

Limited progression of the cow's milk collection in May 2004 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.

Note: As from 1 May 2004, the new Member States apply the Community legislation in its totality ('acquis communautaire').

Monthly situation

The data on the cow's milk collection of May, compared with April 2004 in the countries of the European Union, show an increase of about 1,2% EU-15 and 1,6% EU-25 (except Poland). This development is modest despite the full period of growth of grass in the countries of strong dairy nature (Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands). This official report remains valid despite very strong positive variations in Ireland, in Latvia and in Lithuania.

The comparison of the collection of May 2004 in relation to that of May 2003 confirms a general downward trend. For the 21 countries for which data exist, this fall is 3%.

An explanation of this situation is not easy, especially in an overall approach. For certain states of the Union one can suppose that there was a decapitalisation of dairy livestock following the lack of fodder connected with the dog days of last summer; for others, one can suppose a lack of rain resulting in a fall in fodder production.

The trend in cows' milk collection by dairies and creameries

	Cows' milk collection by dairies 1000 t														Rate of change (%)	
	May 2003	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	May 2004	May 2004 / Apr 2004 ⁽¹⁾	May 2004 / May 2003	
BE	271.2	246.4	237.1	218.2	219.4	224.2	211.0	236.2	238.7	220.3	240.9	254.1	254.3	-3.1	-6.2	
CZ	210.4	201.4	220.0	213.3	224.3	1.7	.
DK	406.9	387.6	387.5	384.4	367.9	369.6	355.1	373.4	374.0	349.3	365.5	371.8	391.6	1.9	-3.8	
DE	2478.9	2327.8	2354.0	2270.1	2187.9	2219.0	2120.6	2252.7	2291.8	2156.1	2277.1	2317.9	2433.7	1.6	-1.8	
EE	43.9	48.3	47.5	44.9	39.7	35.9	34.4	37.1	38.2	39.2	43.7	46.8	50.0	3.4	13.9	
EL	60.1	57.4	59.7	58.5	55.9	54.2	50.2	52.4	42.0	47.2	51.1	53.7	60.8	9.5	1.1	
ES	538.0	512.1	512.1	492.4	475.7	477.2	461.7	484.1	485.0	463.5	516.5	497.6	535.1	4.1	-0.5	
FR	2271.6	1945.7	1783.3	1656.2	1678.9	1859.6	1848.2	1996.3	2032.1	1903.9	1948.3	2139.5	2152.0	-2.7	-5.3	
IE	728.0	675.8	653.3	589.6	498.4	427.3	268.1	157.6	132.6	205.0	393.3	620.6	730.2	13.9	0.3	
IT	915.4	852.3	862.9	818.7	808.3	815.2	801.5	815.6	851.9	824.0	909.3	896.7	897.6	-3.1	-2.0	
CY	13.0	12.3	13.0	12.9	12.5	12.6	12.1	12.5	12.1	11.3	12.5	11.8	11.5	-5.7	-11.4	
LV	28.4	26.4	29.7	32.8	42.5	25.4	.
LT	91.3	110.2	115.2	119.2	111.2	95.7	68.1	68.7	64.9	60.1	66.6	72.8	97.4	29.5	6.7	
LU	24.3	22.6	22.0	20.3	19.8	20.0	19.5	21.4	22.2	20.9	22.1	22.3	23.7	2.9	-2.3	
HU	146.9	137.7	139.6	133.0	125.7	122.9	117.1	122.6	130.3	124.5	132.2	120.8	133.5	6.9	-9.1	
MT	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.5	3.4	-2.5	
NL	957.8	886.8	908.9	882.4	877.7	891.6	834.0	883.6	885.4	808.0	840.9	885.0	910.2	-0.5	-5.0	
AT	251.0	228.0	231.0	220.0	209.0	212.0	199.0	214.0	222.0	212.0	228.0	232.0	251.0	4.7	0.0	
PL	762.8	.	.
PT	177.0	166.7	162.4	146.7	139.0	138.6	133.8	143.9	149.2	145.1	165.3	169.1	177.7	1.7	0.4	
SI	42.4	40.7	44.1	43.3	45.7	2.1	.
SK	91.2	86.4	86.2	82.9	77.6	76.6	71.2	75.7	76.3	72.4	78.7	80.4	86.8	4.5	-4.8	
FI	214.0	203.6	203.7	196.6	188.3	190.1	189.0	202.1	208.5	198.1	211.7	206.8	212.1	-0.7	-0.9	
SE	287.5	270.2	266.1	265.9	254.7	256.5	251.5	267.9	276.0	263.4	285.9	280.8	287.8	-0.8	0.1	
UK	1407.1	1303.8	1268.7	1215.7	1133.8	1148.9	1102.8	1160.3	1160.6	1084.8	1186.0	1244.8	1344.2	4.5	-4.5	
EU-25	12119.7	.	.
EU-15	10988.8	10086.7	9912.8	9435.6	9114.8	9304.0	8846.0	9261.5	9371.8	8901.3	9642.0	10192.7	10661.9	1.2	-3.0	

Data for Belgium are estimated from March 2004 to May 2004.

⁽¹⁾ Corrected data = monthly production / number of days of the month x (366/12)

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