Entrance of row cow’s milk and obtained products into the dairies  
*March 2020*(p)

The total quantity of purchased cow's milk, by dairies in the territory of Montenegro in March 2020 compared to March 2019, increased by 6.1%. Compared with the previous month, purchased milk increased by 6.6%.

The content of milk fat in March 2020 compared to March 2019 is increased by 0.3%, while the protein is increased by 3.3%. Compared with the previous month content of milk fat decreased by 4.5% and protein decreased by 0.3%.

In March 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 recorded an increase production of cream (by 4.7%), fermented dairy products (by 12.4%), cream (traditional cream by 10.9%) and cheese (by 16%), but decreased was in production of drinking milk (by 8.1%).

In March 2020 compared with the previous month, increased was in production of drinking milk (by 3.7%), cream (by 9.4%), fermented dairy products (by 19.7%), production of cream (traditional cream by 12%) and production of cheese (by 8.5%).

In the period from January to March 2020, the total quantity of cow's milk purchased was 6 822 221 kg and there was an increase of 8.5% compared to the same period in 2019.

**Table 1. Cows milk and dairy products**

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<th>Cows milk and dairy products / kg</th>
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*(P) Preliminary data*
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).

Purpose and content 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 quantities collected from the farms, excluded import.
The collected data is protected in accordance with the Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System of Montenegro (Article 34).

Reporting units
Reporting units are dairies in the territory of Montenegro.

Survey coverage
The coverage is full, and all dairies are covered by the survey.

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 the decision of Eurostat (Commission Decision No. 97/80EC, Annex 1).

The representativeness of the data
Data are representative on the level of Montenegro.
Data are considered preliminary, and becomes final within the defined deadline, as forseen by the Statistical Release Calendar.

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