manière (Le)', 'Island Bries', 'Ciel de Charlevoix (Le)', 'Secret de Maurice (Le)', 'Frère Jacques', 'Tomme Le Champ Doré', 'Mouton noir', 'Tomme du Manoir affinée au cidre de pomme', 'Rose Haus', 'Cheddar médium (Fromagerie Victoria)', 'Petit Prince (Le)', 'Grand Camembert Vaudreuil', 'White Moon', "Providence d'Oka (La)", 'Rightrou!', 'Fleur de Neige', 'Kobrossi', 'Agnelle de Bayolle', 'Boucané (Le)', 'Goat Mozzarella (Celebrity Interantional)', 'Diable aux Vaches (Le)', 'Trappeur (Le) Camembert Double crème', 'Chèvre frais fermier', 'Saint-Médard', 'Baladi (Fromagerie Polyethnique)', 'Fin Renard (Le)', "Cheddar fumé au bois d'érable", 'Okanagan Double Cream Camembert', 'Suisse (Fromagerie Perron)', 'Cheddar Charlevoix', 'Chanoine', 'Romano (Thornloe)', "Raclette d'Oka", 'Valida Moyen (Le)', 'Cru du Canton (Le)', 'Sentinelle', 'Sieur Colomban', 'Saint-Paulin (Des Basques)', 'Casimir (Le)', 'Fromage en grain', 'Ti-Lou', 'Cabrouet (Le)', 'Brie Petit Connaisseur', 'Mamamia!', 'Fetos Feta léger (Saputo)', 'Féta (Mes Petits Caprices)', 'Naramata Bench Blue', 'Grain de Bayonne', 'Joséphines', 'Annobli', 'Provolone (Silani)', 'Darac', 'Albert Hébert (1ière génération)', 'Tressé (Fromagerie Marie Kadé)', 'Bocconcini (Salerno)', 'Petit Saguenéen (Le)', 'Prés de la Bayonne (Les)', "Ben d'Adon!", 'Douanier (Le)', "St. John's Goat (Portuguese)", 'Cristalia', "Lady Laurier d'Arthabaska", 'Camembert Provençal', 'Knoydart', 'Deo Gratias (Le)', 'Cheddar très fort (Fromagerie St-Fidèle)', 'Provolone (Saputo)', 'Cheddar (Tres Stelle)', 'Sabot de Blanchette (Le)', 'Grand 2 (Le)', 'Cheddar frais (Fromagerie des Basques)', 'Swiss (Bothwell)', 'Brie en brioche', "Dragon's Breath", 'Traditional Feta', 'Populaire (Le)', 'Labneh (Fromagerie Polyethnique)', 'Tomme du Kamouraska (La)', 'Micha', 'Noble (Le)', 'Monterey Jill', "Écume des Rapides (L')", 'Kefalotri / Saganaki', 'Dame du Lac (La)', 'Campagnard', 'Pampille', 'Gigot (Le)', 'Boerenkaas', 'Faisselles (Les)', 'Cheddar (Fromagerie Boivin)', "Parmesan (l'Ancêtre)", 'St-Félicien Lac St-Jean', 'Graviera', 'Cheddar au Porto (Fromagerie Perron)', "Emmental (l'Ancêtre)", 'Farm Cheese', 'Camembert Anco', 'Montefino assaisonné', 'Cacciocavallo (International Cheese)', 'Mini Bocconcini (International Cheese)', 'Bleu Bénédictin', 'Akawie léger (Fromagerie Polyethnique)', 'Déli Chèvre (Le)', "Fontina de l'Abbaye", 'Tre Fratello', 'Fontina Fumé', "Choupet's (Le)", 'Mont Saint-Benoît', 'Cheddar mi-fort (Fromagerie St-Fidèle)', 'Mascarpone (Tre Stelle)', 'Havarti (Dofino)', 'Boules de neige (Les)', 'Havarti Danesborg', 'Goat Feta (Celebrity International)', 'Rassembleu (Le)', 'Swiss', 'La Scala', 'Piekouagami (Le)', 'Pompette (Le)', 'Parmesan (Ivanhoe)', "Gouda (That Dutchman's Farm)", 'Fruitier de Montérégie', 'Akawi', 'Rébellion 1837', 'Bleu Extra-Fort', 'Biquet à la crème (Le)', 'Amourettes - Tomates séchées et basilic', 'Mozzarella (Farmers Cooporative Dairies)', 'Brie double crème (Damafro)', 'Capricook', 'Soeur Angèle (La)', 'Fleur des Monts (Les)', 'Empereur', "Paillasson de l'Isle d'Orléans (Le)", 'Trecce (Saputo)', 'Sao Miguel', 'Zéphyr (Le)', 'Suisse (Fromagerie Saint-Laurent)', 'Suisse (Biobio)', 'Suisse St-Guillaume', 'Voyageur (Le)', 'Capriati', 'Santa Lucia Goat Cheese Brie', 'Donna Hébert (2ième génération)', 'White Grace', 'Temiskaming', '1608 (Le)', 'Asiago (Ivanhoe Cheese)', 'Saint-Raymond (Le)', 'Brebiouais', "P'tit Diable", 'Courtenay Cheddar', 'Tomme de chèvre (Damafro)', 'Niagara Gold', 'Neige de Brebis (Le)', "Évanjules (L')", 'Brin de gouda', 'Tomme de Grosse-Île', "Feta (Gort's Gouda)", 'Tortillons (Les)

(Fromagerie Boivin)', "Ricotta (l'Ancêtre)", 'Porto Bleu (Le)', 'Paillot de chèvre', 'Napoléon (Le)', 'Chevrai (Woolwich)', 'Raclette affinée au cidre de pommes (Les Dépendances du Manoir)', 'Ricotta (Silani)', "Élan 7% (L')", 'Boules de Chèvre', 'Cantonnier', 'Electric Blue', 'Feta (Black Diamond)', 'Parmesan (Village Cheese)', 'Ricotta de chèvre', 'Tomme du Maréchal', 'Chèvre fin', 'Goat Cups (Celebrity International)', 'Borgonzola (Tre Stelle)', 'Cheddar assaisonné St-Guillaume', 'Chevrino', "Chèvre D'Art", 'Kénogami (Le)', 'Rondoux triple crème', "Petit frais aux noix et sirop d'érable", 'Réserve La Pérade', 'Amourettes - Fines herbes', 'Cheddar (Bothwell)', 'Quark (Best Baa Dairy)', 'Mascarpone (Damafro)', 'Gavroche', 'Ricotta Saint-Benoît', 'Brie Mme Clément', 'Ste-Geneviève', "Grand Camembert l'Extra", 'Couventine (Le)', 'Monterey Jack (Fromagerie Boivin)', 'Rosé du Saguenay', 'Raclette Griffon', 'Corsaire', 'Suisse macéré au Cidre de pommes', 'Oh Chiiz', 'Cheese Curds', 'Feta (Danesborg)', 'Serra (Portuguese Cheese Company)', 'Shinglish', 'Brebiane', 'Vacherin Fritz Kaiser', 'Saint-Félix', 'Fou Raide (Le)', 'Mon précieux', 'Geai Bleu (Le)', 'Roche Noire (La)', 'Perle du Littoral (La)', 'Duo du Paradis', 'Cheddar léger 6% (Fromagerie Gilbert)', 'Tipsy Jill', 'Vieux Charlevoix', 'Chèvre des neiges', 'Belle-Mère (La)', 'Rondoux double crème', 'Féta La Moutonnière', 'Cheddar doux (Fromagerie Saint-Laurent)', 'Feta (Ivanhoe)', 'Gouda (Damafro)', 'Ménestrel (Le)', 'Pikauba', 'Gouda (Biobio)', 'Memphré (Le)', 'Cheddar fort (Fromagerie St-Fidèle)', 'Cheddar fort Riviera', 'Fou du Roy (Le)', 'Parmesan (Biobio)', 'Romano (Tres Stelle)', 'Sheep In The Meadow (Best Baa Dairy)', 'Cheddar Riviera en grains', 'Pont Blanc (Le)', 'Caprice des Cantons', 'Bûchette et Pyramide Mes Petits Caprices', 'Kingsberg', 'Guillaume Tell (Le)', 'Cheddar doux St-Guillaume', 'Madame Chèvre Elite', 'Mozzarella (Coaticook)', 'Brie (Damafro)', 'Biobio fromage 7%', 'Météorite', 'Tomme de brebis (Fromagerie Couland)', 'Rivière blanche', 'Cheddar Beauceron', 'Frugal', 'Swiss (Farmers Cooperative Dairy)', 'Marquis de Témiscouata', 'Cheddar doux (Fromagerie St-Fidèle)', 'Alfred Le Fermier']

### 3.4 Preprocessing The Data

#### 3.4.1 Transformation Pipelines

We're going to transform the feature types with respective transformation pipelines.

### 3.4.2 Binary Transformer

To begin, we perform imputation on the binary feature with the most\_frequent value to replace missing values. Then we use OneHotEncoder() to numerically encode each binary value (i.e. *True*, *False*). Note that we only need to keep a single binary column and can drop the other.

#### 3.4.3 Numeric Transformer

We perform imputation on numeric features with the median value to replace missing values. Then we will standardize the numeric features to set sample mean to  $\theta$  and standard deviation to  $\theta$ .

## 3.4.4 Categorical Transformer

We perform imputation on categorical features with the most\_frequent value to replace missing values. Then we use OneHotEncoder() to numerically encode each categorical value.

#### 3.4.5 Free-Text Transformer

We apply the CountVectorizer() tool on the free-text feature with the most\_frequent value and convert the text messages to a matrix of word counts. Each text message is assigned a row and each column represents a word in the dataset vocabulary. The values in the matrix represents the frequency of occurance of the word.

#### 3.4.6 Column Transformer

We map the feature types to the transformer pipelines made above and drop the remainder of the dataset columns.

```
[27]: preprocessor = make_column_transformer(
    # Preprocessing Pipelines
    (binary_transformer, binary_feats),
        (numeric_transformer, numeric_feats),
        (categorical_transformer, categorical_feats),
        (text_transformer, text_feats[0]),
        remainder = 'drop'
)
```

### 4 ML Models

We will be implementing our preprocessor pipelines with multiple classifiers and viewing the results of each model.

We will be training our dataset with the following Classification ML models.

- Logistic Regression Classification
- Decision Tree Classifier
- Random Forest Classifier
- K Nearest Neighbors (k-NN) Classifier
- Support Vector Machines (SVM) Classifier

This set of classifiers includes

- Interpretable Modelling (i.e. Logistic Regression)
- Rule-Based Algorithms with If-Else Statements (i.e. Decision Tree, Random Forest)
- Similarity Based Models (i.e. k-NN, SVM)

```
[28]: models = {
          'Logistic Regression' : {
              'pipeline' : make_pipeline(
                 preprocessor, LogisticRegression(random state = 77, class_weight = __
       →'balanced')
         },
          'Decision Tree' : {
                  'pipeline' : make_pipeline(
                     preprocessor, DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state = 77,__
      ⇔class_weight = 'balanced')
             },
          'Random Forest':
             {
                  'pipeline' : make_pipeline(
                     preprocessor, RandomForestClassifier(random_state = 77,__
      },
          'kNN' :
             {
                  'pipeline' : make_pipeline(
                     preprocessor, KNeighborsClassifier()
             },
          'RBF SVC' :
                  'pipeline' : make_pipeline(
                     preprocessor, SVC(random_state = 77, class_weight = 'balanced')
```

```
)
}
```

#### 4.1 Baseline Model

We will be comparing our classifier models to a DummyClassifier estimator using  $strategy = 'most\_frequent'$ .

#### 4.2 Evaluation Metrics

We will be comparing our model performance based on the following metrics :

- Accuracy
  - "Percentage of Predictions Which Are True"
- Precision
  - "Percentage of Positive Predictions Which Are True"
- F1 Score
  - Combined Score of: "Percentage of Positive Predictions Which Are True" "Percentage of All Positive Examples Which Are Positive Predictions"

# 4.2.1 Exclusion of Recall

We have excluded Recall from the Evaluation Metrics due to our interest in making the most out of the investment decisions we take as an organization.

In other words, we want to determine if a particular combination of features will yield a successful cheese product. The combinations we miss are unfortunate, but we want to prioritize the reduction (elimination?) of *False Negative* predictions.

```
[30]: scoring_dict = {
    'accuracy' : make_scorer(accuracy_score),
    'precision' : make_scorer(precision_score, pos_label = 'lower fat'),
    'f1' : make_scorer(f1_score, pos_label = 'lower fat'),
}
```

```
lambda x : round(x, 4)
      ).rename('Dummy Classifier').to_frame().T.reset_index().rename(
          columns = {'index' : 'model'}
      display(dummy_df)
                   model fit_time score_time test_accuracy train_accuracy \
                                                                        0.6555
     O Dummy Classifier
                            0.0282
                                        0.0165
                                                       0.6555
        test_precision train_precision test_f1 train_f1
     0
                0.6555
                                 0.6555
                                          0.7919
                                                    0.7919
[32]: scores_df = pd.DataFrame()
      for model_name, model in models.items():
          model['scores'] = pd.DataFrame(
              cross_validate(
                  estimator = model['pipeline'], cv = 10,
                  X = X_train, y = y_train,
                  return_train_score = True,
                  scoring = scoring_dict
          ).mean().apply(
              lambda x : round(x, 4)
          ).rename(
              model name
          ).to_frame().T.reset_index().rename(
              columns = {'index' : 'model'}
          )
          scores_df = pd.concat([scores_df, model['scores']], axis = 0)
[33]: | # We Need to Concatenate the Classifier Scores to the Baseline Model Score.
      scores_df = pd.concat([dummy_df, scores_df], axis = 0)
      scores_df = scores_df.rename(
          columns = {
              col : col.replace('test', 'validation').replace('time', 'time (s)') u
       →for col in scores_df.columns.to_list()
      display(scores_df)
                      model fit_time (s) score_time (s) validation_accuracy \
           Dummy Classifier
                                   0.0282
                                                   0.0165
                                                                        0.6555
     0
     O Logistic Regression
                                   0.0597
                                                   0.0142
                                                                        0.8067
              Decision Tree
                                                                        0.8139
                                   0.0367
                                                   0.0141
```

```
0
               Random Forest
                                     0.3105
                                                      0.0279
                                                                             0.8366
     0
                                     0.0283
                                                      0.0201
                                                                             0.7934
                         kNN
     0
                     RBF SVC
                                     0.0678
                                                                             0.8294
                                                      0.0176
        train accuracy
                         validation_precision train_precision validation_f1
     0
                 0.6555
                                        0.6555
                                                           0.6555
                                                                           0.7919
     0
                 0.9198
                                        0.8685
                                                          0.9615
                                                                           0.8490
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                 1.0000
                                        0.8684
                                                           1.0000
                                                                           0.8552
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                                        0.8360
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                 0.8609
                                        0.8203
                                                          0.8679
                                                                           0.8473
     0
     0
                 0.9160
                                        0.8809
                                                          0.9559
                                                                           0.8677
        train_f1
           0.7919
     0
           0.9373
     0
     0
           1.0000
     0
           1.0000
           0.8975
     0
     0
           0.9344
[34]: fig_number = get_scores_chart(
          scores_df = scores_df,
          scoring = 'fit_time',
          fig number = fig number
      )
                       model
                                 score_type
                                               score
            Dummy Classifier fit time (s)
     0
                                              0.0282
        Logistic Regression fit_time (s)
     1
                                              0.0597
     2
               Decision Tree fit time (s)
                                              0.0367
     3
               Random Forest
                               fit_time (s)
                                              0.3105
     4
                         kNN fit_time (s)
                                              0.0283
     alt.Chart(...)
```

We can see from the figure that the  $Random\ Forest$  had a much greater fitting time than the other classifiers, whereas the k-NN classifier model had the least fitting time. It's worthwhile to note that all of the classifiers had a relatively similar fitting time, aside from the  $Random\ Forest$  model.

```
[35]: fig_number = get_scores_chart(
          scores_df = scores_df,
          scoring = 'precision',
          fig_number = fig_number
)
```

```
model score_type score
6 Dummy Classifier train_precision 0.6555
7 Logistic Regression train_precision 0.9615
8 Decision Tree train_precision 1.0000
```

```
9 Random Forest train_precision 1.0000
10 kNN train_precision 0.8679
alt.Chart(...)
```

We can see in this figure that the best precision validation score is from the RBF SVC model. We notice that the Dummy Classifier model had the lowest precision validation score. So far, the RBF SVC seems like a promising contender for hyperparameter optimization.

```
model score_type
                                      score
6
       Dummy Classifier
                           train f1
                                    0.7919
7
    Logistic Regression
                           train_f1
                                     0.9373
          Decision Tree
8
                          train f1
                                     1.0000
9
          Random Forest
                           train f1
                                     1.0000
10
                    kNN
                           train f1 0.8975
```

alt.Chart(...)

We can see in this figure that the highest F1 validation score is from the  $Random\ Forest\ model$ . The second highest F1 validation score is from the  $RBF\ SVC$  model. The  $Dummy\ Classifier\$ baseline model once again had the lowest F1 validation score.

Given the high fitting time of the  $Random\ Forest$  model and our emphasis on precision, we will be selecting the  $RBF\ SVC$  model for hyperparameter optimization.

### 4.3 RBF SVC Model

# 4.3.1 Hyperparameter Optimization

Let's optimize the C and gamma hyperparameters in our model. We will find the best hyperparameters with GridSearchCV. We're going to iterate through and exhaust the hyperparameter possibilities since we only have 5^2 = 25 combinations.

We would like to be confident with our cheese product fat level predictions to a thorough extent. This will require only slightly more computing resources, which we can run in parallel with  $n_{jobs} = -1$ .

```
[37]: # Handle Case Where Dataset Doesn't Contain Positive Predictions
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

```
[38]: param_grid = {
    "svc_C" : [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000],
    "svc_gamma" : [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000]
}
```

```
svc_search = GridSearchCV(
    estimator = models['RBF SVC']['pipeline'],
    param_grid = param_grid,
    cv = 10, scoring = scoring_dict['precision'],
    return_train_score = True, n_jobs = -1
)
svc_search.fit(X_train, y_train)
display(svc_search)
GridSearchCV(cv=10,
             estimator=Pipeline(steps=[('columntransformer',
 →ColumnTransformer(transformers=[('pipeline-1',
                                                                         ш
 →Pipeline(steps=[('simpleimputer',
           SimpleImputer(strategy='most_frequent')),
          ('onehotencoder',
           OneHotEncoder(drop='if_binary',
                         dtype=<class 'int'>))]),
                                                                         Ш
→['Organic']),
→('pipeline-2',
 →Pipeline(steps=[('simpleimputer',
                                                                                 Ш
           SimpleImputer(strategy='median'))...
                                                                          Ш
→'MilkTreatmentTypeEn']),
 \hookrightarrow ('pipeline-4',
 →Pipeline(steps=[('countvectorizer',
           CountVectorizer(binary=True))]),
                                                                         Ш
 ('svc',
                                        SVC(class_weight='balanced',
                                            random_state=77))]),
```

```
n_{jobs=-1}
                   param_grid={'svc_C': [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000],
                               'svc_gamma': [0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000]},
                   return_train_score=True,
                   scoring=make scorer(precision score, pos label=lower fat))
[39]: svc_df = pd.DataFrame(svc_search.cv_results_)
      display(svc_df.head())
        mean_fit_time
                        std_fit_time
                                      mean_score_time
                                                        std_score_time param_svc__C \
                            0.000698
     0
              0.083696
                                              0.017868
                                                               0.000607
                                                                                0.001
     1
             0.083724
                            0.000310
                                              0.017794
                                                               0.000271
                                                                               0.001
     2
              0.083724
                            0.000607
                                              0.017838
                                                               0.000267
                                                                               0.001
     3
              0.083231
                            0.000460
                                              0.017698
                                                               0.000167
                                                                                0.001
     4
              0.083482
                            0.000522
                                              0.017761
                                                               0.000206
                                                                                0.001
                                                            params
                                                                    split0_test_score
       param_svc__gamma
                          {'svc_C': 0.001, 'svc_gamma': 0.001}
     0
                   0.001
                                                                                   0.0
     1
                    0.01
                           {'svc_C': 0.001, 'svc_gamma': 0.01}
                                                                                   0.0
     2
                            {'svc_C': 0.001, 'svc_gamma': 0.1}
                     0.1
                                                                                   0.0
     3
                       1
                              {'svc_C': 0.001, 'svc_gamma': 1}
                                                                                   0.0
     4
                      10
                             {'svc_C': 0.001, 'svc_gamma': 10}
                                                                                   0.0
                                               ... split2_train_score
                            split2 test score
        split1 test score
     0
                       0.0
                                           0.0
                                                                   0.0
                       0.0
                                           0.0
     1
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     2
                       0.0
                                           0.0
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     3
                       0.0
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     4
                       0.0
                                           0.0
                                                                   0.0
                             split4_train_score
                                                  split5_train_score
        split3_train_score
     0
                   0.654667
                                        0.654667
                                                            0.654667
     1
                   0.654667
                                        0.654667
                                                             0.654667
     2
                   0.654667
                                        0.654667
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     3
                   0.654667
                                        0.654667
                                                             0.654667
     4
                   0.654667
                                        0.654667
                                                             0.654667
        split6_train_score
                             split7_train_score
                                                  split8_train_score
     0
                                           0.656
                      0.656
                                                                0.656
                      0.656
                                           0.656
     1
                                                                0.656
     2
                      0.656
                                           0.656
                                                                0.656
     3
                      0.656
                                           0.656
                                                                0.656
     4
                      0.656
                                           0.656
                                                                0.656
        split9_train_score
                             mean_train_score
                                               std_train_score
     0
                      0.656
                                       0.4588
                                                       0.300356
                                       0.4588
                                                       0.300356
     1
                      0.656
```

```
      2
      0.656
      0.4588
      0.300356

      3
      0.656
      0.4588
      0.300356

      4
      0.656
      0.4588
      0.300356
```

[5 rows x 32 columns]

#### Best Model

The best value of C is 0.1 and the best value of gamma is 0.01. The best validation precision is 0.88.

### 4.3.2 Score Distribution

Let's look at the score distributions for the different hyperparameter combinations.

```
[41]: svc_plot_df = pd.melt(
    frame = svc_df,
    id_vars = ['param_svc__gamma', 'param_svc__C'],
    var_name = 'score_type', value_name = 'precision',
    value_vars = ['mean_train_score', 'mean_test_score']
)
display(svc_plot_df)
```

	param_svcgamma	param_svcC	score_type	precision
0	0.001	0.001	mean_train_score	0.458800
1	0.01	0.001	mean_train_score	0.458800
2	0.1	0.001	mean_train_score	0.458800
3	1	0.001	mean_train_score	0.458800
4	10	0.001	mean_train_score	0.458800
	•••	•••		•••
93	0.1	1000	mean_test_score	0.852853
94	1	1000	mean_test_score	0.717279
95	10	1000	mean_test_score	0.657860
96	100	1000	mean_test_score	0.657052
97	1000	1000	mean_test_score	0.657052

[98 rows x 4 columns]

```
[42]: # Create Altair Chart.
      svc_plot = alt.Chart(
          svc_plot_df[(svc_plot_df['score_type'] == 'mean_test_score')],
          title = alt.TitleParams(
              text = f'Figure {fig number} : RBF SVC Model Precision Scores',
              subtitle = ['Hyperparameter Tuning for C and gamma'],
              anchor = 'start', fontSize = 25, subtitleFontSize = 20
      ).mark circle().encode(
          x = alt.X('param_svc__gamma:0', title = 'gamma'),
          y = alt.Y('param_svc__C:0', title = 'C'),
          color = alt.Color(
              'precision:Q', title = 'Precision',
              scale = alt.Scale(
                  scheme = 'viridis', reverse = True,
                  domain = [
                      svc_plot_df[
                          svc_plot_df['score_type'] == 'mean_test_score'
                      ]['precision'].min(),
                      svc_plot_df[
                          svc_plot_df['score_type'] == 'mean_test_score'
                      ]['precision'].max()
                  ]
              )
          ),
          size = alt.Size(
              'precision:Q', title = 'Precision',
              scale = alt.Scale(
                  domain = \Gamma
                      svc_plot_df[
                          svc_plot_df['score_type'] == 'mean_test_score'
                      ]['precision'].min(),
                      svc_plot_df[
                          svc_plot_df['score_type'] == 'mean_test_score'
                      ['precision'].max()
              )
          ),
          tooltip = [alt.Tooltip('precision:Q', title = 'Precision')]
      ).properties(
          width = 800, height = 500,
      ).configure axis(
          labelFontSize = 15, titleFontSize = 17.5
      ).configure_title(
          fontSize = 25
      )
```

```
fig_number += 1
display(svc_plot)
```

alt.Chart(...)

### 4.4 Test Data

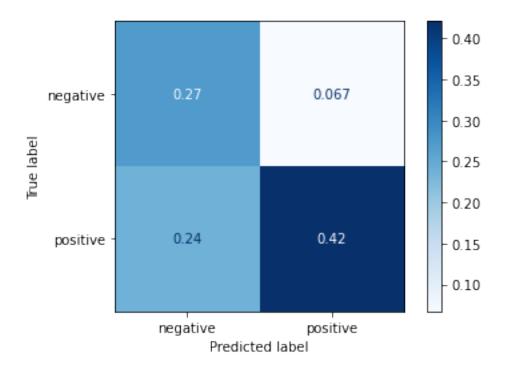
Let's start by looking at the evaluation metrics for the best RBF SVC classifier.

```
[43]: ## We need to drop the columns not used in the Machine Learning pipeline.

X_test.drop(
    columns = ['CheeseId', 'CharacteristicsEn', 'FlavourEn', 'RindTypeEn'],
    inplace = True
)
```

```
precision
                           recall f1-score
                                               support
                             0.80
                                                    71
 Higher Fat
                   0.53
                                        0.64
  Lower Fat
                   0.86
                             0.64
                                        0.73
                                                   138
   accuracy
                                        0.69
                                                   209
                                        0.69
  macro avg
                   0.70
                             0.72
                                                   209
weighted avg
                   0.75
                             0.69
                                        0.70
                                                   209
```

[45]: <sklearn.metrics.\_plot.confusion\_matrix.ConfusionMatrixDisplay at 0x7fe0669c2a30>



We have highly reduced our False Positive predictions to 6.7% with the RBF SVC model. This yields a precision score of 86%.

Note that the False Negatives are much higher at 24% of our predictions. This yields a lower F1 score of 73%

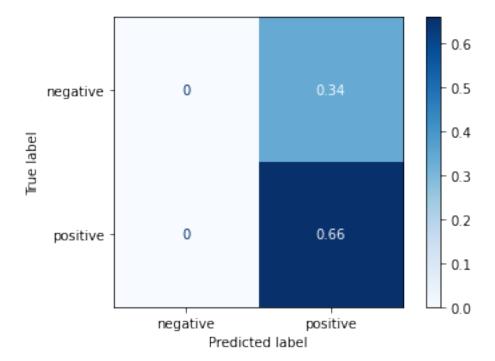
```
baseline_fatlevels_report = classification_report(
    y_true = y_test,
    y_pred = dummy_pipe.fit(X_train, y_train).predict(X_test),
)
print(baseline_fatlevels_report)
```

precision	recall	f1-score	support
0.00	0.00	0.00	71
0.66	1.00	0.80	138
		0.66	209
0.33 0.44	0.50 0.66	0.40 0.53	209 209
	0.00 0.66 0.33	0.00 0.00 0.66 1.00 0.33 0.50	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.66 1.00 0.80 0.66 0.33 0.50 0.40

```
y_true = y_test, y_pred = dummy_pipe.fit(X_train, y_train).

predict(X_test),
    normalize = 'all'
),
    display_labels = ['negative', 'positive']
)
baseline_fatlevels_cm.plot(cmap = 'Blues')
```

[47]: <sklearn.metrics.\_plot.confusion\_matrix.ConfusionMatrixDisplay at 0x7fe064abed30>



The Dummy Classifier baseline model was unable to make negative predictions. This is rather peculiar and yields a lower precision score of 66%. Interestingly, the perfect recall score yields a higher F1 score of 80%.

### 5 Discussion

From this investigation, we were able to observe features which contribute to different fat levels in *Canadian* cheeses and use this in training a Machine Learning classifier to predict whether a cheese will be lower fat or higher fat.

### 5.1 Further Improvements

In order to improve the model performance, something which can be explored is the inclusion of the CharacteristicsEn and FlavourEn columns. These can be transformed with CountVectorizer() and we can see how the data sparsity in these columns affects the training and validation scores.

In addition to this, we can look at the RindTypeEn column and investigate the feature type and value distributions. There was some peculiar data sparsity here, which was apparent from displaying train\_df.info(), however filtering the dataframe for NULL values didn't register the same data. Exploring this feature may be highly valuable for improving model performance across evaluation metrics.

# 5.2 Concluding Remarks

We were able to train a RBF SVC classifier which performed with 86% precision. This will aid us in our larger goal of reducing the risk of mass manufacturing unsuccessful cheese products. Since we are predicting a low percentage of False Negatives at 6.7%, we are able to be more confident with the bets that we make. It will be highly beneficial to deploy this model in evaluating test cheese products. If we provide this as a tool to manufacturing experts with extensive domain knowledge, we'll be able to develop a streamlined cheese production practice.

#### 5.3 Citations

These resources provide the theory and code segments for the ML exploration in this notebook.

- IBM What is Machine Learning?
- Introduction to Machine Learning
  - Assignment 5
  - Assignment 6
  - Assignment 7
  - Assignment 8