

IDA News

IDA Haryana State Chapter Organises Dairy Farmers' Awareness Programme in Karnal

The Haryana State Chapter (HSC) of the Indian Dairy Association (IDA) organised an awareness programme on **"Sustaining Milk Production and Milk Quality During the Summer Season"** at Dilaura village, Karnal, on September 12, 2026.

The programme brought together dairy farmers and experts to discuss various challenges affecting milch animals during the summer season, including heat stress, animal health, nutrition, milk quality and disease

management. The speakers also highlighted practical measures to maintain milk production and improve the health and productivity of dairy animals.

Dr. Mahendra Singh, Chairman, IDA Haryana State Chapter, briefed the participants about the activities and programmes being conducted by the Chapter for the benefit of dairy farmers. In his address, he discussed the importance of animal health and explained the significance of feeding mineral mixtures to cows and buffaloes. He pointed out that deficiencies of essential minerals such as calcium, phosphorus, potassium and magnesium may adversely affect milk production, immunity and reproductive performance, besides increasing the risk of certain metabolic disorders.

Dr. Singh emphasised the importance of providing a balanced ration and adequate mineral supplementation, particularly to high-producing animals. He also discussed the need to maintain clean and dry animal housing to reduce the incidence of clinical and subclinical mastitis, especially during hot and humid conditions. Farmers were advised to regularly observe milk for abnormalities such as changes in colour, flakes or the presence of blood and to adopt proper hygienic milking practices.

He further highlighted the importance of post-milking management, including teat disinfection and keeping animals engaged with feed after milking. Since teat openings may remain vulnerable for a short period after milking, providing feed and water can help prevent animals from lying down immediately and thereby reduce the risk of pathogen entry into the udder.

The importance of meeting the increased nutritional requirements of dairy animals during the summer season was also discussed. Dr. Singh explained that thermal stress can affect feed intake and milk production, and may result in negative energy balance. Appropriate feeding of concentrates, based on milk production and nutritional requirements, along with locally available grains, oilseed cakes and wheat bran, can help improve energy intake and support milk production.

During the interaction,



farmers expressed concern over the low prices received for milk sold through middlemen. **Dr. P.K. Jain**, Vice-Chairman, HSC advised them to explore the formation of farmer groups or village-level societies for marketing milk to organised sector entities. Such collective efforts could help strengthen market access and improve value realisation for farmers.

Dr. Parveen Kumar, Professor, NDRI, discussed the significance of clean milk production and maintaining milk quality under field conditions. He highlighted the importance of proper handling and cooling of milk, as well as maintaining desirable fat and SNF levels.

Dr. Vivek Sharma, Secretary, HSC spoke about the nutritional value of milk and its importance in the human diet. He also discussed the relevance of milk and dairy products in the present dairy industry scenario.

Representative samples of mineral mixture, deworming preparations for ecto- and endoparasites, and mastitis-control medicines were distributed among the participating farmers. At the conclusion of the programme, the organising committee expressed its gratitude to all the farmers and specially thanked Shri Gopal Ji, Sarpanch of the village, for hosting the event and extending his support.

The farmers appreciated the initiative and the technical guidance provided by the experts, expressing confidence that the information shared during the programme would help them improve animal health, milk production and clean milk practices. The programme concluded with the serving of sweets and lassi to all the participants.

New ZEC of IDA (South Zone) Assumes Office

The newly elected Zonal Executive Committee (ZEC) of the Indian Dairy Association (IDA), South Zone, assumed

office on 19th September 2026, following the elections for the Executive Committee. The formal handover took place during the 62nd Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) of IDA (South Zone) held at Bengaluru, where Dr. Satish Kulkarni, outgoing Chairman, handed over charge to Dr. N.V. Belavadi, the new Chairman.

Dr. Satish Kulkarni thanked the office-bearers and members of the ZEC for their support during his tenure, which helped make IDA (South Zone) an active and vibrant zone of the Association. He highlighted key initiatives undertaken during this period, including the institution of the "Best Women Dairy Farmers Award" at the zonal level and the organisation of Southern Dairy Conclaves at the regional level. Members of the outgoing committee also expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

On assuming charge, Dr. N.V. Belavadi stated that the new ZEC would continue the initiatives of the previous committee and undertake meaningful activities addressing the needs of the dairy industry, academia and farmers, as well as policy issues relevant to the South Zone. He thanked the President-IDA Shri Sudhir Kumar Singh and sought the support of the Central Executive Committee (CEC) in organising further dairy-related activities in the region.

The composition of the ZEC of IDA (South Zone) for 2026–29 is as follows:

Chairman: Dr. N.V. Belavadi; **Vice-Chairmen:** Shri N. K. Premalal and Dr. C.S. Prasad; **Secretary:** Dr. S. Subash; **Treasurer:** Dr. Kajal Sankar Roy; **Members (PP Category):** Shri Mohan Kumar Returi and Shri Anil Kumar Parvataneni; **Members (DI Category):** Shri Srinivas Govindaiah and Shri M. Krishnan; **Members (RE Category):** Dr. Indu and Dr. N. Laxman Naik; **Members (MP Category):** Chikballapur District Milk Producers Union



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Limited, Karnataka, and Shri V. Venkatachalapathy; **Immediate Past Chairman:** Dr. Satish Kulkarni; **Chairman, IDA Andhra Pradesh Chapter:** Shri Rajendra Babu Kurnoothala; **Chairman, IDA Karnataka Chapter:**

Shri N. B. Marathe; **Chairman, IDA Kerala Chapter:** Dr. S.N. Rajakumar; **Chairman, IDA Tamil Nadu Chapter:** Shri K.S. Kanna; and **Chairman, IDA Telangana Chapter:** Shri Rajeshwar Rao Chalimeda.

IDA AP Local Chapter Elects New SEC for 2026-2029

The election of Andhra Pradesh Local Chapter of IDA completed on July 1, 2026. The election was held under the nominated Returning Officer Dr. I Sankara Reddy. The other election committee members were: Ms G.S. Spoorthy and Shri K.V.N. Reddy. The election was held through on-line voting system. The newly elected member for the term 2026-2029.

The State Executive Committee (SEC) unanimously got elected and took charge on September 5, 2026. SEC thanked the Election committee members for conducting the election very smoothly.

The newly elected members are: **Chairman:** Shri Rajendra Babu Kurnoothala; **Vice Chairman:** Dr. Nageswara Rao Korasapati; **Secretary-cum-Treasurer:** Dr. Manjunatha, B.M; **Member (RE):** Dr. Anusha Kokkiligadda; **Member (MP):** Ms. Gutha Srilakshmi; **Member (PP):** Shri Veeram Reddy Masthan Reddy; **Member (DI):** Vacant.

IDA Eastern UP Chapter Pays Tribute to Dr. Verghese Kurien

The Indian Dairy Association (IDA), Eastern UP Chapter, organised a commemorative awareness programme on 9th September 2026 to pay tribute to Dr. Verghese Kurien, the "Father of the White Revolution in India," on his death anniversary. The programme was held at Shatabdi Bhawan, Institute of Agricultural Sciences (IAS), Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, with the participation of first-year undergraduate students attending the Deeksharambh programme.

The event was organised under the leadership of Dr. Arvind, Chairman, and Dr. Tarun Verma, Secretary-cum-Treasurer, IDA Eastern UP Chapter. It aimed to familiarise young students





with Dr. Kurien's life, vision and contributions to India's dairy sector.

The programme highlighted Dr. Kurien's pivotal role in transforming the Indian dairy industry through the cooperative dairy movement and Operation Flood. His vision strengthened the cooperative framework linking milk producers, institutions and consumers, laying the foundation for the growth of India's dairy sector.

Students were encouraged to appreciate the importance of dairy technology, entrepreneur-

ship, cooperative development, innovation, quality and food safety in the modern dairy industry. The interaction also provided them with insights into the opportunities and responsibilities associated with pursuing education in dairy and food technology.

The programme emphasised the role of scientific knowledge, technological innovation and skilled professionals in advancing the dairy sector while remaining committed to the interests of farmers and consumers.

The event concluded with a heartfelt tribute to Dr. Verghese Kurien, whose vision and legacy continue

to inspire generations of dairy professionals. The commemorative programme served as an educational and motivational experience, encouraging young students to contribute to the continued development of India's dairy and food sectors.

NATIONAL News

ICAR-NDRI Organises Dairy Training Programme for Karnal Jail Inmates

The ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal, in collaboration with the District Jail, Karnal, organised a training programme on dairy entrepreneurship and processing for prison inmates. The initiative aimed to equip participants with scientific knowledge, practical skills and entrepreneurial



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capabilities in dairying, enabling them to explore livelihood and self-employment opportunities after completing their sentences.

Inaugurating the programme, Dr. Dheer Singh, Director, ICAR-NDRI, said rehabilitation should extend beyond confinement and focus on preparing inmates for a productive and dignified life after release. He noted that dairying offers practical livelihood opportunities through animal management, milk production, value addition, processing and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Singh emphasised that individuals should not be defined solely by their past and that access to knowledge and skills can help inmates rebuild their lives and contribute positively to society. He expressed the institute's commitment to implementing the programme in a mission-oriented manner, with emphasis on skill development, welfare and improved livelihood prospects.

Shri Lakhbir Singh Brar, Superintendent, District Jail, Karnal, appreciated the initiative and highlighted the importance of vocational education and skill development in the rehabilitation of inmates. He encouraged participants to actively engage in the programme and make effective use of the knowledge and skills imparted.

Dr. Rajan Sharma, Joint Director (Research), ICAR-NDRI, outlined the objectives and broader significance of the initiative. He said such programmes could strengthen the connection between scientific institutions and sections of society with limited access to skill-development opportunities. He added that the District Jail had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ICAR-NDRI on July 1, 2026, prior to the workshop.

The training was coordinated by Dr. Nitin Tyagi and Dr. Pawan Singh, who presented the proposed training schedule and modules.

Anand on 18th September, 2026 as the Chief Guest in the presence of Prof S.P. Singh Baghel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Panchayati Raj, Government of India. Shri Naresh Pal Gangwar, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Government of India; Ms Varsha Joshi, Additional Secretary, DAHD, Government of India; Dr. Meenesh Shah, Chairman, NDDDB; Managing Directors of NDDDB's subsidiaries, officials of DAHD, NDDDB and dairy farmers were also present.

The initiatives include Mother Dairy's (a wholly-owned subsidiary of NDDDB) 10 gram Butter Chiplets, enhancing its butter category presence; NDDDB-developed Milk Adulteration Detection Kits (manufactured by NDDDB's wholly-owned subsidiary NDDDB CALF Ltd), enabling convenient and economical testing for adulterants; a lithium-ion battery-operated 300-litre Mobile Milk Collection & Cooling System with IoT monitoring facility designed by NDDDB (manufactured by NDDDB's wholly-owned subsidiary IDMC Limited) for direct milk collection, including weighing, quality testing and receipt generation at rural areas and DARPAN - an integrated Document Management System being implemented at NDDDB.

Appreciating the work done by NDDDB, Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh noted that India is now the world's largest milk producer, but it faces challenges in increasing the share of organised market and ensuring quantity of milk and milk products. Quality milk is vital for the public health. The Hon'ble Union Minister praised NDDDB's four new initiatives, emphasising the need for large-scale implementation and commercialisation, particularly for Mother Dairy's 10-gram Butter Chiplets, Milk Adulteration Detection Kits and Mobile Milk Collection & Cooling System. He also lauded NDDDB's digitalisation initiative - DARPAN - an integrated documentation management system.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof S.P. Singh Baghel said that Animal Husbandry & Dairying Department was separated from the Ministry of Agriculture and made

Union Minister of FAHD Launches Farmer-Centric Initiatives to Strengthen Dairy Cooperatives

Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Panchayati Raj, Government of India, launched four new farmer-centric initiatives to strengthen the dairy cooperative sector at NDDDB,



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an independent entity – a move that paved the way for realising the goal of doubling farmers' income. He stated that India ranks first globally in milk production. Prof Baghel cited that White Revolution was launched from this very place – Anand – and today, per capita milk consumption is higher than the global average. The Hon'ble Union Minister particularly appreciated NDDDB's ET, IVF and sex-sorted semen technologies, describing them as initiatives close to his heart. He stressed that the goal is to strengthen dairy cooperative societies and establish new ones, thereby transforming the unorganised sector into an organised one and addressing the shortcomings and challenges associated with the sector.

Dr. Meenesh Shah, Chairman, NDDDB, mentioned that today's event highlights NDDDB's commitment to the dairy sector, emphasising support for farmers and the cooperative movement. The presence of Hon'ble Union Ministers at NDDDB, Anand is significant, providing

guidance to strengthen the animal husbandry and dairy cooperative sector. Anand's legacy is intrinsically linked to India's dairy cooperative movement, with NDDDB empowering producer-owned entities through modern technology and management practices. NDDDB is prioritising the establishment of new dairy cooperatives and the enhancement of existing ones through 'White Revolution 2.0', in partnership with states and milk unions. The organisation is also collaborating with DAHD to promote advanced indigenous technologies, including artificial insemination, sex-sorted semen, embryo transfer & IVF and genomic selection for animals. The future of dairy hinges on sustainable production, leveraging initiatives like household biogas, centralised energy solutions and Bio-CNG for increased energy self-reliance and farmers' income.

Continuing this farmer-centric and innovation-driven approach, NDDDB presented four significant innovations. While they pertain to different areas, they share a common objective - to make the dairy sector safer, more efficient, transparent and modern.

Rangeelo Rural Fest 2026 Showcases Dairy Innovations at BHU

According to news released by ANI, the two-day Rangeelo Rural Fest 2026, organised by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB) and NDDDB Dairy Services, commenced at the Helipad Ground of Banaras Hindu University (BHU), bringing together farmers, dairy professionals, researchers and industry stakeholders to showcase innovations in dairy farming, animal husbandry and rural development.

Uttar Pradesh Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Minister Shri Dharampal Singh, who attended the event as chief guest, highlighted the importance of scientific dairy farming, improvement of indigenous cattle breeds and animal healthcare. He emphasised the need to enhance milk productivity through better animal nutrition and breeding practices, while ensuring transparent and timely payments to farmers.

BHU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ajit Kumar Chaturvedi highlighted the potential for collaboration between BHU and NDDDB in research and innovation related to dairy services, milk production, technology, economics and

management. He also highlighted the Institute of Agricultural Sciences and the BHU dairy farm at the Rajiv Gandhi South Campus as important resources for strengthening academic and research engagement in dairying.

Uttar Pradesh Milk Commissioner Smt. Dhanlaxmi K outlined the role of dairying in rural livelihoods, employment, nutrition and women's empowerment. She highlighted initiatives under the Nand Baba Mission and the Uttar Pradesh Dairy Development and Investment Promotion Policy, 2022, aimed at increasing milk production, strengthening dairy infrastructure and improving farmers' incomes.

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NDDB Chairman Shri Meenesh Shah said that NDDB and the Uttar Pradesh Government are working together to revive and operate dairy plants in Varanasi, Kanpur, Kannauj, Gorakhpur and Ambedkar Nagar. He reaffirmed NDDB's focus on expanding dairy operations and creating sustainable income opportunities for farmers.

NDDB Board Member Shri Durga Shankar Mishra highlighted initiatives related to milk procurement, animal breeding, nutrition and digital technologies aimed at improving transparency in farmer payments. NDDB Dairy Services Managing Director Shri C.P. Devanand said the festival provides farmers and stakeholders from across India with an opportunity to learn about new dairy technologies, innovations and research.

BHU faculties and institutes also displayed a range of products and technologies. The Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences showcased silage, animal nutrition products and chhena kheer, while the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences displayed wheat, pulses and gram. The Department of Dairy Science and Food Technology presented Mahamana Prasadam, an FSSAI-licensed product developed at the university.

A bull show featured indigenous breeds, including Gir, Tharparkar, Sahiwal and Bhadawari. The festival also



included the 2nd NDDB Merit Scholarship Awards for 2025-26, recognising academic achievement.

More than 50 stalls showcased equipment, technologies and innovations across the dairy value chain. Exhibits included farm equipment, milling machines, digital thawing systems, smart weighing scales, robotic milking systems, data-driven dairy management solutions, artificial insemination equipment, animal nutrition products, herbal remedies and vaccines, including those for Foot-and-Mouth Disease prevention. Mother Dairy, Dhara, Safal and Parag participated alongside private-sector organisations and academic institutions.

The festival attracted large number of visitors and including exhibitors, delegates, Pashu Mela participants and Handicraft Haat participants. More than eight high-genetic-merit breeds were showcased, while total prize money was reported to exceed Rs. 41 lakh.

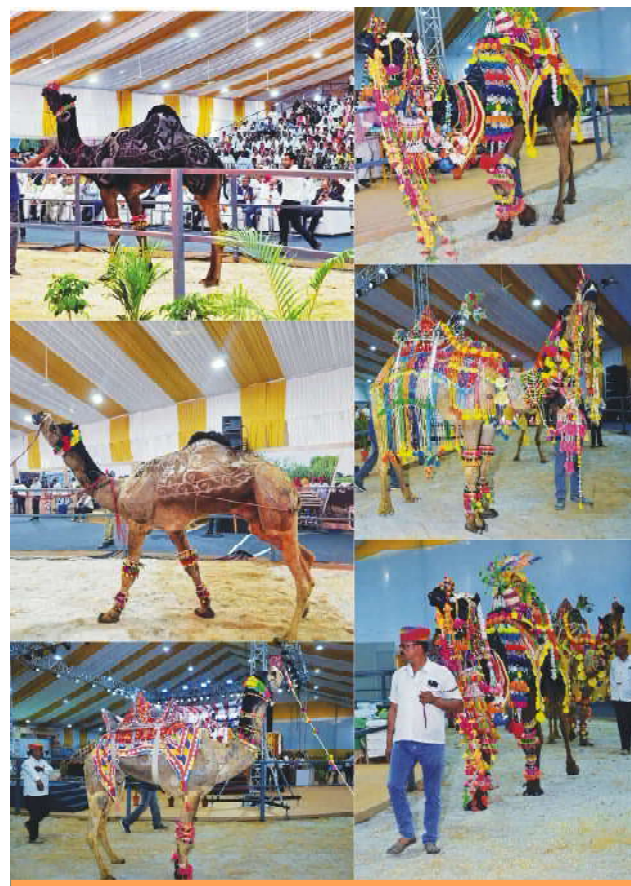
The event provided a platform for farmers, students, researchers and dairy-industry stakeholders to exchange knowledge and explore technologies and innovations aimed at strengthening dairy production, animal husbandry and rural livelihoods.

Swaayam Ksheer Producer Company Completes 15 Years of Service to Dairy Farmers



Swaayam Ksheer Producer Company (SKPCL), a community-owned dairy enterprise in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh, has completed 15 years of service to farming communities. Established in 2011 under the Swaayam

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initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the IKEA Foundation, SKPCL brought together around 9,000 women dairy producers across 46 villages.

The initiative focused on strengthening financial literacy, entrepreneurship and market access among women dairy farmers, laying the foundation for a community-owned enterprise and livelihood opportunities.

To mark the milestone, Angela Lusigi, Resident Representative, UNDP in India, met Raja Rathinam, Managing Director, SKPCL, who shared the organization's journey and its work with farming communities.

Dr Lusigi appreciated SKPCL's continued efforts and encouraged the organization to strengthen an economically viable and environmentally sustainable model benefiting farming communities and contributing to sustainable rural development.

Dodla Dairy Expands Dairy Operations in Uganda

Dodla Dairy Limited, a Benefactor Member of IDA, has strengthened its presence in East Africa with the Bhoomi Pooja ceremony for a new greenfield dairy project near Mityana, Uganda. The ceremony for Lakeside Dairy Limited was performed by Dodla Dairy Group CEO Shri B.V. K. Reddy.

The new plant will have an initial milk processing capacity of 2 lakh litres per day (LLPD), expandable to 4 LLPD. The facility is planned to produce 1 lakh litres each of yoghurt and long-life milk and is expected to become operational by 2028.

Dodla Dairy entered Uganda in 2014 and expanded into Kenya in 2023. Its East African operations currently produce around 2.6 lakh litres of long-life milk and yoghurt per day.

The Mityana project is expected to enhance Dodla Dairy's processing capabilities, support the regional dairy value chain and strengthen its long-term presence in the growing East African dairy market.



Vidya Dairy Wins Fi India 2026 Award

Vidya Dairy, Anand, a Benefactor Member of IDA, has received the prestigious Fi India 2026 Award in the Process Technology Innovation category for its innovative project, "Energy Regeneration in Cream Pasteurizer by Heating of Cheese & Ice Cream Milk with Simultaneous Chilling of Outgoing Cream." The project was selected among 16 category winners from 209 entries received from across the country.



The award-winning innovation optimises energy recovery during dairy processing by utilising the heat from outgoing cream to preheat cheese and ice-cream milk, while simultaneously chilling the cream. This integrated approach has resulted in significant savings in energy and operating costs, while also supporting sustainable and environmentally responsible dairy processing.

The recognition highlights Vidya Dairy's continued focus on process innovation, energy conservation, sustainability and operational efficiency.

BHU Team Secures Patent for Milk Protein-Aloe Vera Antacid Tablet

A research team from Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, has been granted an Indian patent for a novel composite antacid tablet formulated using milk proteins and aloe vera. The innovation was developed at the Department of Dairy Science and Food Technology, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU.

The patent, numbered 597350, has been granted against application No. 202311057324.

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The inventors are Dr. Dinesh Chandra Rai, Dr. Raj Kumar Duary, Dr. Arvind, Dr. Ruchi Chawla, Dr. Ridhi Pandey and Dr. Krishan Kumar.

The patented formulation uses milk proteins, including casein and whey protein, along with aloe vera. According to the patent application, the formulation also contains starch as a binder, mannitol as a filler and magnesium stearate as a lubricating agent. The tablet is prepared using a wet-granulation process, utilising the buffering capacity of milk proteins and the properties of aloe vera.

The innovation represents an approach to dairy value addition by utilising milk-derived proteins in a health-oriented formulation beyond conventional dairy products. It also demonstrates the potential for dairy science and food technology research to develop value-added applications for milk proteins in combination with other functional ingredients.

The research team has indicated that the technology could undergo further clinical validation, scale-up and commercialisation. The patented formulation is not, at this stage, an established clinical treatment or commercially available antacid; further studies would be required to establish its safety, efficacy and performance.

The patent highlights the scope for interdisciplinary research linking dairy science, food technology and pharmaceutical applications, while creating new avenues for value addition to milk proteins.

Shri A.S. Premanath Honoured with Global Achiever's Award in Tashkent

Shri A.S. Premanath, Lifetime Member of the Indian Dairy Association (IDA) and former Managing Director of the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF), was conferred with the prestigious Global Achiever's Award by Vishwvani



Media at a ceremony held at Hotel Hilton, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on 3 September 2026.

The award was presented by Shri Sunil Shastry Ji, former Minister and Member of Parliament and son of former Prime Minister of India, the late Shri Lal Bahadur Shastry Ji, in the presence of several dignitaries. It recognises Shri Premanath's contributions to the dairy sector, particularly his pioneering role in facilitating and implementing Karnataka's Ksheera Bhagya Scheme.

During his tenure as Managing Director of KMF in 2013, Shri Premanath initiated and pursued the proposal with the Government of Karnataka for financial support to provide Nandini milk free of cost to children studying in government schools and Anganwadis across the State.

Since its introduction in 2013, the scheme, implemented by KMF with financial support from the Government of Karnataka, has continued to benefit more than 1.04 crore children. It has strengthened nutritional support for children, particularly those from economically weaker sections and rural communities, while creating a dependable market for surplus milk produced by lakhs of dairy farmers in Karnataka.

The initiative exemplifies the role of cooperative dairy organisations in integrating child nutrition, farmer welfare and economic sustainability. The scheme also received international recognition in 2022, when KMF was honoured with a prestigious award by the International Dairy Federation (IDF).

The Global Achiever's Award acknowledges Shri Premanath's contribution to advancing dairy-led nutritional welfare and strengthening the cooperative dairy sector.

Dodla Foundation-Supported College Building Unveiled at Kamareddy

The College of Dairy Technology, Kamareddy, marked a significant milestone on 22-23 August 2026 with the unveiling and formal handover of its newly constructed college building, supported by the Dodla Foundation. The new facility is expected to strengthen academic infrastructure and support the development of future dairy professionals.

At a special ceremony on 22 August, Shri Sunil Reddy, Managing Director, Dodla Dairy Limited, and Shri B. V. K. Reddy, Chief Executive Officer, Dodla Dairy Limited, formally handed over the facility in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, senior university officials, faculty members, students, alumni and other dignitaries.

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The occasion also brought together alumni from several batches. An Alumni Association Meeting provided an opportunity for former students to reconnect, exchange experiences and share ideas for the continued development of the institution. Alumni also expressed their commitment to supporting the college's future initiatives.

The programme continued on 23 August with a technical workshop involving industry professionals, alumni, faculty and students. Discussions focused on emerging

technologies, modern dairy-processing practices, recent advancements and future opportunities across the dairy sector.

The new building represents a long-term investment in dairy education, innovation and industry readiness. The two-day programme highlighted the strong partnership among academia, industry and alumni and marked a new chapter in the development of the College of Dairy Technology, Kamareddy, as it continues to nurture the next generation of dairy technologists.

Parag Milk Foods to Quadruple Paneer Capacity to 80 MT/

Parag Milk Foods Ltd. has announced plans to invest approximately Rs. 100 crore to quadruple its paneer manufacturing capacity from the existing 20 metric tonnes (MT) per day to 80 MT per day. The expansion will add around 60 MT per day through brownfield and greenfield initiatives at its facilities in Manchar, Maharashtra, and Palamaner, Andhra Pradesh. The expanded capacity is expected to be commissioned by June 2027.

According to the company, its existing paneer manufacturing facilities are operating close to full utilisation. The proposed investment will be financed through a combination of internal accruals, borrowings and lease arrangements.

The expanded facilities will manufacture regular as well as high-protein paneer. The company plans to leverage its pan-India distribution network to increase product availability across general trade, modern

retail, quick commerce, e-commerce and HoReCa (Hotels, Restaurants and Catering) channels.

Parag Milk Foods stated that its paneer business has grown by 28% over the past two years, while value-added products account for more than 90% of its total turnover. Its branded paneer, supported by manufacturing and packaging technology, has a shelf life of up to 75 days without preservatives.

The company is also focusing on the growing organised paneer segment. According to estimates cited by the company, organised players currently account for approximately 5–6% of the Indian paneer market, indicating scope for wider adoption of branded and packaged products.

The expansion is intended to strengthen the company's value-added dairy portfolio, enhance manufacturing capabilities and support wider consumer access to paneer products.



INTERNATIONAL News

International Dairy Market: Overview

As per the latest USDA data during Aug. 31 to Sept. 11, 2026, international market overview are as follows:

EUROPEAN

Western European

Recently released data from Germany showed 81,991 dairy cows slaughtered in July 2026. This was up 24.4 percent from June 2026 and up 6.3 percent from July last year. The number of cows slaughtered in south Germany was particularly high, due to poor feed conditions. From the start of 2026 through July, the number of cows slaughtered in Germany is 529,125, up 2 percent from the same period last year.

In the European Union, the production of dairy products was up from January to June 2026, compared to the first half of 2025. The largest increases were for butter, up 9.4 percent, and skim milk powder, up 10.0 percent. Milk consumption grew 4.8 percent, and cheese production increased 3.3 percent.

In Ireland, milk production is down in 2026 through July, compared to 2025. July 2026 milk production reached 1.01 million tons, down 2.2 percent from July 2025. Production from the start of 2026 through July was 5.74 million tons, down 1.5 percent from last year. A wet spring, followed by a high and dry summer negatively impacted milk production in the country.

Eastern European

Prices for raw milk increased in Ukraine for September 2026, to a weighted average of 15.10 UAH per kilogram. This is up 5.2 percent from August, but down 9.1 percent from a year earlier. Strong export demand is, reportedly, the largest factor pushing milk prices higher. Industry sources say light domestic demand for dairy products kept prices from increasing further.

In Ukraine, some industry sources are predicting prices to increase in the Fall by 20 to 25 percent. Supply disruptions and increased production costs are expected to push prices higher in the country. Some industry groups say this could contribute to further demand destruction for dairy products in the country.

An outbreak of nodular dermatitis in Irkutsk, Russia, is spreading and causing more culling of cattle. The government is providing support to farmers through payments based on the live weight of their cattle, to

help eradicate this disease. Some dairy farmers are concerned as these payments do not provide support for the loss of milk output and potential future income.

OCEANIA DAIRY MARKET

New Zealand

For July, New Zealand dairy exports increased in volume and value year-over-year (YoY). Total dairy export volumes were up 6.7 percent YoY with 290,624 metric tons exported. From a value perspective, total dairy exports through the month were up 1.7 percent YoY, with \$1.34 billion exported for the month. Year-to-date dairy export volumes are up 5.5 percent while values are up 0.1 percent.

A large New Zealand cooperative expects FY2026 underlying earnings to reach the upper end of its 60-70 cent guidance after strong year-long performance. Earnings are tracking toward the top of the range, supporting a solid dividend. FY2025 delivered 65 cents per share and a 57-cent dividend, in line with the cooperative's policy to distribute 60-80 percent of earnings.

Following Global Dairy Trade (GDT) Event 411, a group in New Zealand that forecasts milk prices increased their 2026/2027 season milk price forecast to \$10.25 per kilogram milk solids (kgMS). The spot value of milk decreased to \$9.53/kgMS from \$9.64/kgMS. GDT prices moved higher overall on the gains of skim milk powder, while whole milk powder, anhydrous milk fat, and butter were lower.

The group's 2025/2026 season milk price forecast remains at \$9.74/kgMS. This prediction reflects a US cents per NZ dollar exchange rate assumption of 0.5905 and a forecast range of \$10.00/kgMS to \$10.75/kgMS. The September 2026 Milk Price Futures contract last settled at \$9.75/kgMS.

Australia

The global boom in milk protein demand is reshaping Australia's dairy sector, driving major investments by processors. With protein now central to products from sports drinks to snacks, companies are upgrading plants and shifting strategies to extract maximum value from limited milk supplies. A processor is transforming its facility in Victoria to focus on bio proteins, while Australia's leading milk protein concentrate producer expects strong demand to persist beyond current price spikes. Analysts say whey protein's price rally reflects broader consumer trends prioritizing health and satiety, pushing processors to optimize product mixes.

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Australian dairy farmers are well positioned to tap into rising global demand for high quality Holstein heifers amid an international shortage. Seven countries, including Turkey, the Philippines, Mexico, Pakistan, the UAE, Indonesia and Malaysia, are actively seeking replacements as global supplies tighten. Industry leaders say streamlined export requirements and early shifts, such as Mexico sourcing from Australia in 2025, signal expanding opportunities. With quality breeding and strong market diversification, live export remains a defined growth pathway in the sector's 10-year plan.

SOUTH AMERICA DAIRY MARKET

In South America milk output remains seasonally lighter. Demand is strong and continues to give support to milk prices. Although milk supply is seasonally more limited, handlers indicate volumes are more comfortable than this time last year. Weather changes are having mixed

impacts on pasture health and milk output among major milk production areas of South America. Cream prices are described as stable and loads are available. Manufacturers anticipate cream volumes will remain manageable through the end of the season.

Manufacturers indicate milk volumes are sufficient. Production of dairy commodities is steady. Demand for dairy commodities is stronger. Industry sources report interest from buyers in Africa, North Africa, and the Middle East are increasing.

On the other side of the coin, stakeholders report the meeting of European Union (EU) import quotas is shifting some buying away from the EU for some South American countries, which has led to a greater price span for certain dairy commodities and market dynamics. Negotiations and purchasing to have Q4 needs situated is active. Manufacturers note production of dairy commodities is moving along well to meet Q4 buyer needs.

GDT Dairy Prices Decline as Milk Fats Weaken

The Global Dairy Trade (GDT) Price Index declined 1.1% at Event 412, held on 15th September 2026, interrupting four consecutive positive auctions since July. The latest auction highlighted divergent trends among dairy commodities, with milk powders remaining relatively stable, milk fats declining and Cheddar prices rebounding sharply.

A total of 42,444 tonnes of dairy products were sold, compared with 43,976 tonnes in the previous event. The weighted average winning price was USD 3,868 per tonne, against USD 3,910 per tonne at Event 411. The auction attracted 155 bidders, of whom 126 were successful, across 18 bidding rounds.

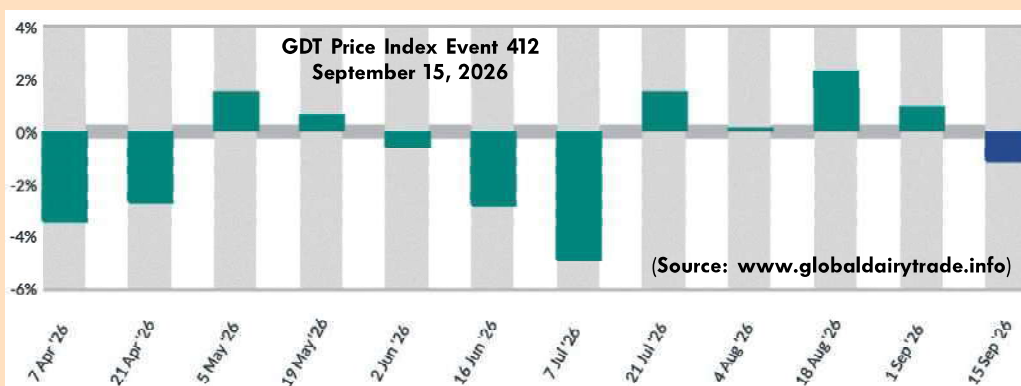
Whole Milk Powder (WMP) declined 0.8% to USD 3,565 per tonne, while Skim Milk Powder (SMP) edged up 0.1% to USD 3,689 per tonne. SMP thus continued to trade above WMP, maintaining the trend that emerged at the previous auction. Butter recorded a sharper decline of 5.7% to USD 4,760 per tonne, while Anhydrous Milk Fat (AMF) fell 3.0% to USD 5,739 per tonne. Buttermilk Powder declined 0.5% to USD 4,549 per tonne, and lactose fell 4.3% to USD 1,794 per tonne.

Cheese prices showed contrasting movements.

Cheddar increased 16.5% to USD 4,075 per tonne, reversing the decline recorded in the previous auction. In contrast, Mozzarella fell 6.0% to USD 3,992 per tonne. The sharp movement in cheese prices indicates differing market conditions across individual products.

The latest auction suggests that global demand remains selective rather than broadly weak. For Indian dairies, the relatively firm SMP price provides an important international benchmark for milk powder, while the decline in global butter and AMF prices highlights softer international demand for milk fats. However, domestic butter and ghee prices in India continue to be influenced primarily by domestic milk availability, procurement costs, seasonality and festival demand.

Overall, GDT Event 412 underlined the increasingly differentiated nature of the global dairy market, with protein and skim solids showing relative resilience, while milk fats remained under pressure and cheese prices displayed considerable product-specific volatility.



Protein and Value-Added Milk Drive US Dairy Growth

Protein, whole milk and value-added products such as lactose-free, ultra-filtered and A2 milk are emerging as important growth areas in the U.S. dairy market, as consumers increasingly seek nutrition, convenience and products suited to specific dietary needs.

According to Circana data cited by MilkPEP, 92% of U.S. households purchase milk, while 63% consume it on an average day. Grocery baskets containing dairy milk are also substantially larger, averaging \$88.79 per trip, compared with \$46.23 for baskets without dairy milk.

The data also indicates that dairy and plant-based beverages are not necessarily competing for the same consumers. About 85% of households purchasing plant-based beverages also purchase dairy milk. Households buying both traditional and value-added milk varieties, including lactose-free and ultra-filtered milk, purchase nearly 30% more milk than the average dairy household.

Protein is a major driver of consumer interest, while whole milk is gaining attention as perceptions of dairy fat evolve. Lactose-free, ultra-filtered and A2 milk are also attracting consumers seeking products aligned with specific nutritional and dietary preferences.

Children are another important influence on household dairy purchases. Circana data shows that 74% of parents involve their children in grocery shopping, while three out of four Gen Alpha consumers reportedly drink milk daily. Households with children spend more than 1.6 times as much on dairy milk as households without children, and more than one-third purchase value-added white milk.

To support industry decision-making, MilkPEP has launched Milkscape, a dairy-milk intelligence platform bringing together consumer, shopper and retail insights from sources including Circana, Numerator and Mintel. The initiative is aimed at helping processors and retailers understand evolving consumer behaviour and identify opportunities for product development, marketing and category growth.

Rabobank Sees Tighter Supply Supporting Global Dairy Prices

Global dairy markets are entering a period of slower milk production growth and greater supply uncertainty, which could provide increasing support to international dairy commodity prices, according to Rabobank's latest Global Dairy Quarterly report.

Rabobank said milk production across the major dairy-

exporting regions continued to grow during the third quarter of 2026, but the pace has slowed significantly. Production growth is estimated at around 1.4% year-on-year, the weakest quarterly growth since early 2025. The bank expects the slowdown to become more pronounced during the second half of 2026.

Milk output across the "Big 7" dairy-exporting regions—the European Union, the US, New Zealand, Australia, Brazil and Argentina and Uruguay—is forecast to grow by only 0.5% year-on-year in the second half of 2026. Production is expected to contract by 0.2% in the fourth quarter and remain broadly flat through the first half of 2027.

The changing supply outlook is expected to particularly benefit milk powders and dairy proteins. Rabobank noted that demand for these products remains resilient, supported by Asian markets, growing interest in protein-rich foods and changing consumption patterns. The bank also highlighted signs of stabilisation in China.

Milk powder markets have strengthened, with recent Global Dairy Trade auctions recording notable gains. Skimmed milk powder prices increased by more than 10% across two auctions, while whole milk powder prices rose by nearly 3%, despite relatively large volumes being offered. Demand from Southeast Asian markets, including Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand, has remained firm.

Rabobank also sees potential for higher New Zealand farmgate milk prices during the 2026/27 season. It expects the final milk price to approach NZ\$10 per kg of milk solids, compared with Fonterra's current midpoint forecast of NZ\$9.50 per kg of milk solids.

However, the bank cautioned that risks remain elevated. Rising feed, energy, fertiliser and freight costs are putting pressure on producer margins, while weather conditions, including the potential impact of El Niño in New Zealand, could influence global milk availability. Geopolitical disruptions and consumers' ability to absorb higher dairy prices will also remain important market factors into 2027.

Donkey Milk Cosmetics Open New Market in Brazil

Brazil's semi-arid Northeast, which has the country's largest concentration of donkeys, is being identified as a potential production hub for higher-value donkey milk products, particularly cosmetics. The emerging opportunity is drawing attention as businesses in Europe and Chile develop creams, soaps, shampoos and conditioners using donkey milk.

In France, Ém'ane uses fresh donkey milk in cosmetic formulations, with the ingredient accounting for up to 10% of some creams and 15% of soaps. Belgium's

Naturâne produces cosmetics using milk from its own herd, while companies in Italy and other European countries are developing different production and marketing models.

In Chile, entrepreneur Paula Saez of Feld Esel produces creams, soaps, shampoos and conditioners using milk collected from her own farm, where she keeps six donkeys. Presenting the business at Expointer in Brazil, Saez said consumer awareness of donkey milk cosmetics was initially limited, but acceptance has been positive, with customers returning to purchase the products. Consumers have particularly cited moisturisation and improved skin elasticity.

Researchers are also studying the cosmetic potential of donkey milk, which contains fatty acids, vitamins and amino acids. Experimental research is examining formulations aimed at moisturising and protecting the skin, as well as their potential effects on the skin barrier and photo ageing.

According to Brazilian zootechnician and agricultural administrator Alex Bastos, European experience and the Chilean example could provide useful references for Brazil's semi-arid region. Donkey milk production could complement breeding, genetic selection and reproduction activities, creating additional value and income opportunities.

However, developing the sector would require appropriate animal management, selection for milk-producing ability, technical assistance, sanitary controls and compliance with regulations. The emerging market illustrates how specialised milk products and value-added processing could create new opportunities for donkey farming and rural economies.

Japan, South Korea Dairy Markets Shift towards Health and Nutrition

Dairy markets in Japan and South Korea are increasingly being influenced by consumer interest in gut health, immunity, clean-label products and nutrition, according to a recent analysis by Innova Market Insights. The shift is creating opportunities for dairy products that combine health benefits with simpler formulations and convenient consumption formats.

Dairy has traditionally had a relatively limited role in the diets of consumers in both countries, with milk and yoghurt commonly consumed at breakfast and cheese at dinner. Lactose intolerance and price sensitivity are among the factors influencing consumption patterns.

In Japan, consumers are showing greater preference for products perceived to have fewer negative nutritional

attributes, including lower levels of fat, sugar and salt. This is creating opportunities for reduced-sugar drinkable yoghurt, low-fat milk and reduced-sodium cheese. In South Korea, consumers are placing greater emphasis on naturalness, purity and nutrition, supporting opportunities for plain high-protein Greek yoghurt, probiotic products and protein- and calcium-rich cheese snacks.

Protein, probiotics, fibre, vitamins and minerals are expected to remain important drivers of dairy innovation. Emerging ingredients such as collagen and L-theanine could also feature in future product development. Dairy companies are expected to expand the use of lactose-free products, added fibre and probiotic cultures to address specific consumer needs.

The analysis also points to opportunities beyond traditional breakfast consumption. Shelf-stable, single-serve and portion-controlled dairy products could gain wider use for meals, tea occasions and snacking. Local flavours and culturally relevant formats may further help integrate dairy into everyday consumption patterns in Japan and South Korea.

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