

The cows' milk collection in January 2004 is slightly lower than that of January 2003 in EU 15

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

Monthly comparison

Compared to December 2003, the cows' milk collection of January 2004 shows a moderate rise for the whole EU-15 (1.3%). This rising tendency is normal for the month under consideration. It must however be pointed out that within the framework of the control of production, certain countries limited this rise. It is particularly the case in Belgium, Denmark and the United Kingdom. On the other hand, Greece and Ireland record an important fall of their collection, - 9.7% and - 16.2% respectively.

The trend in cows' milk collection by dairies, January 2003 – January 2004

	Cows' milk collection by dairies 1000 t												Rate of change (%)		
	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	May 2003	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Jan 2004 / Dec 2003	Jan 2004 / Jan 2003
BE	240.3	222.5	243.4	258.9	271.2	246.4	237.1	218.2	219.4	222.8	215.5	237.7	238.4	0.3	-0.8
DK	385.1	348.9	387.5	386.2	406.9	387.6	387.5	384.4	367.9	369.6	355.1	373.4	374.0	0.2	-2.9
DE	2283.1	2105.0	2387.6	2333.7	2478.9	2327.8	2354.0	2270.1	2187.9	2219.0	2120.6	2252.7	2303.9	2.3	0.9
EL	44.5	42.9	50.4	52.5	53.1	50.5	51.2	51.0	50.4	50.0	44.4	46.5	42.0	-9.7	-5.7
ES	463.9	427.6	486.6	506.0	525.4	501.0	501.0	487.1	468.5	471.0	454.9	478.0	481.7	0.8	3.8
FR	2036.0	1834.9	2011.0	2210.8	2274.4	1947.9	1785.0	1657.6	1680.6	1863.2	1853.3	2003.0	2037.3	1.7	0.1
IE	129.9	193.8	419.8	613.0	728.0	675.8	653.3	589.6	498.4	427.3	268.1	157.5	132.0	-16.2	1.6
IT	874.0	823.2	912.6	916.7	915.4	852.3	862.9	818.7	808.3	815.2	801.5	815.6	851.4	4.4	-2.6
LU	22.2	20.0	21.8	22.7	24.3	22.6	22.0	20.3	19.8	20.0	19.5	21.4	22.2	3.6	0.0
NL	923.4	831.5	914.4	902.2	957.8	886.8	908.9	882.4	877.7	891.6	834.0	883.6	876.5	-0.8	-5.1
AT	219.0	202.0	228.0	232.0	251.0	228.0	231.0	220.0	209.0	212.0	199.0	214.0	222.0	3.7	1.4
PT	146.0	138.2	159.3	165.9	177.0	166.7	162.4	146.7	139.0	138.6	133.8	143.9	149.2	3.7	2.2
FI	206.9	189.6	209.7	205.3	214.0	203.6	203.7	196.6	188.3	190.1	189.0	202.1	208.5	3.2	0.8
SE	271.3	250.8	283.9	279.9	287.5	270.2	266.1	265.9	254.7	256.5	251.5	267.9	276.0	3.0	1.7
UK	1174.6	1080.6	1249.6	1308.5	1407.1	1303.8	1268.5	1215.8	1133.8	1148.8	1102.8	1160.3	1160.7	0.0	-1.2
EU-15	9420.2	8711.5	9965.7	10394.3	10972.1	10071.0	9894.6	9424.5	9103.7	9295.7	8843.0	9257.7	9375.7	1.3	-0.5

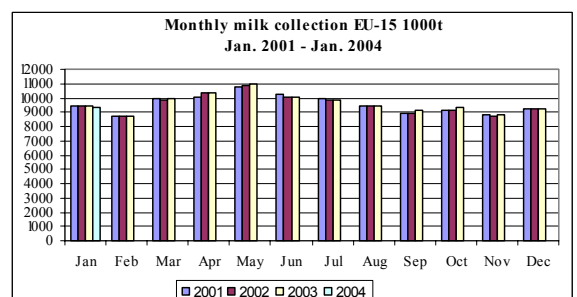
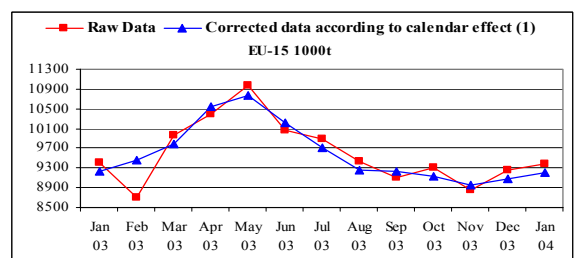
Data for Belgium are estimated from October 2003 to January 2004.

Annual analysis

The climatic effects which intervened during the summer 2003 (drought and the heat wave in the south of the Union) were followed by more lenient autumn and beginning of winter.

Consequently, the countries in the south of the Union could catch up the delay of production in relation to the regulation of the quotas. The countries in the north faced great difficulties meeting the aim set by this regulation.

The slight shift noted in January 2004 compared to January 2003, will probably not be sufficient to respect the objective above, two months before the end of the milk season.



⁽¹⁾ Corrected data = monthly production / number of days of the month x (365/12)

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