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Cows' milk production slightly increased in 2021

Increase in goats' milk, decrease in ewes' milk production

Vienna, 2022-06-24 – In 2021, 3 830 100 tonnes of cows' milk were produced, an increase by 0.4 % compared to the previous year. The raw milk production of ewes' milk declined by 5.4 % to 10 800 tonnes, for goats' milk it rose by 4.6 % to 26 500 tonnes, as Statistics Austria reports.

Cows' milk production increased by 0.4 %

Compared to 2020, the raw milk production of cows' milk increased by 0.4 % to a total of 3 830 100 tonnes in 2021. The 528 400 milk cows (+0.9 %) kept in Austria showed an average annual milk yield of 7 200 kg per animal (-0.5 %).

At 3 402 800 tonnes (+0.5 %), the largest share of raw milk produced (88.8 %) was provided to manufacturing enterprises. Apart from a minor loss, the remaining raw milk was used on farms: 263 300 tonnes (6.9 % of the production) were fed to calves or other (domestic) animals and 125 700 tonnes (3.3 % of the production) were used for human consumption.

Ewes' milk production declined by 5.4 %

28 900 ewes (+2.9 %) kept in Austria produced a total of 10 800 tonnes of raw milk (-5.4 %). In 2021, the average annual milk yield was 374 kg per milk ewe (-8.1 %). 9 300 tonnes (85.6 %) of the raw milk produced were used for human consumption – either directly or in processed form – and 1 400 tonnes (13.4 % of the production) for other purposes like feeding. The rest of the production (1.0 %) was accounted as loss.

Goats' milk production rose by 4.6 %

With a plus of 4.6 % the raw milk production of goats' milk increased to 26 500 tonnes in 2021. The average annual milk yield of the 39 400 milk goats (+5.1 %) kept in Austria was 674 kg per goat (-0.3 %). 23 700 tonnes (89.3 %) of the raw milk produced were used for human consumption. The remaining quantity was used for animal feed or other purposes (2 600 tonnes; 9.7 % of the production) or recorded as loss.

For detailed results and further information, please refer to our [website](#).

Table 1: Production of raw milk 2020 to 2021 in tonnes

Type of milk	2020	2021	Change in %
Cows' milk	3 815 466	3 830 137	+0.4
Ewes' milk	11 425	10 808	-5.4
Goats' milk	25 368	26 540	+4.6

Q: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, federal chambers of agriculture.

Table 2: Use of raw milk for human consumption 2020 to 2021 in tonnes

Type of milk	2020	2021	Change in %
Cows' milk	3 515 158	3 528 503	+0.4
Ewes' milk	9 949	9 253	-7.0
Goats' milk	22 790	23 704	+4.0

Q: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Agrarmarkt Austria (AMA); federal chambers of agriculture.

Information on methodology, definitions: The milk statistics determine the raw milk yield of the previous calendar year and provides results relating to the milk used for human consumption or as a animal feed. The data also forms the basis for further calculations, for instance in conjunction with Supply Balance Sheets or the Economic Accounts for Agriculture.

The survey of the overall raw milk yield and its use for human consumption is conducted in accordance with the criteria and definitions of the European Commission Decision of 18 December 1996 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Directive 96/16/EC. The statistics for milk production and use are provided annually by Statistics Austria in cooperation with the federal chambers of agriculture, the "Agrarmarkt Austria" (AMA, the Austrian paying agency for agriculture and rural development) and relevant professional associations.

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