

Cows' Milk Collection in April 2005 for EU-25

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Warning: the following data concern the "collection" of cows' milk by dairies from agricultural holdings and not the "production" of cows' milk on agricultural holdings.

Monthly situation

The new milk year (1 April 2005 – 31 March 2006) is the first for which the gathering of data has been obligatory for all the 25 states of the Union, since the accession in May 2004 of 10 new Member States.

The collection for March was characterised in 9 Member States by the effects of the adjustment of collection in relation to quotas, which involved a slight increase in the quantities collected for the Union (+0.2% for EU-15 and +0.5% for EU-25). April, on the contrary, was characterised by a strong increase in collection relative to March, exceeding it by more than 9%. This is the result in particular of weather conditions very favourable to the growth of grass.

The increase in collection was higher than 9% in nine Member States (BE, EE, EL, FR, IE, LV, LT, PT and SK).

The resumption of lactations in Ireland caused an increase in collection of 85.3%.

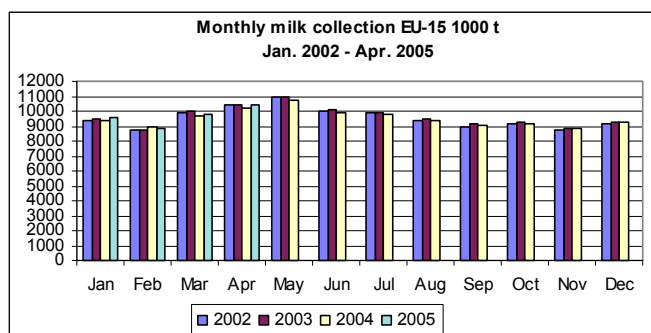
Trend in the collection of cows' milk by dairies

	Cows' milk collection by dairies 1000 t												Rate of change (%)		
	Apr 2004	May 2004	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Jan 2005	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Apr 2005	m/m-1	m/m-12
BE	256.9	267.5	247.3	239.3	226.7	219.6	231.4	224.2	234.9	245.4	219.2	238.5	252.5	9.4	-1.7
CZ	213.3	224.3	220.5	227.3	222.5	209.1	208.2	198.7	210.2	211.7	194.4	217.9	217.7	3.2	2.0
DK	371.8	391.6	374.2	381.3	377.7	361.6	361.8	352.1	372.9	381.4	342.3	382.4	379.4	2.5	2.0
DE	2317.9	2437.0	2295.8	2307.8	2253.5	2169.5	2208.7	2132.5	2265.1	2336.7	2119.0	2310.2	2446.0	9.4	5.5
EE	46.8	50.0	50.3	50.7	48.5	44.1	41.8	40.0	42.8	43.2	39.5	45.8	48.5	9.4	3.6
EL	53.7	60.8	57.9	61.3	59.2	57.5	55.8	50.0	50.5	51.7	51.2	53.5	58.3	12.5	8.5
ES	497.6	535.1	497.7	496.6	482.6	465.4	465.1	466.7	483.6	486.9	457.3	507.9	523.7	6.5	5.2
FR	2142.7	2156.3	1858.8	1722.0	1656.0	1702.9	1853.5	1892.1	2038.6	2113.2	1923.7	2078.5	2199.6	9.4	2.7
IE	614.6	722.5	678.2	666.4	596.2	493.8	394.8	239.7	142.8	126.8	193.1	337.0	604.3	85.3	-1.7
IT	896.7	897.6	897.9	878.2	825.5	803.9	808.1	800.3	817.2	864.9	841.8	911.7	909.6	3.1	1.4
CY	11.9	11.6	11.2	11.8	12.0	11.6	11.6	11.2	11.5	12.0	11.0	12.4	12.1	1.0	1.9
LV	32.8	42.5	50.5	53.7	53.9	50.1	42.7	33.7	33.8	32.1	29.2	33.4	37.9	17.3	15.5
LT	72.8	97.4	118.4	129.0	135.5	128.8	110.7	78.2	76.2	73.8	64.2	72.0	78.1	12.1	7.3
LU	22.3	23.7	22.1	21.9	20.8	20.1	20.4	19.8	21.7	22.6	20.5	22.3	22.7	5.5	2.1
HU	148.0	152.7	146.5	146.8	142.3	135.9	137.3	133.5	146.4	129.2	121.0	139.9	139.6	3.1	-5.7
MT	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.3	3.7	3.5	-2.3	8.4
NL	905.3	930.5	885.8	894.3	879.1	849.9	883.5	847.8	891.1	892.1	810.5	860.5	891.6	7.1	-1.5
AT	232.0	251.0	228.0	223.0	214.0	203.0	207.0	193.0	205.0	215.0	199.0	223.0	230.0	6.6	-0.9
PL	.	762.8	774.4	778.6	747.0	694.6	659.7	585.1	613.6	637.8	593.4	690.5	720.0	7.7	.
PT	172.2	180.9	165.6	163.4	155.2	141.4	141.4	139.1	148.1	156.6	149.7	170.2	180.2	9.4	4.7
SI	43.3	45.7	43.8	42.2	41.3	40.3	40.2	38.8	40.6	41.8	39.0	43.6	43.9	4.0	1.3
SK	80.4	86.8	82.4	82.8	81.2	76.5	74.5	68.2	77.1	79.7	73.1	76.1	84.6	15.0	5.3
FI	206.8	212.1	201.1	196.6	192.0	181.9	184.4	183.2	196.3	203.9	187.2	206.4	203.0	1.6	-1.8
SE	281.0	288.0	273.3	271.0	265.4	253.2	255.5	250.4	265.7	271.2	250.4	279.8	277.8	2.6	-1.1
UK	1244.9	1344.3	1243.6	1238.3	1176.7	1105.9	1106.0	1075.5	1147.9	1175.6	1082.5	1233.5	1242.0	4.0	-0.2
EU-25	.	12176	11429	11288	10868	10424	10508	10057	10537	10809	10015	11151	11806	9.4	.
EU-15	10216	10699	9927	9761	9381	9030	9177	8867	9281	9544	8847	9815	10421	9.7	2.0

Rate of change, corrected data = monthly amount collected / number of days per month x (365/12)



Annual situation



In this first month of the milk year, it is still not possible to make an overall comparison for the EU-25 relative to the first month of the previous marketing year, since the data from Poland are not available for April 2004. However, for the EU-15, collection grew relative to the previous year (+1.1%). This is due to the improvement of the productivity of the dairy herd (fewer dairy cows and more production).

In the new Member States, with the introduction in dairy herds of more productive cows, an appreciable increase in productivity is to be expected, and consequently a reduction in the number of dairy cows while respecting quotas as closely as possible.

Further information:

Reference publications

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