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Utilisation of milk by dairies in England & Wales – January 2013

The latest national statistics on the utilisation of milk by dairies in England and Wales were released on 14 March 2013 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

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Key points

This release shows the latest monthly information on the volume of milk used by dairies in England and Wales for the production of a range of liquid milk and milk products.

The key results for January 2013 are given below:

- The intake of raw whole milk was 762 million litres, a 3.8 per cent decrease on the same period last year.
- 370 million litres of whole milk and 92 million litres of skim milk were used for liquid milk.
- 161 million litres of whole milk and 23 million litres of skim milk were used for cheese production.

This notice and additional tables are available at:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/statistics/foodfarm/food/milk/milk-utilisation/>

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Section 1: Utilisation of milk by Dairies in England and Wales – January 2013

Table 1 shows the volume of milk used by dairies in England and Wales for the production of a range of milk products during January 2013. This survey regularly accounts for over 95% of the milk available for processing in England and Wales. The majority of the remaining milk is used to make liquid milk and cheese, with small amounts being used for cream, yogurt and other milk products.

Table 1: Utilisation of milk by Dairies in England and Wales – January 2013 (a)(b)

A. AVAILABILITY	Whole milk ('000 litres)	Skim milk ('000 skim litres)	Cream ('000 cream litres)
1. TOTAL INTAKE	761,996	15,781	13,386
2. SEPARATION: Total separated Obtained from separation	-175,600	141,582	34,018
3. TOTAL AVAILABLE	586,397	157,362	47,404
B. DISPOSALS	Whole milk ('000 litres)	Skim milk ('000 skim litres)	Cream ('000 cream litres)
4. Liquid milk	370,456	92,273	
5. Butter			18,907
6. Cheese: Cheddar	128,161		
Other long life territorials	13,395		
Cheshire (c)	c		
Other short life territorials	7,006		
Blue vein	8,425		
Other cheese	4,432		
Total Cheese	161,419	23,202	1,902
7. Cream: 48% fat and over			12,686
29% to 48% fat			4,790
under 29% fat			2,617
8. Other (inc.powders,yoghurt & condensed milk)	27,669	37,562	1,955
9. Sub sales to other organisations (d)	19,301	c	4,589
10. Stock change and wastage	7,553	4,325	-41
11. TOTAL DISPOSALS	586,397	157,362	47,404

“c” denotes data are confidential and cannot be published. Data not published are grouped with another item as annotated below.

(a) To protect the confidentiality of individual respondents it is not possible to publish all the data that are collected.

(b) Due to rounding, totals may not agree with the sum of the individual items.

(c) Where milk used for Cheshire is confidential, the milk used is included with ‘other short life territorials’.

(d) Where sub sales of milk to other organisations is confidential, the milk used is included with ‘Stock change and wastage’.

Section 2: Methodology, Notes and Revisions Policy

1. The information in this notice is used by the UK government and the EU as evidence for assessing market conditions and evaluating agricultural policy. Statistics on milk used by dairies in the production of drinking milk and milk products is required by the EU under Council Directive 19/16EC (and subsequent amendments). Other users include the food and farming industry, academia and the general public. Our contact details are available on the front page of this notice for you to send feedback or ask questions about the information provided.
2. Defra runs a regular survey of milk utilisation by dairies in England and Wales. It is a voluntary sample survey with 32 monthly respondents and 29 quarterly respondents. The response rate is regularly 100 per cent. The figures presented in this notice are aggregated totals for these respondents. The figures are not raised to account for all the milk delivered to dairies in England and Wales. Similar surveys are run by RERAD in Scotland and DARD in Northern Ireland, though their surveys account for all milk used by dairies in Scotland and Northern Ireland.
3. The total volume of milk recorded by the Defra survey for England and Wales is compared with information from the Rural Payments Agency on the volume of milk delivered to dairies (information which is collected under milk quota regulations). Further information regarding survey coverage is contained in Section 1 of this notice.
4. The data are subject to a variety of validation checks which identify inconsistencies in the data. All data are cleaned prior to publication in discussion with the survey respondents.

Revisions policy

5. Figures in this notice are provisional and subject to revision. We will provide information about any revisions we make to previously published information in this statistics notice, and the associated datasets. Revisions could occur for various reasons, including:
 - a) if we have not received survey data from respondents we make an estimate based on their previous returns. These estimates are replaced with actual figures when they are received.
 - b) survey respondents occasionally supply amended figures for previous periods.
6. **This month there are no revisions to previously published figures.**