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MEA Dairy Market's Economics and Policies Overview: Challenges and Opportunities

The role of the Food- and Agriculture Organization
of the United Nations in supporting the Dairy sector

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Some facts about Milk

Consumption of milk has doubled in the last 50 years, more than 6 billion people worldwide consume milk and milk products.

Per capita milk consumption is:

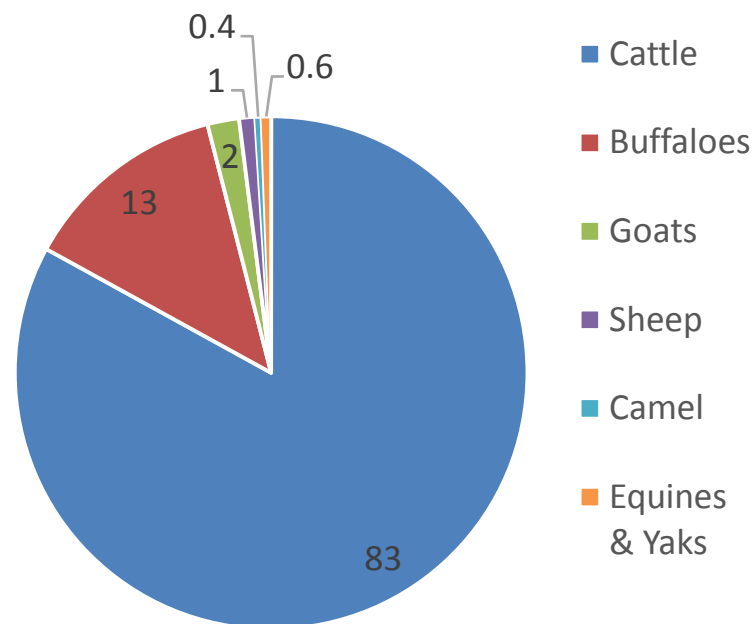
- High (> 150 kg/capita/year) in Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Costa Rica, Europe, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, North America and Pakistan
 - Medium (30 to 150 kg/capita/year) in India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, North and Southern Africa, most of the Near East and most of Latin America and the Caribbean
 - Low (< 30 kg/capita/year) in Viet Nam, Senegal, most of Central Africa and most of East and Southeast Asia
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Some facts about Milk Cont.

- Cattle produce 83 percent of world milk production, followed by buffaloes with 13 percent, goats with 2 percent and sheep with 1 percent; camels provide 0.4 percent. The remaining share is produced by other dairy species such as equines and yaks.
- About one-third of milk production in *developing countries* comes from buffaloes, goats, camels and sheep. In *developed countries*, almost all milk is produced by cattle.

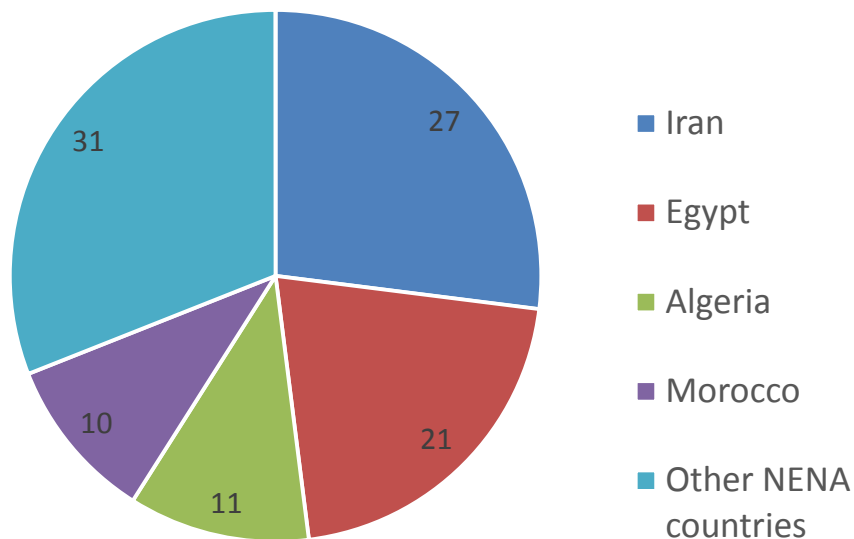
World Milk Production





NENA Region and Milk production

The role of milk in NENA: The region accounts for only 4 percent of global milk production, with Iran, Egypt, Algeria and Morocco producing 70 percent of the 28 million tons produced in 2014 (27%, 21%, 11% and 10% respectively).



Population and Livestock

COUNTRIES IN THE NENA REGION: KEY DEMOGRAPHIC AND LIVESTOCK INDICATORS, 2014

	Population (million), 2014	Per capita income (US\$)	Livestock/TLU (2013)	Per capita meat consumption, 2014	Per capita milk consumption (estimated)	Meat imports (1000 tons)	Meat imports as % of consumption*	Dairy imports (1000 tons, ME)	Dairy imports as % of consumption*
Qatar	2 169	\$97 519	126 850	68	83	28	94%	155	84%
United Arab Emirates	9 346	\$44 204	776 450	75	197	230	85%	2025	112%
Kuwait	3 369	\$36,473	102 300	75	181	106	72%	671	95%
Bahrain	1 332	\$24 868	14 250	75	93	28	83%	227	177%
Saudi Arabia	28 829	\$24 161	2 115 000	53	133	541	55%	3094	73%
Oman	3 632	\$19 310	599 800	44	203	103	115%	1126	123%
Lebanon	4 822	\$10 058	156 550	39	158	0		516	56%
Libya	6 202	\$6 570	1 176 450	49	104	11	7%	427	65%
Iraq	34 769	\$6 334	3 210 900	12	31	2	2%	767	67%
Algeria	39 208	\$5 498	4 829 002	21	163	31	6%	3115	48%
Jordan	7 274	\$5 423	402 670	47	80	40	26%	344	56%
Iran	78 470	\$5 315	13 461 500	33	195	50	3%	394	5%
Syrian Arab Republic	21 898	NA	2 869 250	17	121	11	3%	158	7%
Tunisia	10 997	\$4 317	1 499 680	31	111	3	2%	98	8%
Egypt	82 056	\$3 199	7 527 000	30	76	221	16%	1394	20%
Morocco	33 008	\$3 103	4 897 310	34	80	10	2%	436	16%
Sudan (former British Sudan)	33 000	\$1 876	43 778 900	22	221	4	0%	248	3%
Yemen	24 400	\$1 473	3 540 000	21	38	64	31%	702	68%
Mauritania*	3 000	\$1 275	4 270 000	33	165	18	2%	243	38%
Maghreb	Mashreq	Gulf	LDC						

* Ratios above 100% imply non-declared exports; dairy imports are in milk equivalents

Sources: World Bank Indicators, FAO estimates, FAO Food Outlook, 2015.

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