

COWS' MILK COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 2004 IN EU-25

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dairies in EU-25

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Warning: These figures concern the collection of cows' milk by dairies and creameries from farms, and not the production of cows' milk on farms.

Monthly situation

In December 2004 the collection of cows' milk rose slightly compared to the previous month. This increase is 453 900 tons for the Union, or 1.1% more than in November. The collection in the EU-15 increased by 388 800 tons, or 1.0%.

For a number of countries the increase is greater than 3% in corrected value (Estonia, France, Luxembourg, Hungary, Portugal, Slovakia, Finland and the United Kingdom). On the other hand, a steep fall in the cows' milk collection in Ireland is observed (-41%). This happens every year at this time; it is due to the type of extensive livestock-farming and the concentration of calvings in spring.

The trend in cows' milk collected by dairies and creameries

	Cows' milk collection by dairies 1000 t												Rate of change (%)		
	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	May 2004	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Dec 2004 / Nov 2004 ⁽¹⁾	Dec 2004 / Dec 2003
BE	236.2	238.7	220.3	238.5	256.9	267.5	247.3	239.3	226.7	219.6	245.4	235.7	236.8	-2.8	0.3
CZ	:	210.4	201.4	220.0	213.3	224.3	220.5	227.3	222.5	209.1	208.2	198.7	210.2	2.4	:
DK	373.4	374.0	349.3	365.5	371.8	391.6	374.2	381.3	377.7	361.6	361.8	352.1	372.9	2.5	-0.1
DE	2252.7	2291.8	2156.1	2277.1	2317.9	2437.0	2295.8	2307.8	2253.5	2169.5	2208.7	2132.5	2247.9	2.0	-0.2
EE	37.1	38.2	39.2	43.7	46.8	50.0	50.3	50.7	48.4	44.1	41.8	40.0	42.8	3.5	15.4
EL	52.4	42.0	47.2	51.1	53.7	60.8	57.9	61.3	59.2	57.5	55.8	50.0	50.5	-2.4	-3.6
ES	484.1	485.0	463.5	516.5	497.6	535.1	497.7	496.6	482.6	465.4	465.1	466.7	483.6	0.3	-0.1
FR	1995.2	2030.2	1904.2	1951.7	2142.7	2156.3	1858.7	1721.9	1655.9	1702.7	1853.8	1892.9	2038.6	4.2	2.2
IE	157.6	132.6	205.1	393.1	620.7	729.6	685.0	673.0	602.2	498.7	399.1	243.4	147.5	-41.4	-6.4
IT	815.6	851.9	824.0	909.3	896.7	897.6	897.9	878.2	825.5	803.9	808.1	800.3	817.2	-1.2	0.2
CY	12.5	12.0	11.2	12.3	11.9	11.6	11.2	11.8	12.0	11.6	11.6	11.2	11.5	-0.3	-8.4
LV	:	28.4	26.4	29.7	32.8	42.5	50.5	53.7	53.9	50.1	42.7	33.7	33.8	-2.9	:
LT	68.7	64.9	60.1	66.6	72.8	97.4	118.4	129.0	135.5	128.8	110.7	78.2	76.2	-5.7	10.9
LU	21.4	22.2	20.9	22.1	22.3	23.7	22.1	21.9	20.8	20.1	20.4	19.8	21.7	5.9	1.1
HU	142.6	150.2	144.5	152.3	148.0	152.7	146.5	146.8	142.3	135.9	137.3	133.5	146.4	6.2	2.7
MT	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.7	2.3	14.6
NL	883.6	885.2	807.8	840.9	896.4	922.8	877.7	886.3	871.1	841.9	875.7	839.7	883.5	1.8	0.0
AT	214.0	222.0	212.0	228.0	232.0	251.0	228.0	223.0	214.0	203.0	207.0	193.0	205.0	2.8	-4.2
PL	:	:	:	:	:	762.8	774.4	778.6	747.0	694.6	659.7	585.1	613.6	1.5	:
PT	143.9	151.3	147.7	169.0	172.2	180.9	165.6	163.4	155.2	141.4	141.4	139.1	148.1	3.0	2.9
SI	:	42.4	40.7	44.1	43.3	45.7	43.8	42.2	41.3	40.3	40.2	38.8	40.6	1.3	:
SK	75.7	76.3	72.4	78.7	80.4	86.8	82.4	82.8	81.2	76.5	74.5	68.2	77.1	9.3	1.8
FI	202.1	208.5	198.1	211.7	206.8	212.1	201.1	196.6	192.0	181.9	184.4	183.2	196.3	3.7	-2.9
SE	267.9	276.0	263.6	286.1	281.0	288.0	273.3	271.0	265.4	253.2	255.5	250.4	265.7	2.7	-0.8
UK	1160.3	1160.6	1084.8	1185.9	1244.9	1344.3	1243.6	1238.3	1176.7	1105.9	1106.0	1075.5	1147.8	3.3	-1.1
EU-25	:	:	:	:	:	12175.4	11427.2	11286.0	10866.2	10420.7	10518.5	10065.1	10519.0	1.1	:
EU-15	9260.4	9371.9	8904.4	9646.6	10213.6	10698.2	9925.9	9759.7	9378.6	9026.3	9188.2	8874.3	9263.1	1.0	0.0

The data for Belgium from October 2004 to December 2004 are estimates.

⁽¹⁾ Corrected data = monthly production / number of day per month x (366/12)

Annual situation

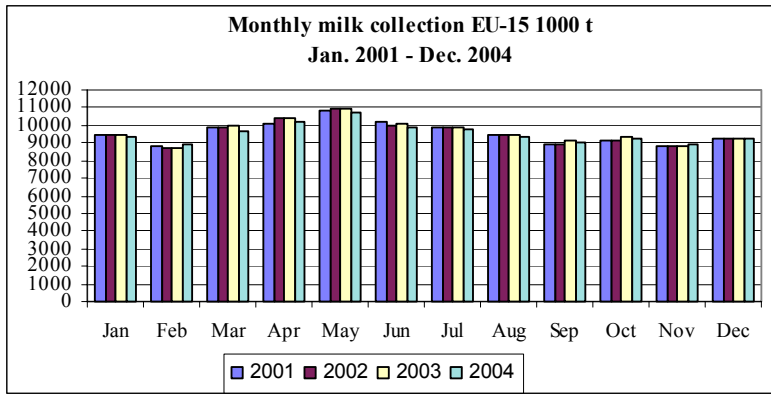
In relation to December 2003, the collection of milk by dairies in December 2004 does not show any significant variation. However there is a general downward trend in collection throughout 2004 and which is due to two factors which seem *a priori* opposed:

In certain Member States, the negative effects of the hot summer of 2003, with in particular, a reduction in the number of dairy cows led to a fall in the collection in 2004 that one can describe as mechanical.

Other States at the end of 2003 had a collection overshoot, and consequently, were under the threat of penalties. Those States therefore reduced production and thus collection as much as possible for the first 3 months of 2004 (corresponding to the last 3 months of the marketing year 2003/2004).

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The cows' milk collection for the calendar year 2004 (cumulated monthly collection: 114 250 800 tons) therefore fell compared to 2003 (115 265 000 tons). The difference is -1 014 200 tons i.e.: -0.87% in relation to 2003.

For the current marketing year (1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005) the difference is -928 000 tons (-1% over 9 months) in relation to the average observed for previous years. This leaves room for manoeuvre by the end of the marketing year for certain Member States.

Source: Eurostat New Cronos 17/02/2005.

Further information:

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