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# Organic milk production in Denmark

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# Organic milk production

In 2024 organic milk production in Denmark was 635 (2023: 689) million kg, corresponding to 11% of total milk production

320 (2024 350) organic dairy farms at per January 1st, 2025

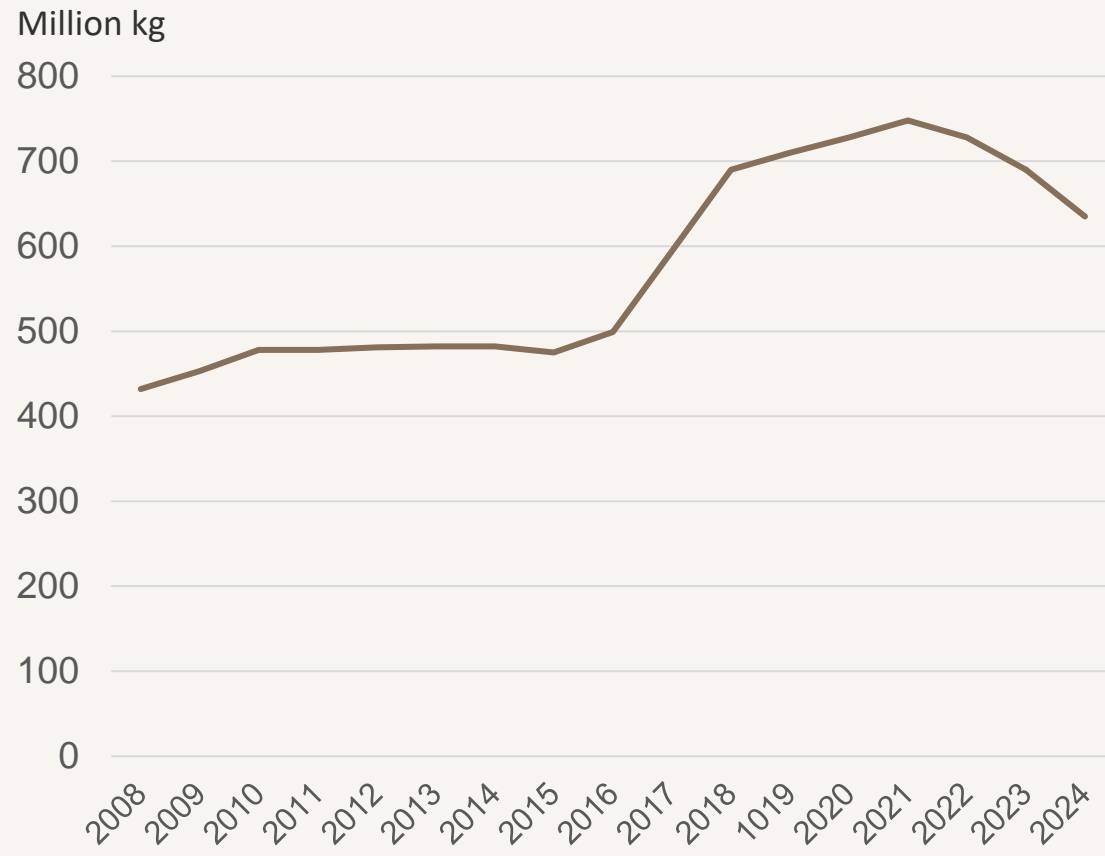
Premium for organic milk compared to conventional milk was about EUR 0.08 per kg milk as per May 2025

Market share in 2023 in retail for organic drinking milk was 41.9% in value (Kauzas Shopper Data), and about 33% in volume.

Arla Foods is the biggest organic dairy in the world



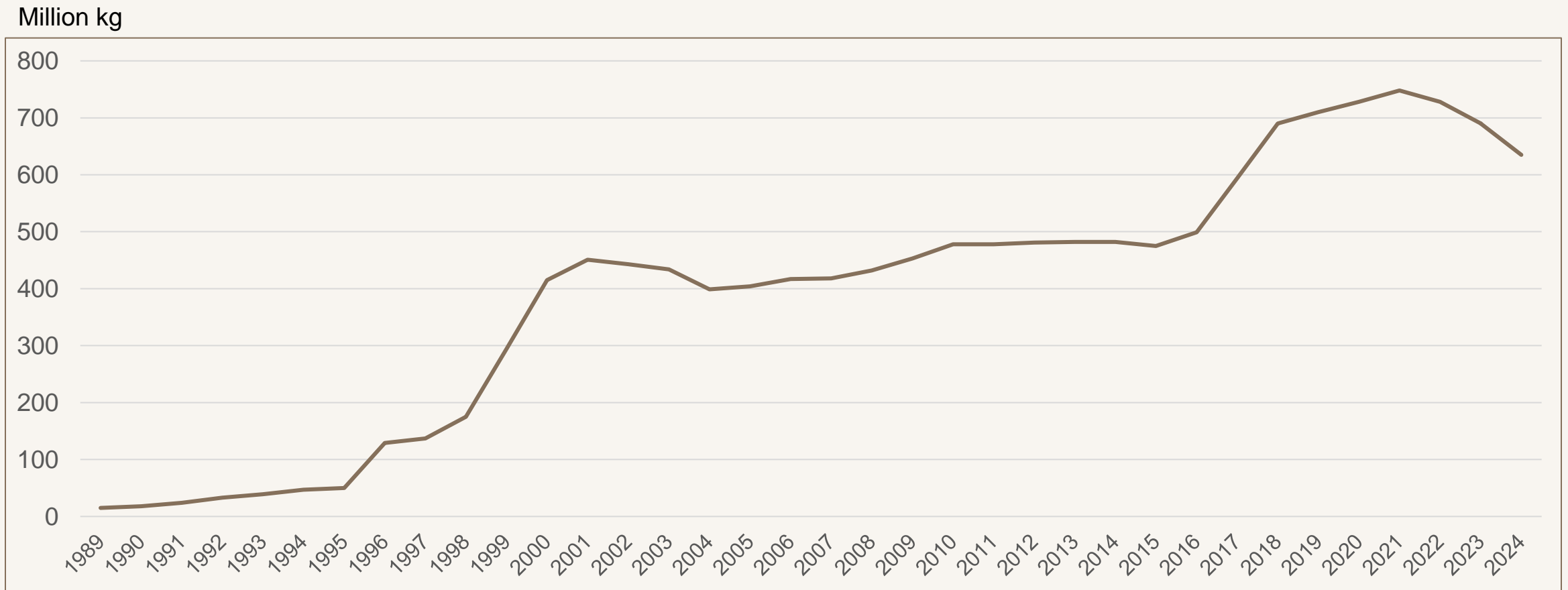
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Source: Statistics Denmark



# Organic milk production in Denmark – longer perspective



## Sales of organic dairy products in the retail sector

|              |      | 2023     |           | 2024     |           | 2024:2023 |          |
|--------------|------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|              |      | Quantity | Turnover  | Quantity | Turnover  | Quantity  | Turnover |
|              |      | tons     | 1000 DKK  | tons     | 1000 DKK  | Pct.      | Pct.     |
| Whole milk   | 3.5% | 13,785   | 194,358   | 15,405   | 216,072   | 11.8      | 11.2     |
| Skim milk    | 1.5% | 30,618   | 359,043   | 30,821   | 361,255   | 0.7       | 0.6      |
| Mini milk    | 0.4% | 56,140   | 626,335   | 57,157   | 638,445   | 1.8       | 1.9      |
| Skim milk    | 0.1% | 27,067   | 314,903   | 25,636   | 306,923   | -5.3      | -2.5     |
| Total        |      | 127,610  | 1,494,639 | 129,019  | 1,522,695 | 1.1       | 1.9      |
|              |      |          |           |          |           |           |          |
| Plant drinks |      | 15,790   | 229,931   | 15,695   | 208,579   | -0.6      | -9.3     |

# Current topics in the debate – organic farming in Denmark

## Organic Dairy sector:

- Polled animals/no dehorning
- Species-rich grass mixtures (multispecies)
- Cow-calf
- Organic breeding goal

## General concerns:

- Climate
- New area-based nitrogen regulation
- Regenerative agriculture



# The most important barriers in livestock production in DK - recent survey

Financial sustainability

Market and demand

Specific administrative burdens

Expenses (indirect) related to control and certification



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