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The quantity of cow's milk collected by processing units in March 2016 up 2.2% from March 2015

- The quantity of cow's milk collected by processing units from agricultural holdings and collection centres in March 2016 increased by 12.7% compared to February 2016 and was up 2.2% from March 2015.
- The quantity of cow's milk collected by processing units from agricultural holdings and collection centres in the first quarter of 2016 rose by 9.0% compared to the first quarter of 2015.

The quantity of milk collected by processing units and milk products obtained

	MU	Mar. 2015	Feb. 2016 ^{r)}	Mar. 2016	Quarter I 2015	Quarter I 2016
Cow's milk collected by processing units	tonnes	77464	70206	79143	201923	220011
Average fat content	%	3.77	3.81	3.77	3.79	3.81
Average protein content	%	3.27	3.27	3.27	3.27	3.27
Imported raw milk	tonnes	7860	13126	12734	24730	38120
Milk products obtained						
Drinking milk	tonnes	22919	23970	26152	68907	73178
Cream	tonnes	5356	5915	5688	16177	17711
Acidified milk ^{*)}	tonnes	14907	16903	16903	46540	50924
Butter	tonnes	946	939	972	2680	2714
Cheese products – total –	tonnes	6230	6749	7934	16130	20748
of which: cheese obtained exclusively from cow's milk	tonnes	5844	6164	6670	15063	18309

The data for 2015 are final, and the ones for 2016 are provisional.

^{r)} The previously published data have been rectified.

^{*)} It includes yogurt, drinking yogurt, curd and other similar milk products.

[The data of the table in xls format](#)

March 2016 compared to February 2016

The quantity of cow's milk collected by processing units in March 2016 increased by 8937 tonnes (+12.7%) compared to the previous month.

Of the main milk products, the largest increase in production was recorded for cheese products, including the cheese obtained exclusively from cow's milk (84.1% of the total production of cheese products), with 1185 more tonnes produced (+17.6%) in March 2016 than in February 2016, followed by drinking milk, for which a 2182 tonne rise (+9.1%) was reported, and butter, with 33 more tonnes produced (+3.5%).

In March 2016, a 227 tonne decrease (-3.8%) in production was reported for cream compared to the previous month.

The production of acidified milk (yogurt, drinking yogurt, curd and other similar milk products) obtained in March 2016 was equal to the one obtained the previous month.

The quantity of imported raw milk decreased by 392 tonnes (-3.0%) in March 2016 compared to February 2016.

March 2016 compared to March 2015

The quantity of cow's milk collected by processing units in March 2016 was up 1679 tonnes (+2.2%) from the same month of the previous year.

The following increases in production were recorded for the main milk products in March 2016 compared to the same month of 2015: 1704 tonnes (+27.4%) for cheese products, including the cheese obtained exclusively from cow's milk, 3233 tonnes (+14.1%) for drinking milk, 1996 tonnes (+13.4%) for acidified milk (yogurt, drinking yogurt, curd and other similar milk products), 332 tonnes (+6.2%) for cream and 26 tonnes (+2.7%) for butter.

The quantity of imported raw milk increased by 4874 tonnes (+62.0%) in March 2016 compared to March 2015.

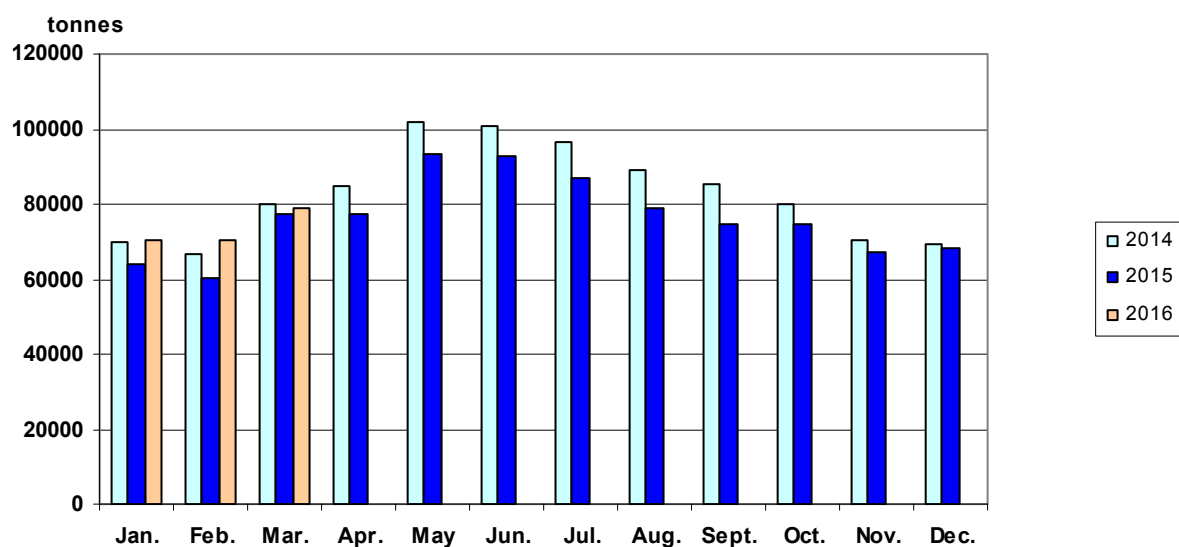
The first quarter of 2016 compared to the first quarter of 2015

The quantity of cow's milk collected by processing units in the first quarter of 2016 rose by 18088 tonnes (+9.0%) compared to the first quarter of 2015.

The biggest increases in production were recorded for: cheese products, including the cheese obtained exclusively from cow's milk (88.2% of the total production of cheese products), with 4618 more tonnes produced (+28.6%) in the first quarter of 2016 than in the first quarter of 2015, cream, for which a 1534 tonne rise (+9.5%) was reported, acidified milk (yogurt, drinking yogurt and other similar milk products), with 4384 more tonnes produced (+9.4%), drinking milk, for which a 4271 tonne rise (+6.2%) was reported, and butter, with 34 more tonnes produced (+1.3%).

The quantity of imported raw milk was up 13390 tonnes (+54.1%) in the first quarter of 2016 from the first quarter of 2015.

Evolution of the quantity of cow's milk collected by processing units



Further information:

For an accurate interpretation of the indicators, please see the [Methodological explanations attached to the press release on the homepage](#).

The next press release will be issued on Thursday, 9 June 2016.

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