

## Entrance of row cow's milk and obtained products into the dairies *March 2019<sup>(p)</sup>*

The total quantity of purchased cow's milk, by dairies in the territory of Montenegro in March 2019 compared to March 2018, decreased by 3.8%. Compared with the previous month, purchased milk increased by 11%.

The content of milk fat in March 2019 compared to March 2018 decreased by 3.5%, while the protein decreased by 4.9%. Compared with the previous month content of milk fat is decreased by 2.6% and protein decreased by 2.7%.

In March 2019 compared to the same period in 2018 recorded an increase fermented dairy products (by 11.8%), cream (traditional cream by 65.6%) and cheese (by 32.5%), but decreased was in production of drinking milk (by 1.8%) and cream (by 0.6%).

In March 2019 compared with the previous month, bigger production was of drinking milk (by 4.5%), cream (by 14.3%), fermented dairy products (by 6.6%), cream (traditional cream by 16.2%) and production of cheese (by 10.1%).

In the period from January to March 2019, the total quantity of cow's milk purchased was 6 286 573 kg and there was an decrease of 3.7% compared to the same period in 2018.

**Table 1. Cows milk and dairy products**

Cows milk and dairy products / kg	March 2019	Indices		
		<u>March 2019</u> March 2018	<u>March 2019</u> February 2019	<u>March 2019</u> Ø 2018
Cow's milk collected	2 214 211	96.2	111.0	93.9
Fat content, %	3.79	96.5	97.4	96.9
Protein content, %	3.17	95.1	97.3	95.3
Drinking milk	375 136	98.2	104.5	115.5
Cream	85 600	99.4	114.3	108.4
Fermented products	765 196	111.8	106.6	98.3
Traditional butter	15 976	165.6	116.2	160.8
Other yellow products	278	65.9	56.5	82.5
<b>Cows' cheese</b>	118 197	132.5	110.1	116.0

<sup>(p)</sup> Preliminary data

## 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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