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Press release: European milk producers call for German government to change course



(Berchtesgaden, 12th April 2013) A major tractor convoy will close the three-day demonstration of milk producers and concerned citizens from all over Europe in the Southern German town of Berchtesgaden today. Around 750 milk producers of the European Milk Board (EMB), the association representing milk producer organisations in Europe, had taken the meeting of Germany's Ministers for Agriculture as an opportunity to show their disagreement with the milk policy of the German government. Their motto: "organising markets rather than managing crises".

The organisers of the demonstration from the German EMB member organisation BDM had set up an impressive three-day programme. The first evening a farmers' conference on the subject "Agricultural policy for a rural, sustainable agriculture" was held. The second day, at a major demonstration, the farmers called for political decision-makers to finally fulfil their responsibilities for the European dairy market. In order to underline their call, the participants of the demonstration handed over a manifesto with their demands to the Ministers for Agriculture. Today, the demonstration will end with a tractor convoy. The tractors will drive to the meeting venue in order to symbolically go and fetch correct meeting results for European dairy farmers.

The European Milk Board (EMB) is a European umbrella association representing 19 milk producer organisations from 14 European countries and a total of approximately 100.000 dairy farmers. Around 75% of the milk volume in Europe is produced in its member states.

EMB President Romuald Schaber explained that "milk producers from all over Europe have come the long way to

Berchtesgaden in order to call for the German government to change its political course. We cannot accept that the German government always blocks any attempt in Brussels for a reasonable regulation of European milk markets. Only a flexible regulation of supply can guarantee the economic survival of milk producers in Europe. Big and powerful member states like Germany may not impede that."

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