Dairy 2024 – a summary

Data compiled in May 2025

GB farm data as of 1 April 2025



7,040 producers

with



1.62 million cows in milking herd

at an average yield of 7,684 litres per year



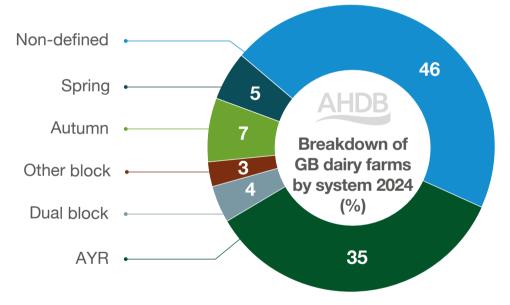
producing

12.4 billion litres per year

Note: Milk production figures based upon 2024/25 milk year. Source: AHDB, BCMS.

GB milk production

Calving patterns



Spring block: 80% of registrations occur within 4 months from 1 Feb to 31 May.

Autumn block: 80% of registrations occur within 4 months from 1 Aug to 30 Nov or 1 Sep to 31 Dec. Other block: 80% of registrations occur within 4 months other than defined in spring or autumn block. Dual block: 90% of registrations occur within the spring block or autumn block windows defined above. AYR: Registrations are spread relatively evenly throughout the year, but that can be based on a 10 to 12-month calving system.

Non-defined: covers any farm not falling into one of the other categories. Source: BCMS, AHDB.

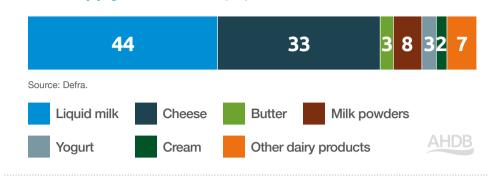
Organic vs conventional milk (%) (2024/25 milk year)

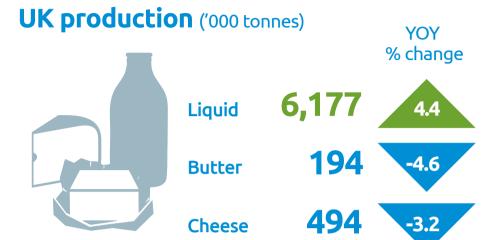


UK milk utilisation

(2024/25 milk year)

Milk supply 14.2b litres (%)





Note: Volumes are 12-month totals for the 2024/25 milk year. Source: $\mbox{Defra}.$

GB retail spend (£b)

Current year

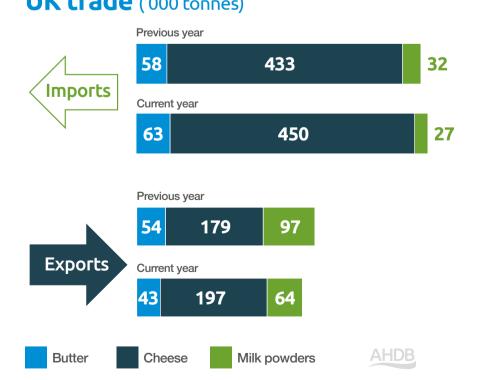
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Previous year



Fresh cream Cheese Yogurt

UK trade ('000 tonnes)



Note: Full year trade 2024 v 2023.

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