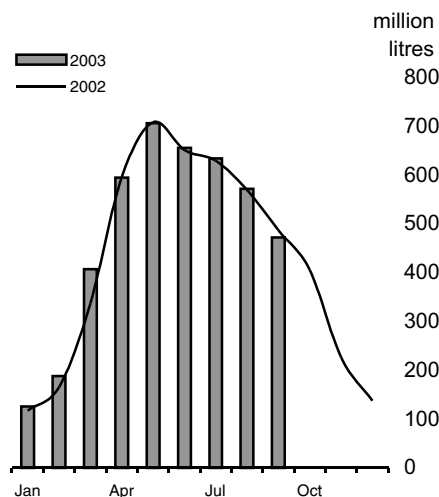


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## Milk Statistics September 2003

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	2002	2003	% change
	million litres		
Sep	487.3	472.4	-3.1%
Jan-Sep	4,265.0	4,360.0	2.2%

### Domestic milk intake down 3.1% in September

Domestic milk intake by creameries and pasteurisers was estimated as 472.4 million litres for September 2003. This was 3.1% below the corresponding 2002 figure. *See graph.*

Comparing the September 2003 milk produce figures with those for September 2002 shows that (*see Table 1*):

- ♦ Total milk sold for human consumption increased by 1.1% to 44.9 million litres.
- ♦ Butter production was up 7.4% to 13,100 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	2001	million	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	litres	117.3	165.2	337.5	596.4	709.0	651.4	630.3	570.6	487.3	406.4	226.8	137.8	<b>5,036.0</b>
	2003		126.1	188.2	407.7	595.3	707.1	656.3	634.3	<sup>1</sup> 572.6	472.4				
<i>Fat content</i>	2001	percent	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>
	2003		3.82	3.79	3.69	3.55	3.58	3.60	3.64	3.69	3.87				
Total milk sold for human consumption	2001	million	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	litres	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>
	2003		45.4	40.8	48.2	41.6	44.8	43.0	45.3	44.0	44.9				
of which:															
<i>Whole milk sales</i>	2001	million	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	litres	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>
	2003		35.1	31.4	36.9	32.1	34.6	33.1	34.7	33.7	34.4				
<i>Skimmed &amp; semi-skimmed milk sales</i>	2001	million	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	litres	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>
	2003		10.3	9.4	11.3	9.5	10.2	9.8	10.6	10.2	10.4				
Butter	2001	'000	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	tonnes	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>
	2003		2.7	4.5	11.1	15.0	19.5	18.0	17.4	14.8	13.1				
Skimmed milk powder	2001	'000	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	tonnes	3.1	2.9	5.3	8.9	11.8	12.7	14.8	15.4	13.4	5.0	1.4	2.6	<b>97.2</b>
	2003		1.4	2.4	7.1	9.8	13.2	12.4	11.2	8.7	5.8				
Cheese	2001	'000	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	tonnes	1.2	1.7	5.2	13.7	14.8	19.1	16.2	14.9	13.9	8.3	4.2	2.6	<b>115.9</b>
	2003		1.6	2.6	8.5	11.8	13.7	15.3	13.4						
Imported milk intake <sup>2</sup>	2001	million	23.4	18.2	*	*	*	15.3	27.2	25.2	23.5	24.6	24.1	28.0	<b>*</b>
	2002	litres	16.8	21.9	29.2	31.2	31.6	26.3	22.1	19.3	21.0	17.0	18.3	23.8	<b>278.5</b>
	2003		22.5	22.8	32.7	32.5	36.2	32.8	30.2	<sup>1</sup> 27.8	20.7				

<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 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.

**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-Jul 2002	Jan-Jul 2003	% change
<b>European Union</b>	69,215	69,417	0.3
Austria	1,593	1,591	-0.1
Belgium	1,766	1,738	-1.6
Denmark	2,634	2,690	2.1
Finland	1,468	1,433	-2.4
France	14,440	14,082	-2.5
Germany	15,918	16,261	2.2
Greece	344	345	0.4
Ireland	3,302	3,414	3.4
Italy	5,961	6,157	3.3
Luxembourg	159	156	-2.0
Netherlands	6,140	6,327	3.1
Portugal	1,190	1,116	-6.2
Spain	3,567	3,405	-4.5
Sweden	1,950	1,910	-2.1
United Kingdom	8,783	8,793	0.1

Source: New Cronos database, Eurostat