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# MONTHLY REPORT ON COLLECTION OF MILK AND PRODUCTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS

## LEGAL BASIS

The statistical activity is carried out in accordance with the current annual Work Plan of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics, pursuant to the Statistical Programme of Republika Srpska for the period 2022–2025 (“Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, No. 102/21) and the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska (“Official Gazette of Republika Srpska”, No. 85/03).

## METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

### *AIM AND CONTENT*

The aim of this statistical activity is to provide monthly data on quantities of raw cow’s milk and cream collected by dairies, as well as data on fat and protein content in the collected milk and data on quantities of individual dairy products made from cow’s milk in dairies.

### *REPORTING UNITS / OBSERVATION UNITS*

Reporting units are dairies registered on the territory of Republika Srpska.

### *COVERAGE*

The survey covers all registered dairies, regardless of their legal status.

### *METHOD AND PERIOD OF DATA COLLECTION*

The data in this survey are collected using the reporting method, on the monthly basis. Reporting units (dairies) have to submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics using the electronic questionnaire until the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the previous month.

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### ***PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL DATA***

Only aggregate data for the level of Republika Srpska are published. Confidential data are protected pursuant to Articles 25 and 27 of the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska", No. 85/03) and in accordance with the Rules of protection of confidential data.

### ***DEFINITIONS OF MAIN FEATURES - INDICATORS***

**Consumable milk** covers raw milk, whole milk, semi-skimmed milk and skimmed milk, containing no additives.

**Cream** comprises cream for direct consumption, with fat content higher or lower than 29%.

**Fermented dairy products** comprise yoghurts, liquid yoghurts, soured milk, acidophilus milk and other fermented products.

**Condensed (concentrated) dairy products** are products obtained through partial removal of water from whole milk, semi-skimmed and skimmed milk.

**Powdered skimmed milk** comprises powdered milk with fat content lower than 1.5%.

**Other powdered dairy products** comprise powdered cream, powdered whole milk and powdered semi-skimmed milk.

**Butter** comprises melted butter, butter oil and similar products with fat content higher than 82%.

**Kaymak** is a product similar to butter, with fat content lower than 80%, which is obtained as the fatty layer or crust separated from heat-treated (cooked) and cooled milk.

**Other yellow fatty products** comprise butter with reduced fat content under 80% (whey butter), as well as various dairy spreads with fat content between 10% and 80%.

**Cow's milk cheese** comprises all soft, semi-soft and hard types of cheese made from cow's milk only.

### ***COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND STANDARDS***

This statistical activity is conducted in accordance with the Commission Decision 1997/80/EC and the Council Directive 96/16/EC on statistical surveys of milk and milk products.

## **IMPLEMENTATION ORGANISATION**

### ***AUTHORITIES IMPLEMENTING THE STATISTICAL SURVEY***

Data collection, entry and processing are carried out by the Division for Production Statistics of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics. The data are collected using the reporting method, with an electronic questionnaire. Data entry and processing are performed in IST, in line with the predefined criteria of logical and computational controls.

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### ***OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE DATA***

Reporting units (dairies) must submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics pursuant to the Law on Statistics.

### ***IMPLEMENTATION FREQUENCY***

Reporting units (dairies) have to submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics until the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the reference period (previous month).

## **INSTRUMENTS**

### ***QUESTIONNAIRE***

The questionnaire is available at the official website of the Institute, at:  
[http://www.rzs.rs.ba/front/category/13/187/?left\\_mi=24&up\\_mi=12&add=24](http://www.rzs.rs.ba/front/category/13/187/?left_mi=24&up_mi=12&add=24)

### ***INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE***

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### ***LIST OF NOMENCLATURES AND CLASSIFICATIONS APPLIED***

List of dairy products and groups of products for which data on production are collected and their definitions comply with the nomenclatures from the *Commission Decision No. 97/80EC, Annex I* and the *PRODCOM* list of industrial products.

## **PUBLISHING**

Data are published regularly in the monthly release “Collection of cow’s milk and dairy products” and in the publication “Monthly Statistical Review”.

Detailed data and time series of data are available in the database at our official website, at:  
<http://www3.rzs.rs.ba/rzs/faces/indicators.xhtml>

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