

# Despite the heat-wave, cows' milk collection very slightly increased in August 2003 compared to August 2002

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*Warning : These figures concern cows' milk "collection" by dairies from farms and not cows' milk "production" from farms.*

## Monthly comparison

It is usual for the tendency of cows' milk collection to decrease in August. However, this year the consequences of the heat-wave accelerated this one, more particularly in the countries which already had the effect of dryness for two months. Thus Belgium (-10.7%), Portugal (-9.7%), Luxembourg (-7.9%), France (-7.2%) and Italy (-5%) record decreases of their collection higher than the average EU 15, compared to July 2003. Ireland shows a decrease of -9.6% corresponding more to the type of breeding conditions than as a result of the climatic conditions.

## The trend in the cows' milk collection by dairies, August 2002 - August 2003

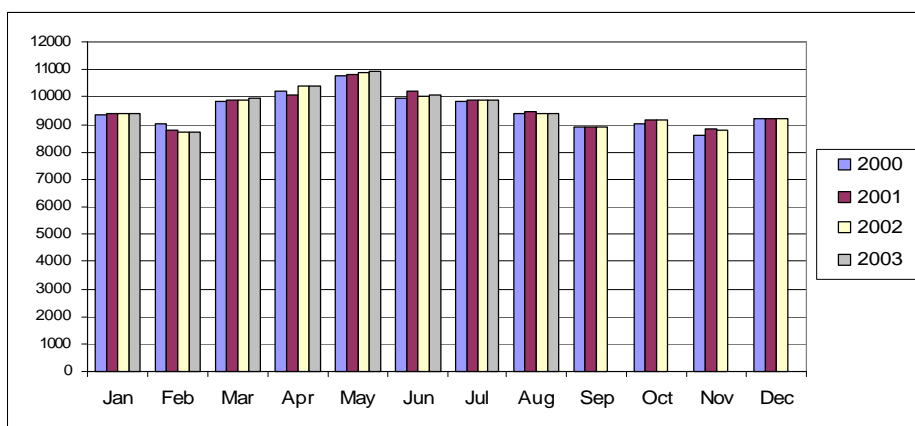
	Collection 1000 t	Comparative importance /EU15	Comparison with the previous month (in %)												Rate of change (%)
			Aug 2002	Aug 2002	Sep 2002	Oct 2002	Nov 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	May 2003	Jun 2003	
BE	238.0	2.5	-8.7	2.0	-0.7	5.5	3.6	-7.4	9.4	6.4	7.3	-9.3	-3.6	-10.7	-8.8
DK	374.7	4.0	-4.4	0.4	-2.2	6.6	2.6	-9.4	11.1	-0.3	5.4	-4.7	0.0	-0.8	2.6
DE	2194.1	23.3	-6.4	3.8	-3.0	7.1	3.1	-7.8	13.4	-2.3	6.2	-6.1	1.1	-3.0	3.9
EL	49.5	0.5	-8.5	-5.5	-5.8	1.1	9.2	-3.6	17.4	4.3	1.2	-4.9	1.3	-0.3	3.1
ES	504.9	5.4	-6.4	1.4	-4.4	2.9	-1.6	-7.8	13.8	4.0	3.8	-6.0	1.6	-2.9	-3.4
FR	1722.4	18.3	-1.1	9.7	0.6	6.9	1.2	-9.9	9.6	10.1	2.9	-14.2	-8.5	-7.2	-3.9
IE	587.5	6.3	-14.6	-16.6	-44.2	-39.3	-8.5	49.2	116.6	46.0	18.8	-7.2	-3.3	-9.6	0.5
IT	804.7	8.6	-2.4	1.8	0.9	2.8	5.4	-5.8	10.9	0.4	-0.1	-6.9	1.2	-5.0	1.9
LU	21.2	0.2	-5.1	0.0	-2.4	9.4	3.3	-10.0	9.1	4.3	6.7	-6.7	-2.6	-7.9	-4.2
NL	880.4	9.4	-5.2	4.0	-2.0	6.4	2.4	-9.8	9.4	-1.4	6.2	-7.5	2.7	-3.2	-0.1
AT	222.0	2.4	-5.4	1.4	-6.6	7.0	2.8	-7.8	12.9	1.8	8.2	-9.2	1.3	-4.8	-0.9
PT	163.3	1.7	-8.1	-1.2	-5.5	3.3	0.9	-5.3	15.3	4.1	6.7	-5.8	-2.5	-9.7	-10.2
FI	201.0	2.1	-4.6	0.6	-0.8	5.9	2.1	-8.4	10.6	-2.1	4.2	-4.9	0.0	-3.5	-2.2
SE	263.0	2.8	-4.6	0.4	-1.9	6.8	2.9	-7.6	13.2	-1.4	2.7	-6.0	-1.5	-0.1	1.1
UK	1172.6	12.5	-6.0	0.5	-4.8	7.8	3.2	-8.0	15.6	4.7	7.5	-7.3	-2.7	-4.2	3.7
EU-15	9399.3	100.0	-5.3	2.5	-4.0	5.0	2.4	-7.5	14.3	4.3	5.6	-8.3	-1.7	-4.7	0.3

Data for Belgium are estimated from May 2003 to August 2003.

## Annual comparison

The rate of change of the cows' milk collection for August 2003 compared to August 2002 stand at +0.3%. This shows that the heat-wave did not have many effects in the Member States located at north of the Union. Germany increased its collection by +3.9%, compared to August 2002, followed by the United Kingdom +3.7%, Greece +3.1% and Denmark +2.6%. Meanwhile, Portugal decreased its collection by -10.2% compared to August 2002.

## Monthly milk collection EU-15, 1000 t January 2000 – August 2003



Source : Eurostat New Cronos 23/10/2003.

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