Raw milk production 2018: cow, sheep and goat milk production increased

Vienna, 2019-06-25 – In 2018, the cow milk (+2.9% to 3 821 000 tonnes), sheep milk (+5.9% to 12 700 tonnes) and goat milk production (+13.1% to 26 100 tonnes) increased again compared to the previous year, according to Statistics Austria's latest data regarding raw milk production.

In 2018, the 538 000 dairy cows (-0.5%) kept in Austria produced a total of 3 821 000 tonnes of raw milk (+2.9%). The average annual milk yield was 7 100 kg per animal (+3.5%). With 3 391 000 tonnes (+2.3%), the largest share of raw milk produced by cows (88.7%) was provided to manufacturing enterprises. Apart from a minor waste, the remaining raw milk was used on farms: 260 000 tonnes (6.8% of the production) were fed to calves or other domestic animals and 132 000 tonnes (3.5% of the production) were used for human consumption.

With an average annual milk yield of 447 kg per sheep (+2.1%) the 28 400 dairy sheep (+3.8%) held in Austria produced a total of 12 700 tonnes of raw milk (+5.9%). 9 800 tonnes (77.0%) of the raw milk produced were used for human consumption either directly or in processed form and 2 800 tonnes (22.0% of the production) for other purposes like feeding. The rest of the production was accounted as waste.

A total of 26 100 tonnes of raw milk (+13.1%) was produced by 38 600 dairy goats (+10.4%) kept in Austria. The average annual milk yield rose to 676 kg per goat (+2.4%). 22 800 tonnes (87.5%) of the raw milk produced were intended for human consumption only. The remaining 3 000 tonnes (11.5% of the production) were used for other purposes or recorded as waste.

For more detailed results and further information concerning milk statistics please refer to our website.

Information on methods, definitions: The milk statistics determines the raw milk yield of the previous calendar year and provides results relating to the milk used for human consumption or as a feedstuff. 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 usage is provided annually by Statistics Austria in cooperation with the regional agricultural chambers, relevant professional associations and the "Agrarmarkt Austria" (AMA, the Austrian paying agency for agriculture and rural development).
### Production and usage of raw milk 2018 in Austria

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