

MILK QUOTAS 2014/2015

Twelve Member States exceeded their 2014/15 milk quota

According to national declarations, twelve Member States – **Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria and Poland** – exceeded their national milk quotas for deliveries in the 2014/2015 quota year by a total of 2 938 000 tons, and must therefore pay a surplus levy totalling roughly € 818 million. This amount reflects the fact that total deliveries* across the EU in 2014/15 increased by 2.7% - or nearly 3.9 million tonnes – relative to 2013/14. In addition, **Belgium and the Netherlands** overshot their direct sales quota respectively by 529t (1.6%) and 1 990t (2.6%) and face an additional levy of respectively € 147 000 and € 554 000.

The surplus production of the Member States exceeding their national quotas accounts for 1.9% of total milk quota available, both for deliveries and direct sales (1.0% in the previous milk quota year). 16 Member States remained under quota, with 12 of them more than 10% below their quota for deliveries.

The dairy quota regime was abolished on 1 April 2015.

How the system works

The dairy quota system was introduced in the 1980s in order to address problems of surplus production. Each Member State had two quotas, one for deliveries to dairies (97.7% of EU total), and the other one for direct sales at farm level (2.3%). These quantities were distributed among producers (individual quotas) in each Member State. Where a Member State exceeded its national quota, a surplus levy of € 27.83 per 100kg is payable in the Member State concerned, paid by the producers in proportion to their contribution to the overrun during the quota year (1 April - 31 March). These figures are established after a redistribution of non-used quota of other producers.

To ease the financial burden for producers who have to pay a surplus levy related to the milk quota year 2014/2015, Member States have been given the possibility to collect the amount due under a three year instalment scheme at zero interest rate.

* adjusted for butterfat content

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MILK QUOTAS 2014/2015 (provisional figures - 1/2)

<i>Replies to Questionnaire</i>	BE	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	IE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT
Dairy deliveries															
Number of active producers	8 411	6 855	1 811	3 444	72 647	640	18 430	3 351	17 678	66 662	11 193	30 528	204	9 551	33 472
Quantities delivered, tonnes	3 541 428	465 342	2 876 345	5 087 714	31 322 026	722 663	5 828 449	606 904	6 639 569	25 069 634	516 732	10 996 561	160 080	800 871	1 441 479
Representative fat content, g/kg	36.95	37.95	42.07	43.43	40.08	4.31	35.82	36.10	36.46	39.64	39.39	36.89	34.64	40.19	39.76
Real average fat content, g/kg	40.39	36.89	38.58	42.10	40.85	3.91	39.86	39.01	36.18	39.54	38.45	37.49	35.53	38.12	41.50
Adjustment of fat content, tonnes	105 648	-9 440	-182 166	-152 809	13 215	-26 548	210 767	13 569	-89 678	-225 298	12 669	4 280	273	-36 671	16 698
Total deliveries after adjustment, tonnes	3 647 076	455 902	2 694 179	4 934 905	31 335 241	696 115	6 039 216	620 474	6 549 891	24 844 336	529 401	11 000 841	160 353	764 199	1 458 177
Available quota for deliveries, tonnes	3 568 715	981 934	2 910 128	4 847 760	30 224 890	688 084	5 783 418	878 298	6 512 373	26 018 613	698 241	10 891 121	155 074	770 885	1 753 856
Overrun, tonnes	78 361	-526 032	-215 948	87 145	1 110 351	8 031	255 798	-257 824	37 518	-1 174 277	-168 840	109 721	5 279	-6 686	-295 679
Levy, 1000 EUR	+ 21 808			+ 24 253	+ 309 011	+ 2 235	+ 71 188		+ 10 441			+ 30 535	+ 1 469		
<i>Percentage overrun</i>	+ 2.2%	- 53.6%	- 7.4%	+ 1.8%	+ 3.7%	+ 1.2%	+ 4.4%	- 29.4%	+ 0.6%	- 4.5%	- 24.2%	+ 1.0%	+ 3.4%	- 0.9%	- 16.9%
Direct sales															
Number of producers	685	813	350	15	1 139	144	21	7	389	4 765	569	4 210	51	617	5 118
Direct sales, tonnes	33 929	19 155	11 835	74	71 582	3 461	421	190	45 003	214 259	11 064	374 619	529	9 873	39 146
Available quota for direct sales, tonnes	33 400	67 583	25 017	150	94 039	4 843	1 004	1 317	45 182	352 619	66 759	397 422	585	10 248	73 783
Overrun, tonnes	529	-48 428	-13 182	-76	-22 457	-1 381	-583	-1 127	-179	-138 360	-55 695	-22 803	-56	-375	-34 637
Levy, 1000 EUR	+ 147														

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Dairy deliveries														
Number of active producers	716	2 641	117	17 641	33 322	130 263	6 093	70 175	6 170	519	8 985	4 931	13 531	579 981
Quantities delivered, tonnes	306 594	1 583 421	42 677	12 398 463	3 036 833	10 502 858	1 882 494	967 942	532 242	851 359	2 366 869	2 934 910	14 847 329	148 329 789
Representative fat content, g/kg	39.15	36.12		42.40	40.36	39.10	37.30	38.13	40.99	36.84	43.40	43.40	39.70	39.41
Real average fat content, g/kg	41.06	37.10	33.88	43.44	41.97	39.96	37.50	37.68	41.16	38.32	42.80	41.90	40.00	39.92
Adjustment of fat content, tonnes	4 704	4 187	NA	61 093	34 998	2 595	-13 487	-13 388	-3 335	9 791	-23 499	-66 396	-54 650	-402 878
Total deliveries after adjustment, tonnes	311 298	1 587 608	42 677	12 459 556	3 071 831	10 505 454	1 869 006	954 554	528 907	861 150	2 343 370	2 868 513	14 792 678	147 926 910
Available quota for deliveries, tonnes	292 137	1 963 853	52 206	11 973 521	2 911 517	9 925 119	2 080 194	1 571 920	596 965	1 075 927	2 615 023	3 589 230	15 755 730	151 086 730
Overrun, tonnes	19 160	-376 245	-9 529	486 035	160 314	580 334	-211 187	-617 366	-68 058	-214 778	-271 653	-720 716	-963 052	2 938 049
Levy, 1000 EUR	+ 5 332			+ 135 264	+ 44 615	+ 161 507								+ 817 659
Percentage overrun	+ 6.6%	- 19.2%	- 18.3%	+ 4.1%	+ 5.5%	+ 5.8%	- 10.2%	- 39.3%	- 11.4%	- 20.0%	- 10.4%	- 20.1%	- 6.1%	- 2.1%
Direct sales														
Number of producers	5	1 292		373	9 028	8 028	33	194 792	1 337	262	213	57	271	234 584
Direct sales, tonnes	613	42 297		78 962	55 661	48 303	5 884	829 639	13 534	20 158	1 512	2 553	109 796	2 044 052
Available quota for direct sales, tonnes	617	169 552		76 972	81 211	130 678	8 711	1 705 276	21 208	39 829	4 806	4 800	140 974	3 558 585
Overrun, tonnes	-4	-127 255		1 990	-25 551	-82 375	-2 827	-875 637	-7 674	-19 671	-3 294	-2 247	-31 179	2 519
Levy, 1000 EUR				+ 554										+ 701

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<i>Replies to Questionnaire</i>	BE	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	IE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT
Dairy deliveries															
Number of active producers	8 675	8 195	1 862	3 607	76 192	700	19 059	3 556	18 392	69 315	11 929	31 578	206	9 875	34 698
Quantities delivered, tonnes	3 455 413	449 518	2 747 346	5 074 031	30 722 216	704 828	5 631 647	613 501	6 397 644	24 397 875	505 668	10 771 439	159 254	754 900	1 356 122
Representative fat content, g/kg	36.95	37.92	42.07	43.44	40.09	43.10	35.83	36.10	36.46	39.64	39.23	36.89	34.64	40.20	39.76
Real average fat content, g/kg	40.63	37.00	38.83	42.43	41.03	39.40	39.54	38.72	36.65	39.72	39.41	37.38	36.05	41.47	41.40
Adjustment of fat content, tonnes	109 705	2 262	-161 998	-124 989	89 377	-22 038	187 038	11 821	-43 969	-162 975	-5 742	-11 692	1 424	3 608	13 678
Total deliveries after adjustment, tonnes	3 565 117	451 780	2 585 347	4 949 042	30 811 593	682 790	5 818 686	625 321	6 353 675	24 234 900	499 926	10 759 748	160 678	758 507	1 369 800
Available quota for deliveries, tonnes	3 566 810	980 635	2 906 440	4 847 745	30 222 767	686 682	5 782 644	878 298	6 499 912	25 998 234	697 027	10 874 326	155 030	765 401	1 753 485
Overrun, tonnes	-1 693	-528 854	-321 093	101 296	588 826	-3 893	36 041	-252 977	-146 237	-1 763 334	-197 101	-114 578	5 648	-6 893	-383 685
Levy, 1000 EUR				+ 28 191	+ 163 870		+ 10 030						+ 1 572		
Percentage overrun	- 0.0%	- 53.9%	- 11.0%	+ 2.1%	+ 1.9%	- 0.6%	+ 0.6%	- 28.8%	- 2.2%	- 6.8%	- 28.3%	- 1.1%	+ 3.6%	- 0.9%	- 21.9%
Direct sales															
Number of producers	717	936	333	15	1 146	163	24	17	406	5 082	1 107	4 462	6	781	4 069
Direct sales, tonnes	35 253	20 390	9 951	116	67 487	4 036	1 187	390	50 558	321 932	17 529	389 714	502	13 554	37 235
Available quota for direct sales, tonnes	35 305	68 883	28 705	164	96 162	6 244	1 778	1 317	57 644	372 997	67 973	414 217	629	15 732	74 154
Overrun, tonnes	-53	-48 494	-18 754	-49	-28 675	-2 208	-591	-927	-7 085	-51 065	-50 444	-24 503	-126	-2 178	-36 919
Levy, 1000 EUR															

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Dairy deliveries														
Number of active producers	731	2 388	120	17 861	34 546	134 673	6 418	80 790	6 393	532	9 352	5 031	13 766	610 440
Quantities delivered, tonnes	290 280	1 401 167	41 235	12 343 948	2 971 813	10 040 751	1 783 473	875 635	517 090	826 168	2 308 571	2 889 305	14 086 732	144 117 568
Representative fat content, g/kg	39.16	36.14		42.40	40.36	39.09	37.80	37.61	41.00	36.84	43.40	43.40	39.70	39.62
Real average fat content, g/kg	41.16	37.74	33.37	43.78	41.80	40.18	38.00	37.78	41.31	38.73	42.70	42.15	40.20	40.30
Adjustment of fat content, tonnes	4 791	14 341	NA	103 188	28 668	33 703	-6 351	-10 133	-2 269	13 171	-27 229	-69 285	-13 553	-45 447
Total deliveries after adjustment, tonnes	295 072	1 415 508	41 235	12 447 136	3 000 481	10 074 455	1 777 122	865 503	514 821	839 339	2 281 342	2 820 020	14 073 179	144 072 121
Available quota for deliveries, tonnes	292 106	1 957 288	52 206	11 972 399	2 908 421	9 909 486	2 080 101	1 558 361	597 058	1 075 921	2 615 221	3 589 230	15 749 697	150 972 930
Overrun, tonnes	2 966	-541 780	-10 971	474 737	92 061	164 968	-302 979	-692 858	-82 237	-236 583	-333 880	-769 209	-1 676 519	1 466 544
Levy, 1000 EUR	+ 825			+ 132 119	+ 25 621	+ 45 911								+ 408 139
Percentage overrun	+ 1.0%	- 27.7%	- 21.0%	+ 4.0%	+ 3.2%	+ 1.7%	- 14.6%	- 44.5%	- 13.8%	- 22.0%	- 12.8%	- 21.4%	- 10.6%	- 4.6%
Direct sales														
Number of producers	5	1 782		380	9 977	10 161	53	223 902	1 458	275	222	56	294	267 829
Direct sales, tonnes	634	59 491		81 725	60 643	63 427	5 236	933 700	14 118	21 867	1 490	2 846	113 027	2 328 036
Available quota for direct sales, tonnes	649	176 116		78 093	84 308	146 311	8 804	1 718 835	21 115	39 835	4 607	4 800	147 007	3 672 385
Overrun, tonnes	-15	-116 625		3 632	-23 665	-82 884	-3 568	-785 135	-6 997	-17 968	-3 118	-1 954	-33 980	3 632
Levy, 1000 EUR				+ 1 011										+ 1 011

ANNEX III

EU Milk Quota Evolution per Member State

Source : EU DG AGRI

Quantity in 1000 Tonnes

	BE	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	IE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SV	UK	EU Total	
1984/85	3 643			4 933	23 792		5 599	588		26 768		9 914				294			12 197										15 950	103 678
1985/86	3 611			4 883	23 553		5 599	583		26 508		9 914				291			12 074										15 790	102 806
1986/87	3 611			4 883	23 553		5 599	583	5 400	26 508		9 914				291			12 074										15 790	108 206
1987/88	3 407			4 590	22 145		5 282	550	5 207	24 922		9 694				275			11 353										14 862	102 289
1988/89	3 326			4 468	21 558		5 150	536	5 032	24 303		9 456				268			11 053										14 475	99 625
1989/90	3 364			4 525	21 927		5 301	541	5 079	24 613		9 383				272			11 213										14 789	101 006
1990/91	3 364			4 525	21 927		5 301	541	5 079	24 613		9 221				272			11 213										14 789	100 844
1991/92	3 293			4 429	21 186		5 215	531	4 975	24 096		9 030				267			10 967			1 862							14 488	100 339
1992/93	3 293			4 429	21 491		5 215	531	4 975	24 098		9 030				267			10 979			1 860							14 505	100 673
1993/94	3 310			4 455	21 611		5 246	631	5 567	24 236		9 930				269			11 075			1 872							14 590	102 793
1994/95	3 310			4 455	21 611		5 246	631	5 567	24 236		9 930				269			11 075			1 872							14 590	102 793
1995/96	3 310			4 455	21 611		5 246	631	5 567	24 236		9 930				269			11 075	2 737		1 872				2 366	3 303	14 590	111 198	
1996/97	3 310			4 455	21 611		5 246	631	5 567	24 236		9 930				269			11 075	2 749		1 872				2 394	3 303	14 590	111 239	
1997/98	3 310			4 455	21 611		5 246	631	5 567	24 236		9 930				269			11 075	2 749		1 872				2 398	3 303	14 590	111 243	
1998/99	3 310			4 455	21 611		5 246	631	5 567	24 236		9 930				269			11 075	2 749		1 872				2 405	3 303	14 590	111 249	
1999/00	3 310			4 455	21 611		5 246	631	5 567	24 236		9 930				269			11 075	2 749		1 872				2 406	3 303	14 590	111 251	
2000/01	3 310			4 455	27 865		5 342	675	5 917	24 236		10 314				269			11 075	2 749		1 872				2 407	3 303	14 603	118 392	
2001/02	3 310			4 455	27 865		5 396	701	6 117	24 236		10 530				269			11 075	2 749		1 872				2 407	3 303	14 610	118 895	
2002/03	3 310			4 455	27 865		5 396	701	6 117	24 236		10 530				269			11 075	2 749		1 872				2 407	3 303	14 610	118 895	
2003/04	3 310			4 455	27 865		5 396	701	6 117	24 236		10 530				269			11 075	2 749		1 870				2 408	3 303	14 610	118 894	
2004/05	3 310		2 682	4 455	27 864	624	5 396	821	6 117	24 236		10 530	145	695	1 647	269	1 947	49	11 075	2 750		1 870			1 013	2 408	3 303	14 610	127 817	
2005/06	3 310		2 682	4 455	27 864	624	5 396	821	6 117	24 236		10 530	145	695	1 647	269	1 947	49	11 075	2 750	8 964	1 920		560	1 013	2 408	3 303	14 610	137 392	
2006/07	3 327		2 738	4 478	28 003	646	5 396	821	6 117	24 357		10 530	145	729	1 705	270	1 990	49	11 130	2 764	9 380	1 930		577	1 041	2 420	3 320	14 683	138 544	
2007/08	3 344	979	2 738	4 500	28 142	646	5 396	821	6 117	24 478		10 530	145	729	1 705	272	1 990	49	11 185	2 778	9 380	1 939	3 057	577	1 041	2 432	3 336	14 756	143 060	
2008/09	3 427	999	2 793	4 613	28 847	659	5 504	837	6 239	25 091		10 741	148	743	1 739	279	2 030	50	11 466	2 847	9 568	1 988	3 118	588	1 062	2 493	3 420	15 125	146 412	
2009/10	3 462	1 009	2 821	4 659	29 136	666	5 559	845	6 302	25 342		11 289	150	751	1 756	281	2 050	50	11 580	2 876	9 663	2 007	3 149	594	1 072	2 518	3 454	15 276	148 316	
2010/11	3 496	1 019	2 849	4 705	29 427	673	5 614	854	6 365	25 596		11 289	151	758	1 774	284	2 071	51	11 696	2 905	9 760	2 027	3 181	600	1 083	2 543	3 488	15 429	149 687	
2011/12	3 531	1 029	2 877	4 752	29 722	679	5 670	862	6 428	25 852		11 289	153	766	1 792	287	2 091	51	11 813	2 934	9 858	2 048	3 213	606	1 094	2 568	3 523	15 583	151 071	
2012/13	3 566	1 039	2 906	4 800	30 019	686	5 727	871	6 493	26 110		11 289	154	773	1 810	290	2 112	52	11 931	2 963	9 956	2 068	3 245	612	1 105	2 594	3 558	15 739	152 469	
2013/14	3 602	1 050	2 935	4 848	30 319	693	5 784	880	6 558	26 371	765	11 289	156	781	1 828	293	2 133	52	12 050	2 993	10 056	2 089	3 277	618	1 116	2 620	3 594	15 897	154 645	
2014/15	3 602	1 050	2 935	4 848	30 319	693	5 784	880	6 558	26 371	765	11 289	156	781	1 828	293	2 133	52	12 050	2 993	10 056	2 089	3 277	618	1 116	2 620	3 594	15 897	154 645	