

# Wisconsin Historical Society: Winnebago Cheese listed on the National Register of Historic Places

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Fond du Lac, WI. – The Wisconsin Historical Society announces the listing of the Winnebago Cheese Company in Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac County, on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Winnebago Cheese Company has been added to the National Register for its association with Fond du Lac's cheese industry, which played a significant role within the local economy for much of the twentieth century. The Winnebago Cheese Company is the most intact example of the few remaining buildings connected to the cheese industry in Fond du Lac.

Winnebago Cheese Company, which self-described as “wholesale distributors of Wisconsin's finest cheeses,” purchased large quantities of raw cheeses from local manufacturers. The cheese, which arrived at its facility in massive wheels, was then cut down into smaller, retail-ready quantities, packaged in the company's branded boxes, and stored in cold storage vaults onsite until ready to ship.

The oldest portion of the Winnebago Cheese Company facility dates to 1914. It was expanded in five phases between 1920 and 1955. The complex's utilitarian appearance is typical of early twentieth-century industrial buildings as being constructed of brick and possessing arched window openings.

The National Register is the official list of historic properties in America deemed worthy of preservation and is maintained by the National Park Service in the U.S. Department of the Interior. The Wisconsin Historical Society administers the program within Wisconsin. It includes sites, buildings, structures, objects and

districts that are significant in national, state or local history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture.

Additional information for this house is available at <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/NationalRegister/NR2734>