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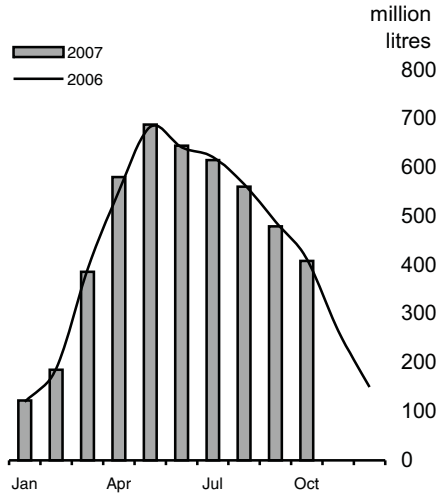

Domestic Milk Intake	2006	2007	% change
	million litres		
Oct	412.7	409.1	-0.9%
Jan-Oct	4,666.5	4,674.5	0.2%

Domestic milk intake down 0.9% in October

Domestic milk intake by creameries and pasteurisers was estimated as 409.1 million litres for October 2007. This was 0.9% below the corresponding 2006 figure. (*See graph).*

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

- Total milk sold for human consumption increased by 2.3% to 45.4 million litres.
- Butter production was down 1.9% to 10,300 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	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**
by creameries and	2006	litres	119.9	187.7	391.1	552.2	683.6	641.6	622.1	566.3	489.3	412.7	266.1	[1]148.4	**[1]5,081.0**
pasteurisers	2007		[1]123.0	185.4	386.5	581.0	688.3	645.2	615.4	560.8	[1]479.7	409.1			
Fat content	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	[1]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			
Total milk sold for human	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**
consumption	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	[1]44.1	45.4			
of which:															
Whole milk sales	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	[1]31.1	31.9			
Skimmed & semi-	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**
skimmed milk sales	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	[1]13.0	13.5			
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			
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			
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	[1]31.7	33.7			

[1] Revised
[2] Monthly production is an estimate based on actual annual totals
[3] 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-Jun 2006	Jan-Jun 2007	% change
European Union	**67697**	**68078**	**0.6**
Austria	1373	1379	0.4
Belgium	1470	1529	4.0
Bulgaria	398	392	-1.4
Cyprus	69	73	5.7
Czech Republic	1220	1239	1.6
Denmark	2268	2301	1.5
Estonia	300	299	-0.4
Finland	1209	1197	-1.0
France	12023	11980	-0.4
Germany	13589	13960	2.7
Greece	366	359	-1.8
Hungary	729	711	-2.4
Ireland	2653	2687	1.3
Italy	5294	5236	-1.1
Latvia	268	296	10.8
Lithuania	557	608	9.1
Luxembourg	132	137	3.6
Malta	21	21	0.3
Netherlands	5382	5431	0.9
Poland	4311	4348	0.9
Portugal	983	957	-2.6
Romania	544	564	3.8
Slovakia	492	489	-0.5
Slovenia	256	270	5.4
Spain	2969	2914	-1.9
Sweden	1613	1565	-3.0
United Kingdom	7210	7135	-1.0

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

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.