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Preliminary data

## Entrance of row cow's milk and obtained products into the dairies

### *Fourth quarter 2023*

The total quantity of purchased cow's milk, by dairy farmers in the territory of Montenegro, in the fourth quarter of 2023 is 6 711 280 kg, and shows an increase of 3.1% compared to the same quarter of 2022.

The average milk fat content in the fourth quarter of 2023, compared to the fourth quarter of 2022, recorded an increase of 4.3%, while the average protein content recorded an increase of 0.9%.

In the fourth quarter of 2023, compared to the same quarter of 2022, an increase in the production of cheese (by 27.1%), traditional butter (by 10.3%) and other yellow-fat products (by 11.5%), while a decline was recorded in the production of drinking milk (by 22.3%), cream (by 22.4%) and fermented milk products (by 6.7%).

**Table 1.** Cow's milk in the fourth quarter of 2023.

| Cow's milk/ kg       | IV Q 2023 | Index                                       |
|----------------------|-----------|---|
|                      |           | $\frac{\text{IV Q 2023}}{\text{IV Q 2022}}$ |
| Purchased cow's milk | 6 711 280 | 103.1                                       |
| Fat content, %       | 4.34      | 104.3                                       |
| Protein content, %   | 3.48      | 100.9                                       |

**Table 2.** Dairy production in the fourth quarter of 2023.

| Dairy products from cow's milk/ kg | IV Q 2023 | $\frac{\text{IV Q 2023}}{\text{IV Q 2022}}$ |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Drinking milk                      | 651 397   | 77.7  |
| Cream                              | 180 512   | 77.6  |
| Fermented products                 | 2 085 582 | 93.3  |
| Traditional butter                 | 45 921    | 110.3                                       |
| Other yellow products              | 252       | 111.5                                       |
| Cheese                             | 389 512   | 127.1                                       |

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

### Legal basis

The survey's is conducted on the basis of the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System of Montenegro (Official Gazette of Montenegro 18/12). The collected data is protected in accordance with the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System of Montenegro (Article 34, 55 and 56).

### Purpose and contents of survey

The survey collects the data about the entrance of cow's milk and manufactured products, with monthly periodicity data collecting. Data on total milk quantites collected from the farms, excluded import.

### Reporting units

Reporting units are dairies in the territory of Montenegro.

### Method and time of collection

Data are collected through reporting method. Administrative data control conducted with cooperation with Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development. The periodicity is monthly. Reporting units are obliged to send data to the Statistical Office – MONSTAT, up to 10th of the current month for the previous month (Monthly survey).

### Definition

Definitions are in accordance with the regulations and Commission Decision No 97/80EC, Annex 1.

### The representativeness of the data

Data are representative on the level of Montenegro.

Data are published according Statistical Release Calendar.

According to the Revision policy of the Statistical Office, the final data shall be published with the date defined by the Statistical Release Calendar.

When using the data, state:

"Data source: Statistical Office - MONSTAT"

*More data, as well as detailed methodological notes can be found in the section: [Entrance of row cow's milk and obtained products into the dairies](#)*

