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PRODUCTION AND USAGE OF MILK ON AGRICULTURAL FARMS, 2024

In 2024 as compared to 2023, the total production of milk at private family farms increased by **1.7%**, that is, by about 4 500 tonnes. At the same time, the quantity of milk that farms delivered to dairies increased by 3.7%, that is, by about 6 500 tonnes.

In 2024 as compared to 2023, the consumption of fresh milk in households decreased by 3.0%, the direct sales of milk decreased by 0.1%, and the total quantity of milk used as feedingstuff decreased by 3.1%. The quantity of milk processed at farms into dairy products decreased by 1.5% compared to the previous year.

As regards dairy products, the total production of fresh cheese decreased by 1.4%, while the production of other types of cheese remained at approximately the same level as the year before. The production of cream decreased by 3.1% and the production of butter by 20.0%, while the production of other products increased by **0.6%**.

1 MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS AT PRIVATE FAMILY FARMS, 2024¹⁾

	Quantities, t		Indices 2024 2023
	2023	2024	
Availability and usage			
Total milk production (cows', ewes' and goats')	271 688	276 215	101,7
Delivered to dairies	175 268	181 728	103,7
Home consumption	20 102	19 498	97,0
Direct sales (on farms, markets, gifted, etc.)	15 073	15 061	99,9
Used as feedingstuff, whole milk	30 762	29 805	96,9
Home processing-	29 418	28 968	98,5
Differences and losses	1 065	1 155	108,5
Products obtained			
Cream	544	527	96,9
Butter	15	12	80,0
Fresh cheese	2 040	2 011	98,6
Whey cheese	181	174	96,1
Other cheese	803	803	100,0
Other products (yoghurt, acidified milk etc.)	178	179	100,6

1) See Notes on Methodology.

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Sources and methods of data collection

The methodology for carrying out the survey on milk and dairy products is based on the Methodological Basis for Gathering Data on Milk and Dairy Products Statistics (NN, No. 42/13).

The data on the annual milk production at private family farms are collected as a part of the regular Annual Survey on Crop and Animal Production, which is done by using the sampling method.

The sample for the Annual Survey on Crop and Animal Production (PO-71 form) has been selected on the basis of the Statistical Register of Agricultural Holdings and consists of approximately 25 000 units.

The expanded data have been compared to the data from previous years and to available administrative sources (Croatian Agency for Agriculture and Food – Central Laboratory for Milk Quality Control). On the basis of all available data, corrections have been implemented as needed.

Coverage and comparability

The reporting units for the Annual Report on Livestock Production on Agricultural Farms are private family farms engaged in the breeding of livestock and poultry.

The total quantity of milk delivered to dairies (the Central Laboratory for Milk Control data published in the First Release POLJ-2025-3-6 Production of Milk and Dairy Products, 2024) exceeds the figure issued in this First Release due to the fact that this First Release includes only private family farms.

Confidentiality

Aggregate data from which individual reporting units can be identified (small number of units, the dominance rule or the secondary confidentiality rule) are treated as confidential in accordance with the Official Statistics Act (NN, Nos 25/20 and 155/23) and the Instruction on the Method of Protection of Confidential Statistical Data in the Croatian Bureau of Statistics, and are, therefore, not published.

Definitions

Total milk production includes cows', ewes' and goats' milk obtained by milking. Quantities of available milk and its usage are expressed in tonnes. The conversion coefficient for milk is 1.03 (1 l = 1.03 kg).

Milk delivered to dairies includes deliveries of all types of milk (cows', ewes' and goats').

Home consumption includes whole milk consumed by a holder's household (for human consumption only).

Direct sales include the sale at an agricultural farm or a market as well as gifting whole milk for human consumption directly to final consumers.

Milk for feedingstuff includes whole milk used on a farm for animal feedingstuff (either milk itself or as a compound of other animal feedingstuff).

Differences and losses item refers to the statistical difference and the quantities of milk lost during the production process.

Products obtained include cream, butter, cheese and other products obtained by milk processing on farms. Quantities are expressed as net amounts in tonnes.

Abbreviations

kg	kilogram
l	litre
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia
t	tonne

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