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Eight Member States exceeded their 2013/14 milk quota

Eight Member States - **Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Denmark, Austria, Ireland, Cyprus and Luxembourg** - exceeded their milk quotas for deliveries in 2013/2014, and must therefore pay penalties ("superlevy") totalling roughly € 409 million. Despite the overrun of the quotas in these Member States, total EU deliveries remained 4.6% below the total quota volumes, compared with 6.0% in 2012/13. In addition, **the Netherlands** overshot its direct sales quota by 3 300t (4.2%) and faces an additional levy of € 918 000.

According to national declarations for the year ending March 31, 2014, the eight Member States exceeded their national quotas for delivery by a total of 1.469 000 tons.

The number of Member States exceeding their quotas remains limited and the concerned surplus production accounts for 1.0% of all milk delivered or covered by direct sales (0.1% in the previous milk quota year). Some 20 Member States remained under quota, of which 14 at more than 10% below their delivery quota.

The dairy quota regime will be 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 has two quotas, one for deliveries to dairies (97.6% of EU total), and the other one for direct sales at farm level (2.4%). These quantities are distributed among producers (individual quotas) in each Member State. Where a Member State exceeds its national quota, a surplus levy (often called "superlevy") 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.

For more information

- Annex 1: Provisional figures for 2013/14
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ANNEX I

MILK QUOTAS 2013/2014 (provisional figures - 2/2)

<i>Replies to Questionnaire</i>	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	UK	EUR 28
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	610,434
Quantities delivered, tonnes	290,280	1,401,167	41,235	12,343,948	2,971,813	10,042,706	1,783,473	875,635	517,090	826,168	2,308,571	2,889,305	14,086,732	144,087,481
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	28,670	33,721	-6,351	-10,133	-2,269	13,171	-27,229	-69,285	-13,553	-46,034
Total deliveries after adjustment, tonnes	295,072	1,415,508	41,235	12,447,136	3,000,483	10,076,427	1,777,122	865,503	514,821	839,339	2,281,342	2,820,020	14,073,179	144,041,447
Available quota for deliveries, tonnes	292,106	1,957,288	52,206	11,972,399	2,908,432	9,909,486	2,080,101	1,558,361	597,058	1,075,921	2,615,221	3,589,230	15,749,697	150,972,940
Overrun, tonnes	2,966	-541,780	-10,971	474,737	92,051	166,941	-302,979	-692,858	-82,237	-236,583	-333,880	-769,209	-1,676,519	1,468,507
Levy, 1000 EUR	+ 825			+ 132,119	+ 25,618	+ 46,460								+ 408,685
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	9,931	10,161	53	223,902	1,458	275	222	56	294	267,781
Direct sales, tonnes	634	59,491		81,390	61,221	63,427	5,236	933,700	14,118	21,867	1,490	2,846	113,027	2,261,372
Available quota for direct sales, tonnes	649	176,116		78,093	84,296	146,311	8,804	1,718,835	21,115	39,835	4,607	4,800	147,007	3,672,375
Overrun, tonnes	-15	-116,625		3,297	-23,075	-82,884	-3,568	-785,135	-6,997	-17,968	-3,118	-1,954	-33,980	3,297
Levy, 1000 EUR				+ 918										+ 918

ANNEX II

MILK QUOTAS 2012/2013 (1/2)

<i>Replies to Questionnaire</i>	BE	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	IE	EL	ES	FR	IT	CY	LV	LT
Dairy deliveries														
Number of active producers	9,093	9,840	1,983	3,784	79,621	740	18,470	3,686	19,232	71,954	32,854	212	10,234	36,888
Quantities delivered, tonnes	3,286,437	441,245	2,717,631	4,913,608	29,749,351	652,901	5,382,263	628,792	6,280,534	23,937,424	10,806,666	153,432	721,716	1,354,448
Representative fat content, g/kg	36.95	37.92	42.07	43.45	40.09	43.10	38.51	36.10	36.45	39.60	36.89	34.64	40.21	39.76
Real average fat content, g/kg	41.02	37.05	38.58	42.78	41.38	39.70	39.43	38.86	36.75	39.88	37.63	35.95	41.60	41.60
Adjustment of fat content, tonnes	116,543	-8,337	-172,121	-95,398	198,262	-17,949	172,591	12,887	-32,324	-104,970	24,362	1,247	5,035	15,436
Total deliveries after adjustment, tonnes	3,402,980	432,908	2,545,510	4,818,210	29,947,612	634,952	5,554,854	641,679	6,248,210	23,832,454	10,831,029	154,679	726,752	1,369,885
Available quota for deliveries, tonnes	3,529,976	969,472	2,883,912	4,799,732	29,921,658	679,425	5,725,059	869,589	6,438,040	25,735,574	10,871,763	153,447	753,916	1,734,583
Overrun, tonnes	-126,996	-536,564	-338,402	18,478	25,954	-44,472	-170,205	-227,910	-189,831	-1,903,120	-40,735	1,232	-27,164	-364,698
Levy, 1000 EUR				+ 5,142	+ 7,223							+ 343		
Percentage overrun	- 3.6%	- 55.3%	- 11.7%	+ 0.4%	+ 0.1%	- 6.5%	- 3.0%	- 26.2%	- 2.9%	- 7.4%	- 0.4%	+ 0.8%	- 3.6%	- 21.0%
Direct sales														
Number of producers	744	999	315	17	1,140	182	26	24	414	5,260	4,573	5	952	4,437
Direct sales, tonnes	34,030	22,068	7,755	113	64,397	5,466	1,541	666	51,898	316,512	398,684	480	17,037	38,448
Available quota for direct sales, tonnes	36,474	69,654	22,172	179	97,083	6,641	2,092	1,317	54,589	374,556	416,780	670	19,483	74,961
Overrun, tonnes	-2,444	-47,586	-14,417	-65	-32,686	-1,175	-550	-651	-2,690	-58,044	-18,096	-190	-2,446	-36,512
Levy, 1000 EUR														

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Dairy deliveries														
Number of active producers	757	2,391	122	18,140	35,918	141,983	6,918	90,379	6,628	543	9,991	5,325	14,193	631,879
Quantities delivered, tonnes	276,713	1,480,738	42,619	11,666,740	2,946,424	9,777,763	1,819,732	812,587	532,296	846,648	2,245,442	2,845,924	13,351,761	139,671,836
Representative fat content, g/kg	39.15	36.21		42.40	40.36	39.09	37.30	37.37	41.00	36.85	43.40	43.40	39.70	39.70
Real average fat content, g/kg	41.62	37.24	33.34	44.09	41.98	40.25	38.00	37.71	41.42	38.16	42.70	42.30	40.80	40.52
Adjustment of fat content, tonnes	5,834	5,536	NA	140,736	34,676	43,445	-2,281	-10,031	-1,532	8,349	-27,259	-63,130	83,681	333,289
Total deliveries after adjustment, tonnes	282,547	1,486,274	42,619	11,807,476	2,981,100	9,821,209	1,817,451	802,556	530,764	854,997	2,218,183	2,782,794	13,435,442	140,005,125
Available quota for deliveries, tonnes	289,336	1,947,366	51,689	11,851,192	2,877,866	9,807,808	2,059,790	1,521,581	590,675	1,066,820	2,588,812	3,553,845	15,591,927	148,864,851
Overrun, tonnes	-6,789	-461,092	-9,070	-43,715	103,234	13,401	-242,339	-719,024	-59,911	-211,823	-370,629	-771,051	-2,156,484	162,299
Levy, 1000 EUR					+ 28,730	+ 3,729								+ 45,168
Percentage overrun	- 2.3%	- 23.7%	- 17.5%	- 0.4%	+ 3.6%	+ 0.1%	- 11.8%	- 47.3%	- 10.1%	- 19.9%	- 14.3%	- 21.7%	- 13.8%	- 6.0%
Direct sales														
Number of producers	3	1,924		382	10,627	11,016	41	244,658	1,524	287	240	58	311	290,159
Direct sales, tonnes	463	58,820		81,599	61,262	69,312	5,008	885,207	14,026	20,689	1,610	2,702	119,792	2,279,588
Available quota for direct sales, tonnes	520	164,916		79,989	85,232	148,427	8,432	1,723,168	21,378	37,889	5,086	4,600	147,385	3,603,672
Overrun, tonnes	-56	-106,096		1,610	-23,970	-79,115	-3,424	-837,961	-7,352	-17,200	-3,476	-1,898	-27,593	1,610
Levy, 1000 EUR				+ 448										+ 448