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MANAGING THE EU DAIRY MARKET 2014-2019

2014-2016: **EU MILK CRISIS 'THE PERFECT STORM'**





Slowdown in demand



Limited access to the Russian market



TO RESTORE MARKET BALANCE, the European Commission took decisive action in 2015-2017, implementing measures to stimulate demand, reduce supply



MILK MARKET MEASURES

The Commission took swift and decisive action to support farmers, providing cash-flow relief while maintaining market balance and competitiveness:

PUBLIC **PRODUCTION REDUCTION** INTERVENTION Introduction of a €150 million voluntary The Commission bought skimmed milk reduction production scheme, aimed milk powder (SMP) stocks to at restoring market balance. remove surpluses from the market and restore market balance. SUPPORT PACKAGE **PRIVATE STORAGE** Over €1 billion in additional funding mobilised to support Opening, extending and enhancing private farmers hardest hit by the crisis, storage aid schemes for dairy products inprimarily in the dairy sector. cluding skimmed milk powder and cheese.

Agriculture and Rural Development

MANAGING SKIMMED MILK POWDER STOCKS



380,000 TONNES of skimmed milk powder were purchased by the European Commission to stabilise the market.



DECEMBER 2016

As soon as market recovery materialised, helped by the various EU support measures, a tender was opened to allow selling stored products back onto the market. The first tender took place in December 2016.



4,000 TONNES

The Commission waited for the best moment to sell sizeable quantities of skimmed milk powder, maintaining market balance and continuing to protect farmers' incomes.

BY JANUARY 2019, 99% OF ORIGINAL STOCK HAS BEEN SOLD!



