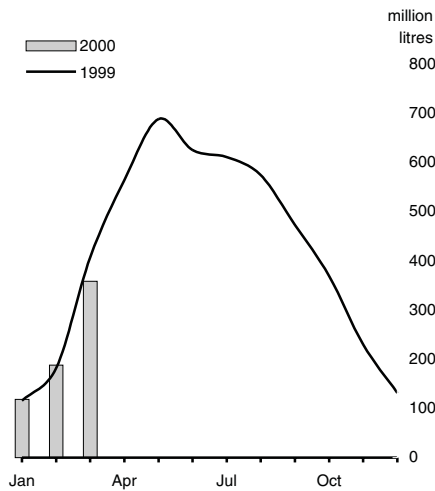




## Milk Statistics

### March 2000

#### Domestic Milk Intake



Domestic Milk Intake	1999	2000	% change
	million litres		
<b>Mar</b>	406.8	358.8	-11.8%
<b>Jan-Mar</b>	704.6	665.4	-5.6%

#### Domestic milk intake down 11.8% in March

Domestic milk intake by Creameries and Pasteurisers was estimated as 358.8 million litres for March 2000. This was 11.8% below the corresponding 1999 figure. *See graph.*

The average fat content for April 1999 to March 2000 was 3.7%.

Comparing the March 2000 milk produce figures with those for March 1999 shows that (*see Table 1*):

- ◆ Total milk sold for human consumption increased by 1.8% to 45.8 million litres.
- ◆ Butter production was down by 3.7% to 10,300 tonnes.

Additional information on raw milk imports has been included in Table 1 for the first time. The figures include both raw milk purchases from abroad and milk processed on contract. The information used to compile this release was collected under EU Directive 96/16/EC.

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**Table 1 Milk Statistics**

Category	Year	Unit	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Domestic milk intake by creameries and pasteurisers	1998	million	120.4	195.0	382.3	575.5	680.0	659.5	609.8	567.8	461.9	363.2	200.6	128.4	<b>4,944.4</b>
	1999	litres	115.7	182.1	406.8	564.3	689.0	625.5	611.0	574.9	473.4	368.9	230.2	131.5	<b>4,973.4</b>
	2000		118.7	<sup>1</sup> 187.9	358.8										
<i>Fat content</i>	1998	percent	3.67	3.61	3.57	3.55	3.49	3.55	3.60	3.68	3.87	4.08	4.06	3.88	<b>3.67</b>
	1999		3.77	3.68	3.62	3.58	3.52	3.54	3.60	3.71	3.89	4.11	4.12	3.89	<b>3.70</b>
	2000		3.73	3.67	3.63										
Total milk sold for human consumption	1998	million	44.2	40.9	45.3	44.8	45.2	44.2	47.0	47.5	46.2	46.9	43.9	47.1	<b>543.2</b>
	1999	litres	43.8	39.7	45.0	43.8	44.4	44.6	45.4	45.7	44.1	44.9	43.8	44.6	<b>529.8</b>
	2000		43.3	<sup>1</sup> 42.1	45.8										
of which:															
<i>Whole milk sales</i>	1998	million	36.5	33.7	37.0	35.8	36.8	36.2	38.4	38.8	37.7	38.2	35.8	38.3	<b>443.2</b>
	1999	litres	35.3	32.0	36.1	35.2	35.6	35.9	36.5	36.8	35.5	36.1	35.1	35.9	<b>425.9</b>
	2000		35.9	<sup>1</sup> 33.7	36.6										
<i>Skimmed &amp; semi- skimmed milk sales</i>	1998	million	7.7	7.2	8.3	9.0	8.4	8.0	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.7	8.1	8.8	<b>99.9</b>
	1999	litres	8.5	7.7	8.8	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	8.6	8.8	8.7	8.8	<b>103.9</b>
	2000		7.4	8.4	9.3										
Butter	1998	'000	2.5	3.7	8.7	14.7	16.3	18.4	18.0	16.2	13.7	10.4	4.8	3.8	<b>131.1</b>
	1999	tonnes	2.5	3.6	10.7	15.1	18.4	17.8	17.4	15.5	13.0	10.3	7.2	3.8	<b>135.4</b>
	2000		3.4	<sup>1</sup> 5.2	10.3										
Skimmed milk powder	1998	'000	1.8	2.1	4.5	9.1	15.4	13.5	13.6	12.5	8.2	4.8	1.8	3.6	<b>90.9</b>
	1999	tonnes	2.0	3.0	7.0	10.2	12.2	11.2	11.4	11.1	6.5	3.5	3.1	3.1	<b>84.4</b>
	2000		4.0	<sup>1</sup> 2.7	3.6										
Cheese	1997	'000	2.3	4.3	5.7	11.2	13.9	13.3	12.4	9.5	9.2	7.4	4.3	3.2	<b>96.7</b>
	1998	tonnes	1.7	2.9	8.1	11.4	12.9	12.7	11.6	10.4	10.7	8.4	3.4	1.1	<b>95.3</b>
	1999		1.2	2.3	8.8	14.4	15.0	15.0	12.1	10.8	11.6	8.2	3.5	2.5	<b>105.5</b>
Imported milk intake <sup>2</sup>	1998	million	18.9	16.9	25.9	18.8	18.7	16.4	16.6	13.9	22.9	38.2	38.4	36.2	<b>281.8</b>
	1999	litres	22.6	19.0	39.8	25.0	29.4	28.2	24.9	21.2	25.0	40.8	42.1	42.5	<b>360.6</b>
	2000		47.4	41.2	44.0										

<sup>1</sup> Revised<sup>2</sup> Raw milk imports and imported milk for processing on contract

## Background Notes

**Coverage** The monthly milk and milk products inquiry is a census of all creameries and pasteurisers. Information on cheese production is provided by the monthly industrial production inquiry also carried out by the CSO.

**Milk intake by creameries and pasteurisers** Whole milk purchased by creameries and pasteurisers from domestic producers through collection depots and separating stations including whole milk obtained from herds owned by the creameries and pasteurisers. The fat content of the whole milk is also collected. To convert milk intake from million litres to '000 tonnes use the following formula:

1 tonne liquid milk = 971.164 litres.

**Skimmed milk** Milk with less than or equal to 0.3% fat content.

**Semi-skimmed milk** Milk with between 1.5% and 1.8% fat content.

**Skimmed milk powder** Milk powder with not more than 1.5% milk fat content.

**Related releases** The CSO publishes an annual supply balance sheet relating to milk and milk products.

EU	Milk intake by creameries and pasteurisers			'000 tonnes
Country	Jan-Dec 1998	Jan-Dec 1999	% change	
<b>European Union</b>	<b>113,243</b>	<b>114,725</b>	<b>1.3</b>	
Austria	2,430	2,535	4.3	
Belgium	3,287	3,264	-0.7	
Denmark	4,468	4,455	-0.3	
Finland	2,363	2,394	1.3	
France	22,969	23,121	0.7	
Germany	26,752	26,783	0.1	
Greece	550	527	-4.1	
Ireland	5,091	5,121	0.6	
Italy	10,130	10,371	2.4	
Luxembourg	255	258	1.0	
Netherlands	10,541	10,683	1.3	
Portugal	1,689	1,797	6.4	
Spain	5,378	5,662	5.3	
Sweden	3,278	3,299	0.7	
United Kingdom	14,063	14,456	2.8	

Source: New Cronos database, Eurostat