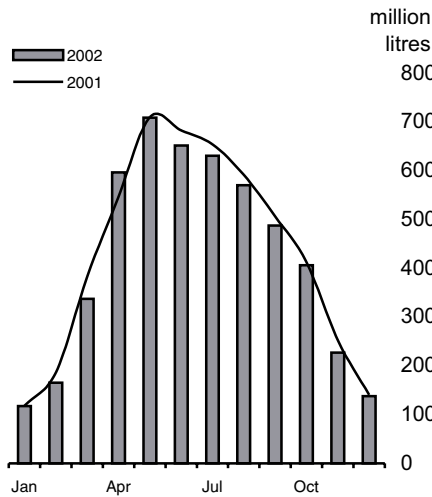




**Domestic Milk Intake**



**Milk Statistics**  
December 2002

Domestic Milk Intake	2001	2002	% change
	million litres		
<b>Dec</b>	140.4	137.8	-1.9%
<b>Jan-Dec</b>	5,184.2	5,036.4	-2.9%

**Domestic milk intake down 1.9% in December**

Domestic milk intake by creameries and pasteurisers was estimated as 137.8 million litres for December 2002. This was 1.9% below the corresponding 2001 figure. *See graph.*

Comparing the December 2002 milk produce figures with those for December 2001 shows that (*see Table 1*):

- ◆ Total milk sold for human consumption decreased by 3.4% to 43.1 million litres.
- ◆ Butter production was up 10.0% to 3,300 tonnes.

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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	2000	million	118.9	187.8	358.7	611.4	695.9	676.3	638.7	570.8	476.7	359.9	191.2	125.0	<b>5,011.5</b>
	2001	litres	118.1	185.9	382.5	546.5	710.1	682.6	654.0	591.8	506.6	413.1	252.6	140.4	<b>5,184.2</b>
	2002		117.3	165.2	337.5	596.4	709.0	651.6	630.4	570.6	487.4	406.3	227.0	137.8	<b>5,036.4</b>
<i>Fat content</i>	2000	percent	3.73	3.67	3.63	3.55	3.53	3.57	3.62	3.73	3.92	4.17	4.14	3.93	<b>3.70</b>
	2001		3.78	3.74	3.71	3.62	3.52	3.56	3.64	3.75	3.89	4.12	4.20	4.02	<b>3.74</b>
	2002		3.82	3.77	3.73	3.60	3.59	3.62	3.62	3.69	3.84	4.10	4.22	3.99	<b>3.73</b>
Total milk sold for human consumption	2000	million	43.4	42.1	45.9	44.1	45.2	43.9	45.3	45.5	43.9	44.7	42.5	43.7	<b>530.1</b>
	2001	litres	43.4	40.4	46.5	43.6	46.8	45.4	46.1	46.8	45.1	46.8	44.3	44.6	<b>539.6</b>
	2002		46.1	42.2	44.6	44.7	46.2	44.0	45.9	45.5	44.4	46.0	44.1	43.1	<b>536.8</b>
of which:															
<i>Whole milk sales</i>	2000	million	35.9	33.7	36.6	35.1	36.0	35.0	36.1	36.3	34.9	35.4	33.6	34.6	<b>423.0</b>
	2001	litres	34.3	31.7	36.4	34.1	37.1	35.8	36.3	36.8	35.6	36.7	34.9	35.2	<b>425.0</b>
	2002		36.1	32.9	34.6	34.7	35.9	34.2	35.8	35.4	34.6	35.7	34.2	33.5	<b>417.5</b>
<i>Skimmed &amp; semi-skimmed milk sales</i>	2000	million	7.5	8.5	9.3	9.0	9.3	9.0	9.2	9.2	9.0	9.3	8.9	9.1	<b>107.1</b>
	2001	litres	9.1	8.7	10.0	9.5	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.9	9.6	10.0	9.4	9.4	<b>114.6</b>
	2002		9.9	9.3	10.1	10.0	10.3	9.8	10.2	10.1	9.9	10.3	9.9	9.5	<b>119.2</b>
Butter	2000	'000	3.4	5.2	10.3	15.1	19.2	18.3	16.7	15.5	12.9	11.1	4.7	3.1	<b>135.4</b>
	2001	tonnes	2.9	4.0	8.1	12.6	17.3	16.5	17.3	16.6	12.1	11.9	7.1	3.0	<b>129.3</b>
	2002		2.3	3.8	9.8	16.6	20.1	18.2	17.1	14.6	12.2	11.5	5.9	3.3	<b>135.2</b>
Skimmed milk powder	2000	'000	4.0	2.7	3.6	10.5	14.2	12.2	9.4	8.2	5.7	4.1	2.1	2.4	<b>78.8</b>
	2001	tonnes	1.8	2.2	5.0	8.3	13.5	11.3	13.0	12.1	6.4	6.2	3.3	3.2	<b>86.3</b>
	2002		3.1	2.9	5.3	8.9	11.8	12.7	14.8	15.4	13.4	5.0	<sup>1</sup> 1.4	2.6	<b>97.2</b>
Cheese	2000	'000	0.9	2.0	7.7	12.6	13.7	17.1	13.9	11.1	10.5	5.3	2.4	1.3	<b>98.5</b>
	2001	tonnes	0.9	2.5	8.7	12.8	16.4	19.6	16.2	13.9	15.3	9.4	4.9	2.3	<b>122.8</b>
	2002		1.2	1.7	5.2	13.7	14.8	19.1	16.2	14.9	13.9	8.3			
Imported milk intake <sup>2</sup>	2000	million	47.5	41.2	44.0	20.1	23.1	22.7	19.9	17.6	16.4	17.1	15.3	19.3	<b>304.2</b>
	2001	litres	23.4	18.2	*	*	*	15.3	27.2	25.2	23.5	24.6	24.1	28.0	<b>*</b>
	2002		16.8	21.9	29.2	31.2	31.6	26.3	22.1	19.3	21.0	17.0	18.3	18.3	<b>273.0</b>

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

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## 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:

$$1 \text{ tonne liquid milk} = 971.164 \text{ litres.}$$

**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.

**Cheese** The cheese figures are not adjusted to a calendar month basis.

**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-May 2001	Jan-May 2002	% change	
<b>European Union</b>	48,963	49,425	0.9	
Austria	1,129	1,128	-0.1	
Belgium	1,359	1,257	-7.5	
Denmark	1,827	1,872	2.5	
Finland	1,036	1,054	1.8	
France	10,388	10,626	2.3	
Germany	11,372	11,331	-0.4	
Greece	260	240	-7.6	
Ireland	2,001	1,982	-0.9	
Italy	4,376	4,446	1.6	
Luxembourg	112	113	0.8	
Netherlands	4,469	4,349	-2.7	
Portugal	776	836	7.7	
Spain	2,410	2,488	3.2	
Sweden	1,408	1,407	-0.1	
United Kingdom	6,043	6,296	4.2	

Source: New Cronos database, Eurostat