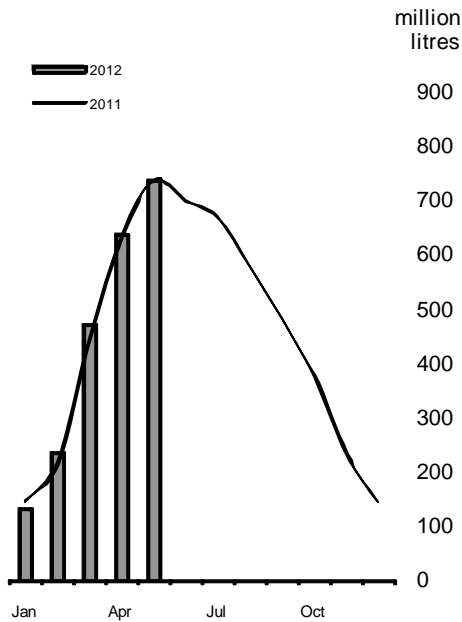




**Domestic Milk Intake**



**Milk Statistics**

May 2012

Domestic Milk Intake	2011	2012	% change
	million litres		
<b>May</b>	737.9	737.3	-0.1%
<b>Jan-May</b>	2185.3	2217.7	1.5%

**Domestic milk intake down 0.1% in May**

Domestic milk intake by creameries and pasteurisers was estimated as 737.3 million litres for May 2012. This was 0.1% below the corresponding 2011 figure. *See graph opposite.*

Comparing the May 2012 milk produce figures with those for May 2011 shows that:

- ◆ Total milk sold for human consumption decreased by 5.3% to 40.7 million litres.
- ◆ Butter production was up 10.0% to 20,900 tonnes.

*See Table 1 overleaf for more details.*

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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	2010	million	118.1	192.7	380.8	530.8	693.9	664.9	623.3	562.0	490.7	437.0	303.1	176.1	<b>5,173.4</b>
	2011	litres	146.7	217.8	448.4	634.5	737.9	700.9	669.8	580.0	483.5	377.7	234.4	145.2	<b>5,376.8</b>
	2012		133.7	236.6	472.9	637.2 <sup>1</sup>	737.3								
<i>Fat content</i>	2010	per cent	4.01	3.99	3.89	3.67	3.57	3.65	3.75	3.83	4.01	4.18	4.35	4.23	<b>3.85</b>
	2011		3.99	3.96	3.91	3.72	3.69	3.72	3.77	3.89	4.12	4.33	4.33	4.15	<b>3.89</b>
	2012		3.98	4.06	3.99	3.81	3.75								
Imported milk intake <sup>2</sup>	2010	million	35.4	32.4	33.9	34.5	40.7	32.3	30.9	32.4	28.1	27.0	28.2	31.9	<b>387.7</b>
	2011	litres	28.8	28.5	29.2	32.7	35.7	34.8	32.4	27.7	24.7	26.7	26.8	28.2	<b>356.1</b>
	2012		32.9	29.8	32.3	38.9	42.2								
Total milk sold for human consumption <sup>3</sup>	2010	million	41.4	38.3	44.5	38.3	41.5	40.6	40.8	41.7	40.8	40.8	42.1	41.5	<b>492.2</b>
	2011	litres	41.1	38.2	43.8	40.1	43.0	42.5	40.7	42.4	40.3	41.1	40.8	39.9	<b>493.8</b>
	2012		40.7	38.8	43.0	39.2	40.7								
<sup>2</sup> <i>of which:</i> <i>Whole milk sales</i>	2010	million	27.6	25.2	29.1	25.2	27.3	26.7	26.6	27.1	26.5	26.3	27.4	27.2	<b>322.0</b>
	2011	litres	26.6	24.4	28.0	26.2	27.9	28.0	26.1	27.0	25.6	25.9	25.3	25.4	<b>316.4</b>
	2012		25.4	24.2	26.6	24.1	25.2								
<i>Skimmed &amp; semi- skimmed milk sales</i>	2010	million	13.8	13.1	15.4	13.1	14.3	13.9	14.2	14.6	14.3	14.5	14.8	14.4	<b>170.2</b>
	2011	litres	14.5	13.8	15.8	13.9	15.0	14.5	14.6	15.4	14.7	15.2	15.6	14.4	<b>177.5</b>
	2012		15.3	14.7	16.4	15.1	15.4								
Butter	2010	'000	3.4	5.7	10.1	12.9	15.0	16.8	16.0	14.7	13.2	11.5	9.5	6.4	<b>135.1</b>
	2011	tonnes	4.0	5.8	12.5	14.9	19.0	18.5	17.0	15.6	13.8	11.4	8.6	4.9	<b>145.9</b>
	2012		4.0	7.4	13.9	16.9 <sup>1</sup>	20.9								
Skimmed milk powder	2010	'000	3.0	*	1.3	6.8	10.9	8.8	8.0	7.5	4.8	2.1	*	4.5	<b>60.3</b>
	2011	tonnes	*	3.4	6.4	5.4	8.5	8.8	9.6	8.4	5.4	3.1	1.0	*	<b>66.5</b>
	2012		*	1.5	2.5	6.3 <sup>1</sup>	9.2								
Cheese	2010	'000	2.1	5.1	15.5	17.9	22.3	25.5	20.2	17.0	19.5	13.4	9.7	3.7	<b>171.8</b>
	2011	tonnes	2.5	5.3	15.9	21.6	24.7	27.2	21.8	20.3	19.4	12.2	6.0	2.8	<b>179.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised<sup>2</sup> Raw milk imports and imported milk for processing on contract. This does not include imported packaged milk for retail sale.<sup>3</sup> Does not include imported packaged milk for retail sale.<sup>\*</sup> Confidential

**EU Milk intake by creameries and pasteurisers**

'000 tonnes

Country	Jan-Mar 2011	Jan-Mar 2012	% change
<b>European Union <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>33797</b>	<b>34992</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Austria	721	762	5.8
Belgium	777	788 <sup>2</sup>	1.5
Bulgaria	122	120	-1.1
Cyprus	37	39	4.5
Czech Republic	570	612	7.5
Denmark	1161	1229	5.9
Estonia	150	159	6.3
Finland	577	580	0.4
France	6351	6504 <sup>3</sup>	2.4
Germany	7237	7559 <sup>2</sup>	4.4
Greece	163	164	0.6
Hungary	321	348	8.4
Ireland	837	868	3.7
Italy	2707	2638	-2.5
Latvia	137	152	11.3
Lithuania	255	276	8.0
Luxembourg	71	74	3.1
Malta	*	*	
Netherlands	2914	3151	3.1
Poland	2138	2358	10.3
Portugal	454	475	4.7
Romania	189	206	9.0
Slovakia	198	215	8.8
Slovenia	128	133	3.8
Spain	1476 <sup>3</sup>	1519 <sup>3</sup>	2.9
Sweden	723	735	1.7
United Kingdom	3384 <sup>3</sup>	3474 <sup>3</sup>	2.7

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

<sup>1</sup> Figures for EU include provisional UK, Spain and France figures, estimated Belgium and German figures and exclude Malta.

<sup>2</sup> Estimate

<sup>3</sup> Provisional

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## Background Notes

- Coverage** The monthly milk and milk products inquiry is a census of all creameries and pasteurisers.
- 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.
- Imported Milk Intake** Raw milk imports and imported milk for processing on contract. This does not include milk already packaged for retail sale.
- Related releases** The CSO publishes an annual supply balance sheet relating to milk and milk products.