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**MILK PRODUCTION COSTS**  
**Germany**



The study "What is the cost of producing milk?", carried out in 2012 by the German BAL (Büro für Agrarsoziologie und Landwirtschaft) on behalf of the European Milk Board and the MEG Milch Board, allowed for the first time to calculate milk production costs in all regions of Germany. The calculation is based on data of the EU's Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN) and of the German Federal Statistical Office (Destatis). Since 2014, an update of the study is published on a quarterly basis.

The latest results, which reflect milk production costs in January 2018, are available in the table below. The current results also serve as a basis for the calculation of the Milk Marker Index (MMI) and the price/cost ratio. The MMI reflects the development of milk production costs, while the price/cost ratio shows to which extent farm gate milk prices allow to cover production costs.



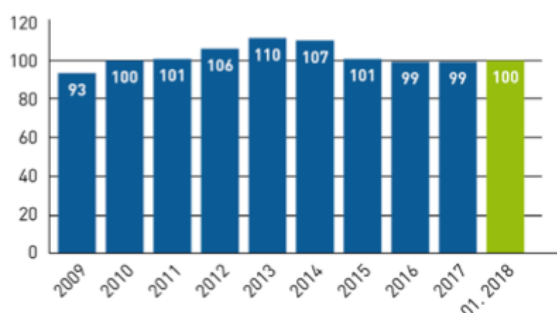
**Milk production costs in Germany**

Year/ quarterly figures*	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	01. 2018
Production costs in ct/ kg	38.54	41.44	42.05	44.08	45.90	44.39	42.13	41.17	41,12	41,81
Farm-gate milk prices in ct/kg**	25.84	31.89	35.92	32.90	38.75	38.78	30.53	27.93	37,40	36,75
Price/cost ratio	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0,91</b>	<b>0,88</b>

\* Provisional quarterly figures. All values excluding VAT, as from 2014 new basis for calculations FADN 2014 and 2015 (prov.), before FADN 2013, 2012 or 2010. Extrapolation for 2016 and 2017 updated on basis of FADN 2015.

\*\* All milk prices for 4% fat and 3,4% protein, sources: prices of collected raw milk and prices of conventional cow's milk. In: Statistical yearbook and Statistical monthly reports BMEL, different years, www.bmel-statistik.de, Ed. Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture, Germany)

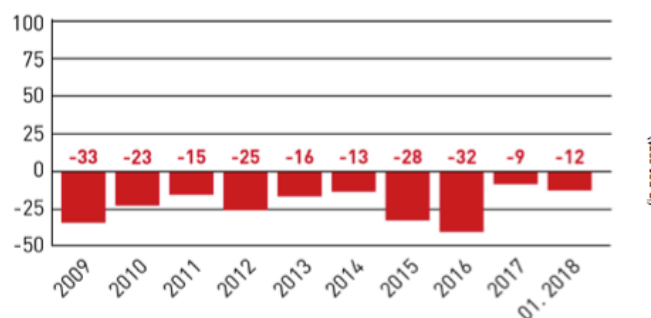
**MILK MARKER INDEX (MMI)**



■ Development of milk production costs in Germany, with base year 2010=100. Updated basis for calculation: FADN 2015 (before 2010, 2012 and 2013).  
 ■ Provisional quarterly figures.

Source: trend calculations of the BAL based on Destatis and FADN data

**PRICE/COST RATIO**



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