Developments in dairy worldwide, from a dairy farmers perspective.

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Global Dairy Farmers (GDF)

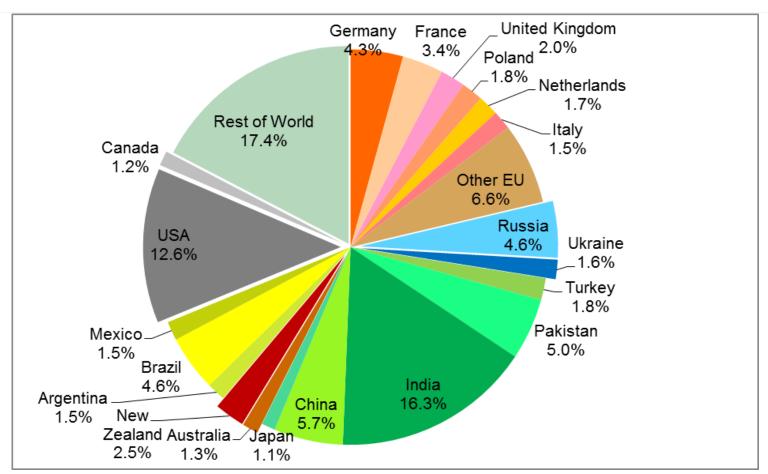
- Platform/network of dairy farmers and companies (business partners)
- Goal: exchange knowledge and strategies
- Dairy farmers from: Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, United Kingdom, Ireland, Poland, China, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, United States, Egypt, Finland, Estonia
- Businesspartners from: Netherlands, Canada, United States, Germany.
- Congresses every 18 months: different places
- In the meanwhile meetings with business partners
- Additional research by Global Dairy Research
- More information on www.globaldairyfarmers.com





World milk production in 2010

Total = 692 mln ton, source: www.faostat.fao.org

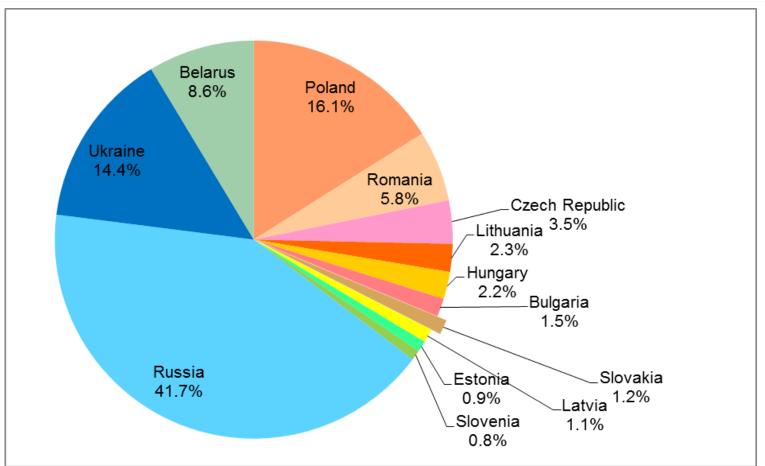






Milk production in Eastern Europe 2010

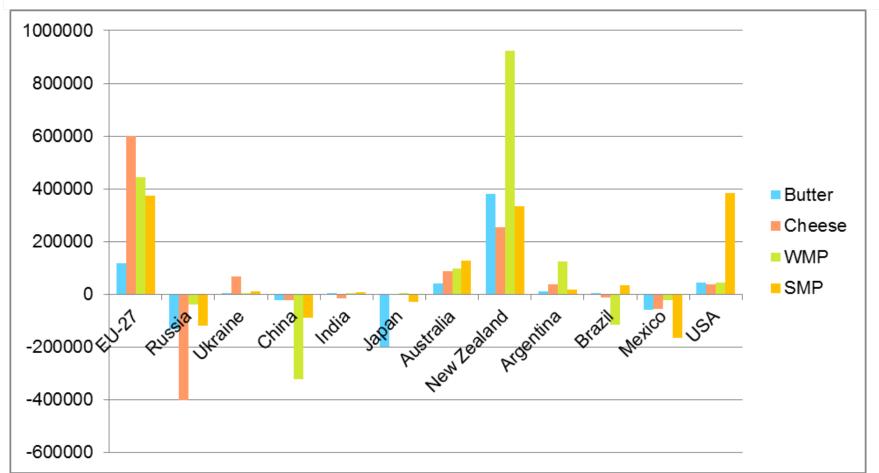
Total = 76 mln ton, source: www.faostat.fao.org







Net export in ton over 2010 for some major milk producing countries/regions







Production and export/import of milk in 2010

- Production:
 - EU-27, USA and India biggest producers
 - Milk India for more than 50% from buffalos
- Export and import:
 - New Zealand and EU-27 biggest net exporters
 - Russia and China big net importers with high own production (also for Japan and Mexico)
 - Also Algeria, United Arab Emirates, Philippines, Indonesia and Venezuela are big net importers but with low own production





Global Dairy Outlook

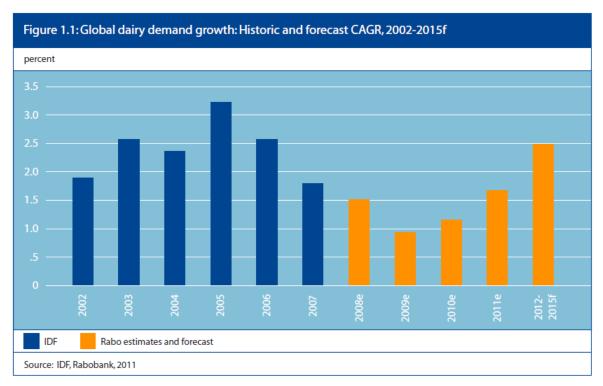
- Goal: impression how milk will be produced in which quantities in which regions
- Sources
 - Survey among GDF-members on developments own farm and neighbourhood
 - Other information and judgements GDF-members
 - Rabobank report: 'Global Dairy Outlook: Show Me The Money!'
 - Some information from FAO/OECD-outlook
 - Other information
- Result: overview for some countries/regions





Development in milk demand

- Growth in demand above 2% per year
 - India main reason: 3-4% on 15-20% of demand



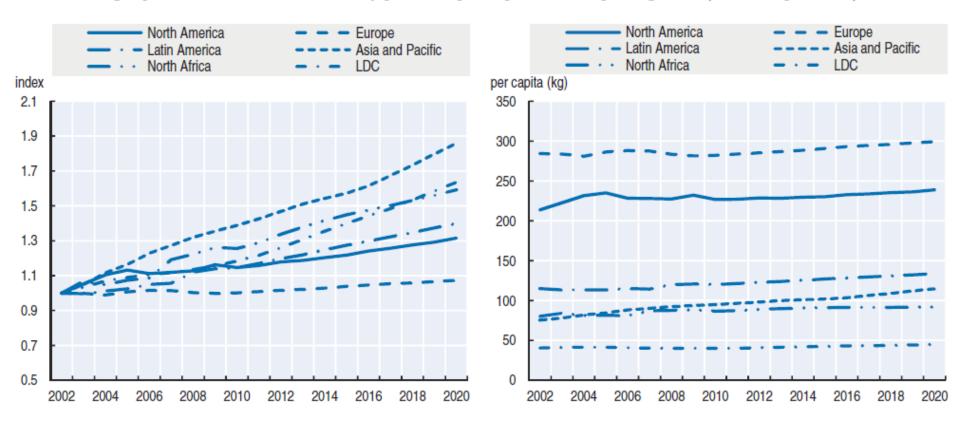




Consumption levels and growth

Figure 9.4. Large disparity in consumption levels and growth

Left panel: Index of milk and dairy products consumption growth (in milk equivalent, 2002=1) Right panel: Levels of milk and dairy products per capita consumption growth (in milk equivalent)



Source: OECD and FAO Secretariats.

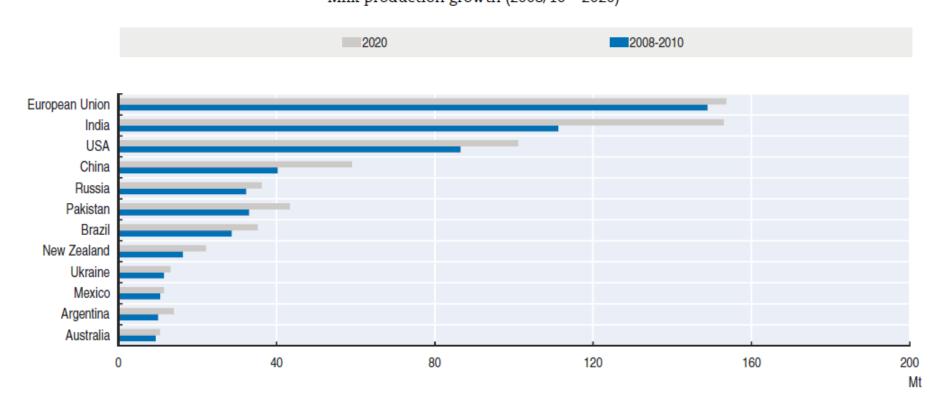




Milk production 2008/2010 and 2020 in Mt

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Figure 9.3. **Substantial regional differences in production growth remain**Milk production growth (2008/10 – 2020)

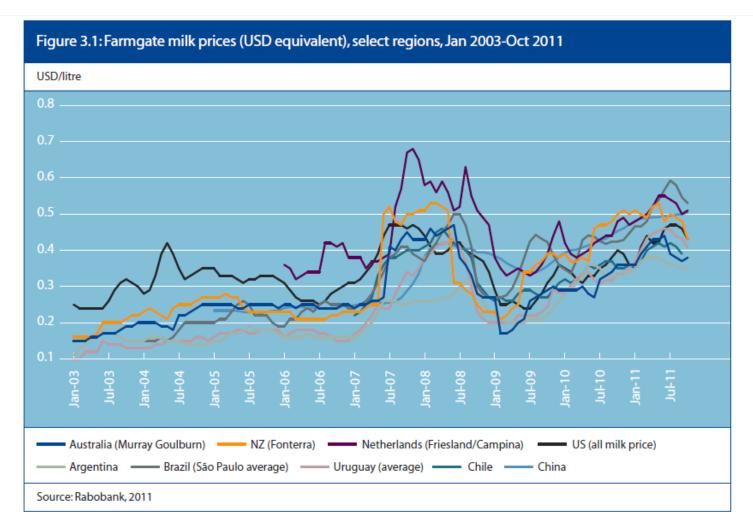


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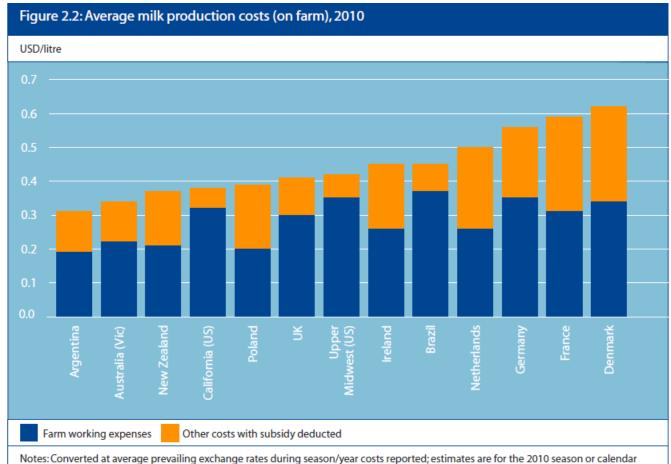
Farm gate milk prices 2003-2011







Milk production costs in 2010



Notes: Converted at average prevailing exchange rates during season/year costs reported; estimates are for the 2010 season or calendar year depending on the country; while every effort has been made to compare like with like, some differences between approaches to measuring costs in different countries remain; relative costs should thus be treated only as a guide.

Sources: FNP, USDA, ILB-CCE-DG Agri, DairyNZ, ONFARM Consulting, Genske Mulder & Co, Margenes Agropecuarios, 2011





Survey results: prices and milk production

- View of GDF-entrepreneurs at the beginning of 2012
- Milk prices: in coming years till 10% lower
- Feed prices: the same or somewhat higher
- Same holds for energy: electricity, gas, fuel
- Interest rates: tend to become higher
- Labour: enough available (not AU) at moderate wages but skilled managers more difficult to find
- Growth in production after quota abolition: depends on which EU-country is considered





Survey results: other issues in short

- GHG's/carbon (tax?) main point within environment
- Other environmental limitations vary heavily between regions: will these differences remain in future?
- Investments mainly in equipment and cattle
- Land is both attractive and difficult: its price





Conclusions GDF-surveys/research

- GDF-members draw the same conclusions as are coming from research: level of both revenues and costs tends to be somewhat lower in the near future
 - Finally quite equal margins
- At least revenues but maybe also costs are more volatile
- In the long run both revenues and costs tend to stay at higher levels than in the past
 - This higher level can increase absolute volatility





Pictures different milk producing regions

- Description of:
 - Important milk producing system
 - Market
 - Economic aspects (of the dairy farming system)
 - Societal preconditions and other aspects
- Threads are given concerning market, economy, societal preconditions and other aspects





Picture 'foot loose' USA







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System	m Large scale with purchased feed	
	Farmer is manager	
Market	Fragmented buyers	- Often low added value
	Quite much in commodities	- Resilience?
	Around self-sufficiency	
Economy	■Feed costs >50% costs	- Competition biofuels
	Other costs low by scale	- Availability good people
	■Few stable assets	- Low securities
Societal pre-	■More concern from society	- Claims
conditions and other aspects	■In some cases water is a problem	





Picture 'foot loose' USA: individual strategy

- Individual farmer chooses individual strategy based on personal ambitions and competences, farm structure and performance and own vision on developments in market and society.
- US example
 - Large scale dairy farm in Texas (>5000 cows)
 - Focus on:
 - Scale of production and controlling costs
 - Quality of workforce
 - More own feed production
 - Being informed very well





Picture South America







Picture South America

System	tem Larger scale with both home grown and purchase	
	Climate sometimes hampers pasture based	
	■Farmer is both manager and worker	
Market	Fragmented buyers	- Low milk prices
	Just around self supporting	- Low added value
	■Government policies???	- Exchange rates
Economy	Cheap laborFeeding costs moderateOther costs low	Competition othercrops: soy sets standardOpportunity costs
	Other costs low	
Societal pre- conditions and other aspects	Rather low: e.g. GMO and BST not yet really issuesUnknown, unloved??	





Picture 'pasture based' Oceania







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System	■Pasture based	
	■Farmer is both manager and worker	
Market	■Few buyers	- Low milk prices
	Much in commodities	- Distance to market
	Heavily depending on export	- Exchange rates
Economy	■Low feeding costs	- Competition other cattle
	Other costs low excluding labour	- Optimum reached?
Societal pre- conditions and	Coming up concerning environment (GHG)	- Taxes and/or quota on GHG proposed
other aspects	■Water (AU, NZ-Canterbury)	





Picture 'pasture based' Oceania: individual strategy

- Oceania example
 - Pasture based farm in Victoria, Australia
 - Organic farming with around 500 cows and about 300 ha
 - Focus on:
 - Own sale of milk: small cooperative of organic farmers with several existing small processors. Own brands in supermarkets
 - Cost controlling
 - Being informed very well: involved in Nuffield





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Picture China







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System	■Many small scale farms: in transition to dairy districts	
	■Some large scale farms	
	■No ownership of land	
Market	Fragmented buyers	- Low milk prices
	■Much in commodities	- Distance to market
	Many quality issues	- Consumer confidence
Economy	Feeding costs quite high	- Competition other crops
	Other costs low	- Poor quality on many
	Failure costs	aspects
Societal pre-	■Much influence government	- Management level
conditions and other aspects	Attitude farmers different	- Entrepreneurship
	Cultural differences	- Weakest go to the wall?





Picture China: dairy village

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnsVNgpBKhk&featur e=relmfu





Picture 'large scale' Eastern Europe









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System	Still many small scale farmsSome large scale farms, possible by investors	
Market	Fragmented buyersLimited added valueQuality issues	- Low milk prices - Distance to market
Economy	Low productivityCosts low	Competition other cropsPoor quality on many aspects
Societal pre- conditions and other aspects	Investors outside agricultureSomething out of a Western?	- Management level - Entrepreneurship





Picture 'large scale' Eastern Europe: individual strategy

- Eastern Europe example
 - Between family farm and large scale in Estonia
 - 250 cows and 200 ha
 - Second branch
 - Focus on:
 - Second branch: saloon, activities for families (children), etc. Many nice ideas
 - Integration of dairy part and second branch





Picture family farm Western Europe







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System	■Pasture based and/or summe	pased and/or summer feeding	
	■Mainly family farms: high costs/lower expenses		
	■Milk quota (will be abolished in 2015)		
Market	Difference in buyersAdded value/good qualitySome countries export	- Milk prices quite high: not very competitive	
Economy	 Labour expensive Feeding costs moderate, other sometimes high (land in some countries) 	Some competitionbiofuelsCapital intensive: need for loans	
Societal pre- conditions and other aspects	 Much influence society: animal welfare, environment, landscape, GMO Good infrastructure 	Quite severe legislationInvolvement citizens	





Picture family farm Western Europe: individual strategy

- Western Europe example
 - Family farm in the Netherlands
 - 150 cows and 90 ha
 - Focus on:
 - Automation and family labor
 - Good cost control, both paid and unpaid costs: 'maximum profitability achieved?'
 - Own sale of milk: small association of farmers with some existing small processors.
 Milk quality (e.g. SCC) very important





Developments in dairy worldwide, from a dairy farmers perspective.

- Each region has its own advantages and disadvantages
- There's no 'dairy-farmers paradise'
- Demand for dairy products will increase, but mainly outside Europe
- Higher volatility
- Important to make well considered strategic choices for the future



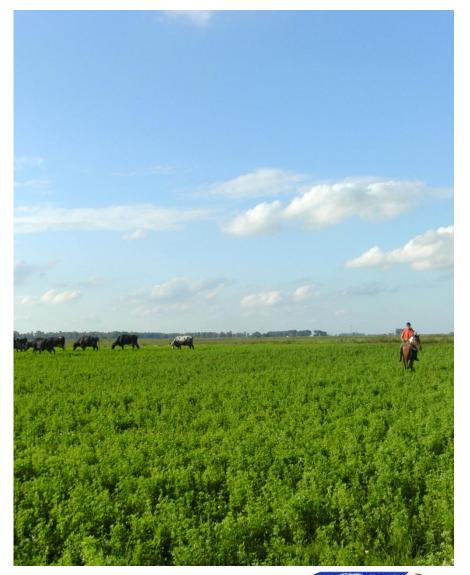


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