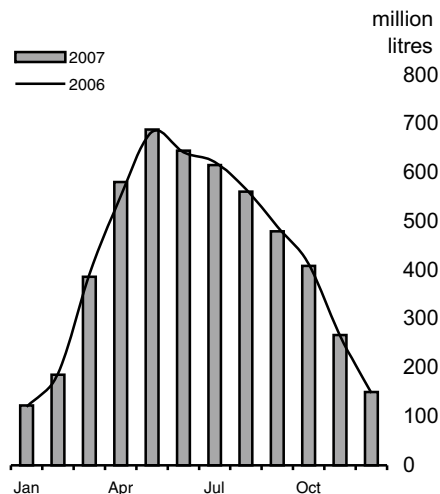




Milk Statistics

December 2007

Domestic Milk Intake



Domestic Milk Intake	2006	2007	% change
million litres			
Dec	148.4	150.1	1.1%
Jan-Dec	5,081.0	5,092.0	0.2%

Domestic milk intake up 1.1% in December

Domestic milk intake by creameries and pasteurisers was estimated as 150.1 million litres for December 2007. This was 1.1% above the corresponding 2006 figure. (See graph).

Comparing the December 2007 milk produce figures with those for December 2006 shows that (see Table 1):

- ◆ Total milk sold for human consumption decreased by 1.2% to 42.6 million litres.
- ◆ Butter production was down 8.0% to 4,600 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	2005	million	123.1	187.6	327.4	587.0	679.7	640.6	612.6	559.7	469.8	376.5	216.4	134.9	4,915.3
	2006	litres	119.9	187.7	391.1	552.2	683.6	641.6	622.1	566.3	489.3	412.7	266.1	148.4	5,081.0
	2007		123.0	185.4	386.5	581.0	688.3	645.2	615.4	560.8	479.7	409.1	¹ 267.4	150.1	5,092.0
<i>Fat content</i>	2005	percent	3.87	3.87	3.80	3.67	3.60	3.61	3.64	3.75	3.96	4.16	4.18	3.96	3.77
	2006		3.81	3.83	3.79	3.64	3.59	3.57	3.59	3.73	3.92	4.10	4.18	4.01	3.75
	2007		3.87	3.87	3.80	3.59	3.62	3.66	3.71	3.79	3.93	4.12	4.24	4.05	3.79
Total milk sold for human consumption	2005	million	43.5	40.5	45.4	40.9	44.5	43.2	43.3	45.8	44.4	42.7	43.6	42.7	520.4
	2006	litres	43.6	40.3	46.2	41.4	44.2	42.8	43.3	46.9	43.6	44.4	44.1	43.1	524.0
	2007		44.4	41.9	45.3	42.6	44.6	43.3	43.9	45.7	44.1	45.4	¹ 43.7	42.6	527.3
of which:															
<i>Whole milk sales</i>	2005	million	32.8	30.3	33.8	30.5	33.1	32.2	32.1	33.9	32.9	31.6	32.3	31.7	387.0
	2006	litres	32.0	29.5	33.8	30.2	32.4	31.3	31.6	34.3	31.8	32.3	32.2	31.4	382.8
	2007		32.1	29.3	32.4	30.4	31.8	30.8	31.2	32.2	31.1	31.9	¹ 30.5	29.8	373.6
<i>Skimmed & semi- skimmed milk sales</i>	2005	million	10.8	10.2	11.7	10.4	11.4	11.1	11.2	11.9	11.5	11.1	11.3	11.0	133.4
	2006	litres	11.6	10.8	12.4	11.2	11.7	11.5	11.7	12.6	11.8	12.1	12.0	11.7	141.2
	2007		12.3	12.6	12.8	12.1	12.8	12.5	12.7	13.4	13.0	13.5	¹ 13.2	12.7	153.7
Butter	2005	'000	3.4	5.6	12.8	15.8	19.0	17.6	16.0	16.5	13.9	11.4	6.7	4.3	143.0
	2006	tonnes	3.9	5.2	11.0	14.9	19.8	17.2	15.8	14.7	13.8	10.5	7.3	5.0	139.1
	2007		3.8	5.0	10.1	14.8	19.1	21.1	16.8	15.3	12.1	10.3	¹ 8.4	4.6	141.4
Skimmed milk powder	2005	'000	2.1	2.8	2.6	5.9	9.8	9.0	7.3	7.0	4.3	2.4	*	1.5	*
	2006	tonnes	2.5	2.5	3.0	5.5	10.4	8.7	10.0	8.5	6.9	5.2	2.2	3.1	68.5
	2007		2.4	1.9	5.0	10.1	13.2	14.3	12.5	8.8	5.7	4.0	¹ 1.8	2.8	82.6
Cheese ²	2005	'000	0.7	1.6	9.4	14.8	17.3	18.6	15.6	13.2	13.3	7.7	4.6	2.0	118.8
	2006	tonnes	1.0	3.2	9.9	15.3	17.1	17.9	17.2	15.0	15.8	14.6	8.0	1.8	136.9
Imported milk intake ³	2005	million	48.9	46.2	50.2	44.3	48.9	43.9	44.7	42.4	47.5	42.4	42.3	48.6	550.3
	2006	litres	58.1	41.4	45.3	48.2	49.0	47.9	45.6	45.0	47.3	44.8	44.0	49.4	565.9
	2007		54.6	38.0	35.8	38.7	46.9	45.7	39.7	33.4	31.7	33.7	¹ 36.7	38.2	473.0

¹ Revised² Monthly production is an estimate based on actual annual totals³ Raw milk imports and imported milk for processing on contract

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EU Milk intake by creameries and pasteurisers

'000 tonnes

Country	Jan-Sep 2006	Jan-Sep 2007	% change
European Union¹	100781	100836	0.1
Austria	2032	2032	0.0
Belgium	2149	2198	2.3
Bulgaria	616	582	-5.6
Cyprus	103	107	3.8
Czech Republic	1820	1860	2.2
Denmark	3396	3422	0.8
Estonia	462	453	-1.9
Finland	1786	1757	-1.6
France	17155	17089	-0.4
Germany	20294	20695	2.0
Greece	557	538	-3.3
Hungary	1092	1109	1.5
Ireland	4380	4392	0.3
Italy	7762	7680	-1.0
Latvia	447	488	9.2
Lithuania	974	1042	7.0
Luxembourg	194	199	2.2
Malta	31	*	
Netherlands	7979	8047	0.8
Poland	6740	6686	-0.8
Portugal	1433	1408	-1.8
Romania	855	882	3.1
Slovakia	736	734	-0.3
Slovenia	386	405	5.0
Spain	4425	4318	-2.4
Sweden	2381	2283	-4.1
United Kingdom	10626	10429	-1.9

Source: New Cronos database, Eurostat (except Ireland and European Union total, CSO).

¹ Figures for EU do not include Malta.

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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 compiled using data provided by companies covered in the CSO monthly industrial production enquiry. From early 2004 monthly production is an estimate based on actual annual totals.

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.