

June 1 - World Milk Day

Actions against the milk crisis in Europe

There is really no need to wait for a specific date to take to the streets and protest the "EU dairy sector at the brink of an abyss." The dramatic consequences of the milk crisis are enough to warrant such an event. June 1 - World Milk Day - comes at a time when the waves of extremely low milk prices are threatening to drag thousands of European farmers into poverty.

Milk producers are currently staging actions in a number of European countries:

- May 30: Dutch farmers block bus with EU Agriculture Ministers visiting a farm**
- May 31: Demonstration during the informal meeting of EU Agriculture Ministers in Amsterdam**
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- May 31: Press conference and solidarity action at Paulihof in Mals, South Tyrol**
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- May 30 - June 1: Major action at Milk Summit in Berlin with hundreds of rubber boots as symbol for farms run out of business**
- Major milk spraying and milk tipping actions across Germany**
Contact at the German BDM: Hans Foldenauer (DE): +49(0)1705638056
- French milk producers will protest against low prices in front of dairies**
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- Manneken Pis will spout milk instead of water on June 1 in Brussels**
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You can find photos from the actions here: <http://bit.ly/1sphvwn>