

Dairy Outlook 2021

- Global dairy markets
 - Continuing supply growth
 - Matched by demand growth (assuming COVID-19 abates)
 - Relatively stable international dairy price outlook
- Irish dairy sector outlook
 - Production volume forecast +3%
 - Irish milk price outlook slightly positive
 - 35cpl (actual constituents vat incl.) in 2021
 - Production costs to increase



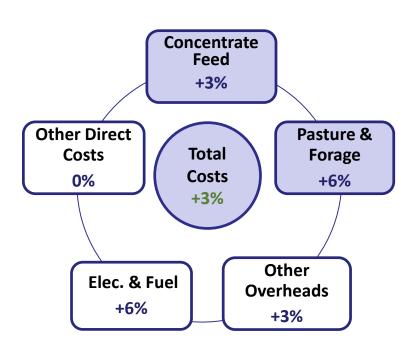




Dairy input costs to rise in 2021

Costs per litre 2021f

Expenditure change relative to 2020





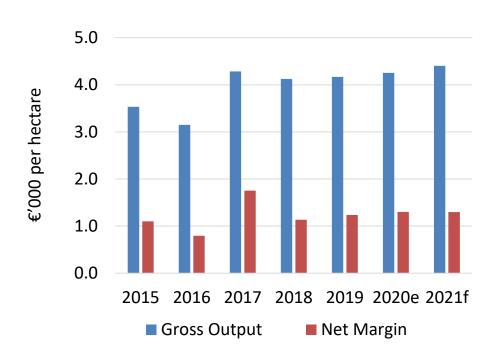
- Feed Use per litre unchanged
 - but modest price rise anticipated
- Fertiliser
 - Price up 10%
 - Marginal increase in use
- Fuel prices up 7%
- Increase in overhead costs/litre



Source: Teagasc NFS data and Authors' forecast for 2021

Net margin forecast for 2021

2021f Average net margin per ha. €1,300





- Normal weather assumed
- Production to 个 3%
- Gross output per ha ↑ 4%
- Net margin per ha unchanged



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2021 Dairy Summary



3% increase in milk production





3% increase in costs per litre (25.2c)





3% increase in dairy cow population



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3% drop in net margin per litre (10.2 cpl)





Marginal rise in milk price (Brexit Deal)





No change in net margin per hectare





Summary

- 2020 remarkably uneventful year for dairy in spite of COVID-19
 - Stable milk price with COVID-19 price dip in Q2 offset by improvement later in year
 - Fall in key input costs
 - Increase in net margin and farm income
- 2021 Brexit Deal provides a bit of certainty
 - Stable international dairy product price environment
 - Irish milk price up marginally and milk production to increase also
 - Higher feed, fertiliser and fuel expenditure (due to higher prices)
 - No change in net margin per ha and a 3% reduction per litre

