

Entrance of row cow's milk and obtained products into the dairies *December 2019^(P)*

The total quantity of purchased cow's milk, by dairies in the territory of Montenegro in December 2019 compared to December 2018, increased by 3.7%. Compared with the previous month, purchased milk increased by 2.2%.

The content of milk fat in December 2019 compared to December 2018 is the same, while the protein is decreased by 0.8%. Compared with the previous month content of milk fat is decreased by 1.5% and protein decreased by 1.2%.

In December 2019 compared to the same period in 2018 recorded an increase production of cream (by 11.6%), cream (traditional cream by 45.8%) and cheese (by 23.4%), but decreased was in production of drinking milk (by 9.2%) and fermented dairy products (by 2.9%).

In December 2019 compared with the previous month, increased was in production of drinking milk (by 0.1%), cream (by 4%), fermented dairy products (by 2.1%), cream (traditional cream by 12.4%) but decreased was in production of cheese (by 1.5%).

In the period from January to December 2019, the total quantity of cow's milk purchased was 27 969 554 kg and there was an decrease of 1.2% compared to the same period in 2018.

Table 1. Cows milk and dairy products

| Cows milk and dairy products / kg | December 2019 | Indices | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | <u>December 2019</u> December 2018 | <u>December 2019</u> November 2019 | <u>December 2019</u> Ø 2018 |
| Cow's milk collected | 2 226 191 | 103.7 | 102.2 | 94.4 |
| Fat content, % | 4.04 | 100.0 | 98.5 | 103.3 |
| Protein content, % | 3.33 | 99.2 | 98.8 | 100.2 |
| Drinking milk | 292 775 | 90.8 | 100.1 | 90.1 |
| Cream | 85 088 | 111.6 | 104.0 | 107.7 |
| Fermented products | 691 712 | 97.1 | 102.1 | 88.9 |
| Traditional butter | 16 130 | 145.8 | 112.4 | 162.3 |
| Other yellow products | 272 | 88.0 | 114.3 | 80.7 |
| Cows' cheese | 110 936 | 123.4 | 98.5 | 108.8 |

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

LEGAL BASIS

The survey's is conducted on the basis of the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 18/12).

Purpose and content of survey

The survey collects the data about the entrance of cow's milk and manufactured products, with monthly periodicity data collecting. Data on total milk quantites collected from the farms, excluded import.

The collected data is protected in accordance with the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System of Montenegro (Article 34).

Reporting units

Reporting units are dairies in the territory of Montenegro.

Survey coverage

The coverage is full, and all dairies are covered by the survey.

Method and time of collection

Data are collected through reporting method. Administrative data control conducted with cooperation with Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development.

The periodicity is monthly. Reporting units are obliged to send data to the Statistical Office – **MONSTAT**, up to 10th of the current month for the previous month (Monthly survey).

Definition

Definitions are in accordance with the regulations and the decision of Eurostat (Commission Decision No. 97/80EC, Annex 1)

The representativeness of the data

Data are representative on the level of Montenegro.

Data are considered **preliminary**, and becomes final within the defined deadline, as forseen by the Statistical Release Calendar.

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