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Entrance of row cow’s milk and obtained products into the dairies in March 2016

The total quantity of collected cow’s milk in March 2016 compared to March 2015, increased by 1.2%. Compared to the monthly average in 2015, it purchased 5% less milk.

The content of fat in March 2016 compared to March 2015 increased by 3.4%, while the protein by 2.8% compared to the same period in 2015. Compared with the annual average content of milk fat increased by 5.3% and protein by 4%.

In March 2016 compared to the same period in 2015, recorded an increase in production of buter cream 23.5%, cream (traditional cream) 33.8% and cheese by 43.2% and reduced production of drinking milk by 37%, fermented dairy products by 13.7% and the other yellow-fatty products to 65.4%.

Compared with the previous month, purchased milk increased by 3.5%, while the content of milk fat decreased by 0.8% and protein by 0.9%. Also, there was a proportioning bigger production of cream (4.9%) and fermented products (by 2.8%). While the less production was of drinking milk (13.4%), cream (traditional cream 20%), other yellow products (by 65.8%) and cheese (9.8%) compared to the previous reporting month.

When compared to the monthly average in 2015 produced less drinking milk (37%), and fermented dairy products (12.2%) and other yellow-fatty products (58.6%), while the increased production of cream (traditional cream 0.5%), cream (16.7%) and cheese (by 13.8%).
Total quantities of cow’s milk collected, does not include milk from import, but only quantities from farms are included.

Table 1. Cows milk and dairy products ¹)

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<th>Cows, milk and dairy products / kg</th>
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<td>Cow's milk collected</td>
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<td>Fat content, %</td>
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<td>Protein content, %</td>
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<td>Drinking milk</td>
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<td>Other yellow products</td>
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<td>Cows' cheese</td>
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¹) See Notes on Methodology
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 15th 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.