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THE DAIRY SECTOR IN LOMBARDY

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THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

**Structural characteristics and production trends in
the dairy livestock sector**

Production at Basic Prices (PPB) of Lombardy Farms in 2023

The PPB from Istat data

- **Total value:** 6,154 million euros (+8.4% compared to 2022 and +35% compared to 2021, equal to +1,600 million total).
- **Main reason for growth:** increase in prices, not quantities, as occurred in 2022.
- **Five-year average:** +7.2% per year, but between 2018 and 2021 only +1.0% per year

Bovine milk sector

- **Increase in value:** +5.5% on 2022 and +36.3% on 2021, and is approaching 2,600 million euros.
- **Quantity:** slightly increasing in 2023 compared to 2022.
- **Impact on livestock production:** 41.5% (-1.1 points compared to 2022, but +0.4 compared to 2021).
- **Dynamics:** growth mainly due to the increase in prices; quantity slightly increasing.

Current Production Values at Basic Prices of Livestock Farms in Lombardy (mln OF euro)

	2021	2022	2023	Var.% 2023/ 2022	Var.% 2022/ 2021	Var.% media 2018-2023	Var.% media 2013-2023
Carni							
- Bovine	690	847	883	4,3	22,6	4,7	1,2
- Suine	1.192	1.374	1.680	-22,3	15,2	7,4	3,4
- Ovicaprino	2,2	2,5	2,6	4,4	10,6	4,0	- 0,6
- Pollame	482	632	587	- 7,0	31,1	5,5	1,4
- Altre carni	73	84	84,4	1,0	14,6	2,1	- 0,9
Latte							
- Latte bovino	1.876	2.423	2.557	5,5	29,1	8,5	3,9
- Latte ovicaprino	4	4,3	4,8	11,2	10,2	12,0	6,9
Uova	238	304	350	14,9	27,7	9,1	3,7
Miele	4,5	6,5	5,6	- 12,8	45,0	- 4,7	- 2,2
Totale allevamenti	4.563	5.676	6.154	8,4	24,4	7,2	3,0

Source: SMEA Elaboration on Istat data.

Dairy cattle farms in Lombardy in 2023

According to Istat data

- **Dairy cows:** 548 thousand heads (-5.3% compared to 2022).
- Downward revision after +8% in 2022
- Average annual increase of 1.7% in the last five years and 1.8% over ten years; average declines at national level, respectively -1.4% and -1.7%.
- They make up 35.8% of Lombardy's cattle compared to the Italian 28.2%.
- The Lombardy share of the national total grows from 33.3% (2022) to 34.8% (2023).

Lombardy is increasingly oriented towards milk production, with a strong concentration of farms and an increase in the average size of companies, especially for dairy companies.

Cattle numbers in Lombardy on 1 December ('000 capi)

Bovini	2022	% Lomb./ Italia	2023	% Lomb./ Italia	Var.% 2023/22	Var.% media 2018-23	Var.% media 2013-23
< 1 anno	462	29,0	484	31,8	4,8	1,1	-0,1
tra 1 e due anni	365	24,6	372	25,6	2	0,6	2,5
> 2 anni	706	25,5	674	25,9	-4,6	0,6	1,5
di cui:							
- Manze da allev.	80	17,9	79	20	-1,2	-5,8	-0,4
- Manze da macello	15	10,3	16	19,9	2,3	14,7	7,7
- Vacche da latte	579	33,3	548	34,8	-5,3	1,7	1,8
- Altre vacche	22	8,1	21	4,5	-2,4	-2,4	-0,3
Totale bovini	1.533	26,3	1.530	27,4	-0,2	0,7	1,2

Source: SMEA Elaboration on Istat data.

Changes in the distribution of livestock by production orientation

According to National Database of Livestock Registry (BDN) Data

Farms and cattle by production orientation in Lombardy as of December 31: 2013-2023

- The share of cattle in dairy farms increased from 69-70% (2013-2019) to 74.6% in 2023.

Between 2019 and 2023:

- The number of animals in dairy farms increased (+8.3%).
- The number of animals in meat farms (-4.9%) and mixed farms (-53.2%) decreased.

In 2023 alone:

- Dairy farms suffered a slight contraction (-1.5%).
- Meat farms recorded a significant decline (-3.3%).
- The reduction in mixed farms accelerated (-12.3%).

	Orientamento produttivo			% sul totale		
	Carne	Latte	Misto	Carne	Latte	Misto
	Numero di capi					
2013	335.420	1.027.210	104.976	22,9	70,0	7,2
2018	334.490	1.038.198	135.770	22,2	68,8	9,0
2022	321.156	1.118.998	91.028	21,0	73,1	5,9
2023	316.883	1.135.594	64.683	20,8	74,6	4,3
Var.% 2023/2022	-1,3	1,5	-28,9	-0,7	2,1	-28,5
Var.% media 2018-2023	-1,1	1,8	-13,8	-1,2	1,6	-13,9
Var.% media 2013-2023	-0,6	1,0	-4,7	-0,9	0,6	-5,1
	Numero di allevamenti					
2013	11.438	6.514	1.512	58,8	33,5	7,8
2018	10.046	5.589	1.965	57,1	31,8	11,2
2022	7.998	5.274	1.655	53,6	35,3	11,1
2023	7.738	5.197	1.452	53,7	36,1	10,1
Var.% 2023/2022	-3,3	-1,5	-12,3	0,2	2,1	-9,1
Var.% media 2018-2023	-5,1	-1,4	-5,9	-1,2	2,6	-2,0
Var.% media 2013-2023	-3,8	-2,2	-0,4	-0,9	0,7	2,6

Source: SMEA Elaboration on National Database of Livestock Registry (BDN) data.

Dairy cattle farms

According to data from the National Database of Livestock Registry (BDN)

Average size:

- **Dairy farms** have an average of 219 animals in 2023, up from 186 in 2018 and 209 in 2021.
- **Mixed farms** decrease in size, from 71 animals in 2019 to 45 in 2023. In the dairy sector, 8.4% of farms have fewer than 10 animals, while 11.6% have at least 500.
- **Farms with at least 500 animals** concentrate 41.3% of dairy cattle and 59% of beef cattle

Compared to the national average:

- Lombardy is home to 22% of Italian dairy farms, but over 43% of the heads.
- **Large dairy farms** (≥500 heads) in Lombardy represent approximately 60% of the national total (it was 50% in 2019).
- **Mixed farms** with at least 500 heads (17 structures) represent 51% of the national total

Dairy cattle farms in Lombardy of December 31: 2023

Classe di capi	N. allevamenti	% allev/ Totale	N. capi	% capi/ Totale	% Lombardia / Italia	
					Allevam.	Capi
1 - 9	417	8,4	1.950	0,2	11,2	10,5
10 - 19	308	6,2	4.377	0,4	9,8	9,9
20 - 49	635	12,7	21.311	1,9	13,0	13,5
50 - 99	660	13,2	47.774	4,2	17,9	18,2
100 - 499	2.391	47,9	591.564	52,1	38,5	43,5
500 e oltre	578	11,6	468.618	41,3	59,8	59,8
Totale	4.989	100,0	1.135.594	100,0	22,0	43,2

Source: SMEA Elaboration on National Database of Livestock Registry (BDN) data.

Territorial distribution in Lombardy

According to data from the National Database of Livestock Registry (BDN)

- **Brescia and Bergamo:** host 45% of the bovine farms; Bergamo is more oriented towards meat, Brescia towards milk (28.5% of the stables and 28.3% of the heads).
- **Cremona:** first for average size of dairy farms (364 heads/farm) and second for number of heads (25.2% of the regional total). This is also the province with the highest density of cattle per km2 (175 heads)
- **Mantua:** 14.5% of the dairy stables and about 16% of the heads, but also the center of production of white meat calves (33.5% of the regional meat heads).
- **Lodi:** similar to Cremona, but with fewer companies due to the smaller size of the province (6% of the dairy stables, 9.2% of the heads).
- **Sondrio:** has 9.5% of the dairy farms in Lombardy, but with smaller stables (less than 2% of the regional heads).

The distribution of dairy farms and totals in the Lombardy region as of December 31: 2023

	Orientamento LATTE		Totale		Densità totale /km ²	
	Allevam.	Capi	Allevam.	Capi	Allevam.	Capi
Bergamo	722	101.223	2.442	123.141	0,89	45
Brescia	1.482	321.714	4.052	456.836	0,85	95
Como	119	9.330	879	14.759	0,69	12
Cremona	786	286.094	1.189	309.781	0,67	175
Lecco	79	5.899	569	8.815	0,71	11
Lodi	314	105.014	457	116.617	0,58	149
Monza e della Brianza	27	3.121	138	5.246	0,34	13
Milano	251	66.447	655	78.209	0,42	50
Mantova	755	179.661	1.616	325.601	0,69	139
Pavia	98	28.766	633	42.360	0,21	14
Sondrio	493	18.831	1.189	23.007	0,37	7
Varese	71	9.494	568	12.788	0,47	11
Lombardia	5.197	1.135.594	14.387	1.517.160	0,60	64

Source: SMEA Elaboration on National Database of Livestock Registry (BDN) data.

Differences between Plain and Mountain Areas

According to data from the Regional Breeders Association of Lombardy (Aral)

- **Lombardy farms** located in the plains represent **86.2%** of the total and provide over **97.4%** of the total milk.
- On average, each farm in the plains produces six times the amount of milk of farms located in the mountains.
- **National production** is more fragmented, with a higher number of mountain farms than farms in the plains, but with significantly lower production volumes.

	Anno 2023		
	Lombardia	Italia	% Lomb./ Italia
Pianura			
-Numero allevamenti con consegne	3.248	9.841	33,0
-Consegne (.000 t)	5.838	10.589	55,1
-Consegne per allevamento (t)	1.798	1.076	167,0
Montagna e altre aree svantaggiate			
-Numero allevamenti con consegne	519	11.376	4,6
-Consegne (.000 t)	157,7	2.270	6,9
-Consegne per allevamento (t)	304	200	152,3
Totale			
-Numero allevamenti con consegne	3.767	21.217	17,8
-Consegne (.000 t)	5.996	12.859	46,6
-Consegne per allevamento (t)	1.592	606	262,6

Source: SMEA Elaboration on AGEA data

Cheese production trend in Lombardy in 2023

According to data from the protection consortia

- **PDO cheeses also produced in other regions**

5 cheeses with production in Lombardy and outside the region.

- **Main changes (2023 compared to 2022):**

- **Grana Padano (+5.4%) and Parmigiano Reggiano (+5.3%): growing.**
- **Provolone Valpadana (-5.9%):** clear reversal of trend after growth in the previous decade.
- **Taleggio (0.0%) and Gorgonzola (0.1%):** the latter stable after a decline in 2022.

- **Exclusively Lombard PDO cheeses:**

9 PDO cheeses produced only in Lombardy, often in mountain areas.

- **Main cheeses and production trends (2023 compared to 2022):**

- **Bitto (-23.1%):** strong reduction in production.
- **Valtellina Casera (+2.4):** stable growth
- **Quartiolo Lombardo (-2.8%):** down from 2021.
- **Nostrano Valtrompia (-50%):** loses what it gained in 2022.

	2018	2022	2023	Var.% 2023/ 2022	Var.% media 2018-2023
a) Formaggi prodotti unicamente in Lombardia					
Bitto	254,0	186,0	143,0	-23,12	-10,9
Formai de Mut	57,6	61,4	66,0	7,49	2,8
Nostrano Valtrompia	11,6	12,0	6,0	-50,00	-12,4
Quartiolo lombardo	2.957,9	2.718,0	2.643,0	-2,76	-2,2
Salva Cremasco	257,0	228,0	229,0	0,44	-2,3
Valtellina Casera	1.382,0	1.489,0	1.524,0	2,35	2,0
b) Formaggi prodotti in Lombardia e in altre regioni					
Gorgonzola	17.649	17.072	17.083	0,07	-0,6
Grana Padano	140.855	150.343	158.493	5,42	2,4
Parmigiano Reggiano	15.509	18.183	19.147	5,30	4,3
Provolone Valpadana	3.782	4.747	4.469	-5,87	3,4
Taleggio	8.774	8.792	8.792	0,00	0,0
Totale	191.490	203.831	212.595	4,30	2,1

Source: SMEA Elaboration on Protection Consortia data

Grana cheeses prices

According to data from the C.C.I.A.A.

Wholesale prices of Grana cheeses in Lombardy (€/kg): January 2014-September 2024

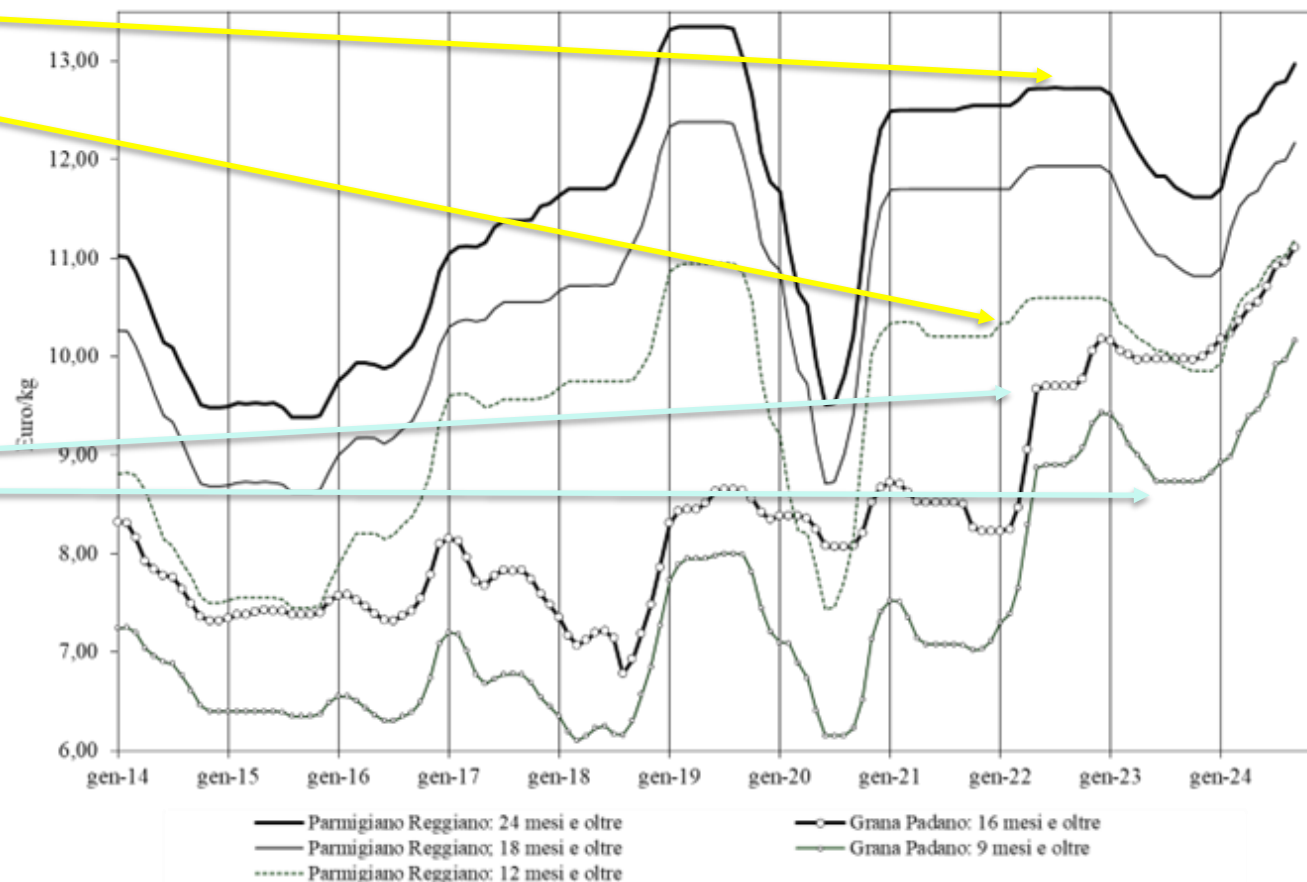
Parmigiano Reggiano

- 2023: gradual reduction from January to December, the 24-month model loses over €1.00/kg in total (-8.8%).
- 2024: new growth, up to €12.97/kg in September (+11.6% from January).

Grana Padano

Positive overall trend: between January 2022 and September 2024 it gained +35%.

- 2023: Slight decline, less marked than Parmigiano Reggiano: closing at €10.08/kg (-0.7%).
- 2024: Continuous growth, in nine months +9.1%, with the historical record of €11.11/kg in September.



Source: SMEA Elaboration on CCIAA Milano data

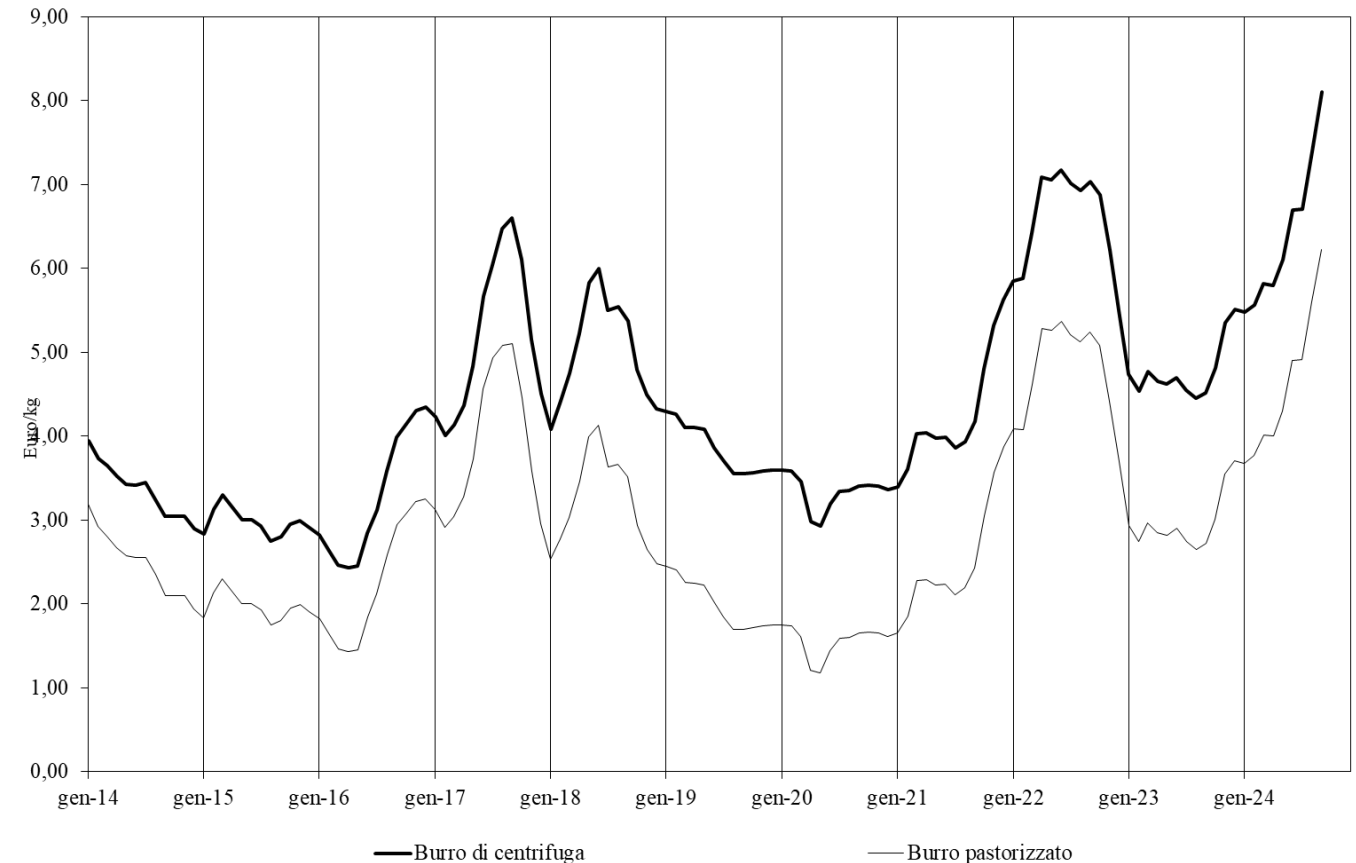
Butter prices

According to data from the C.C.I.A.A.

Butter

- **From June 2022 to August 2023:** decreases after the peak, from €5.37/kg to €2.65/kg (-50.7%) for pasteurized butter.
- **From September the relaunch:** with closing in December with €3.71/kg (+40% from September to December 2023)
- **In 2024:**
 - **January-September:** new surge, new historic level reached in September with €6.23/kg, +69.3% in 9 months.
 - **Reasons:** drop in production due to increased use of milk for cheese and reduction in lipid content

Wholesale prices of butter in Lombardy (€/kg): January 2014 - September 2024



Source: SMEA Elaboration on CCIAA Milano data

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FOOD INDUSTRY

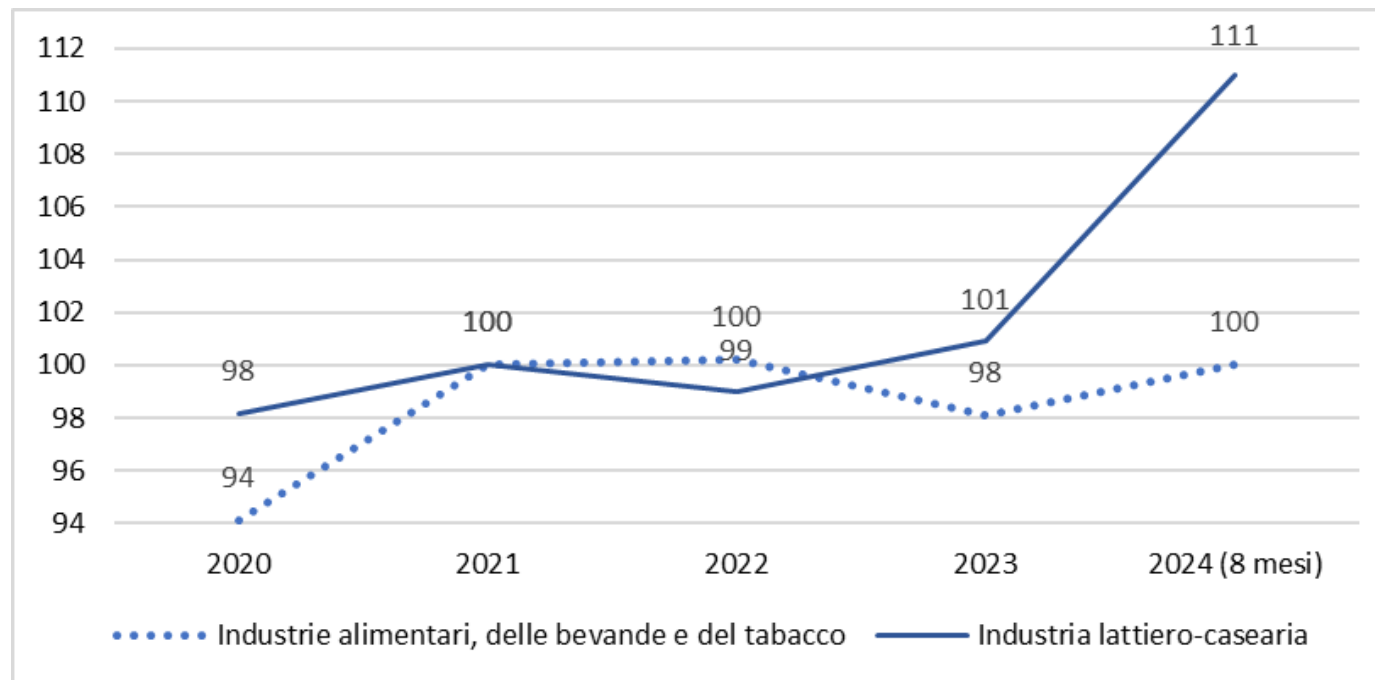
Structural characteristics and performance of the dairy industry

Dairy Industry

Economic dynamic

- In the year 2023, the production index for the Italian dairy industry highlights an increase of +1.95% in production compared to 2022, reaching a value of 101 (base 2021=100, Istat data).
- The production index for the food, beverage and tobacco industry highlights a contraction in production (-2.2%), reaching a value of 98 (base 2021=100, Istat data).

The average annual index production



Source: ESP elaboration, Istat data.

Dairy Industry

Structural characteristics and performance

- In 2023, in Lombardy, there are 380 dairy companies registered in the appropriate register of chambers of commerce, and 322 are active which consists of 5.7% of the companies active in the food industry.

Companies in the food and beverage industry in Lombardy by category of economic activity in 2023

	Lombardia			
	registrate	%	attive	%
10: Industrie alimentari	6.503	100	5.613	100,0
101: Lav. e cons. carne e prod. prodotti a base di carne	742	11,4	586	10,4
102: Lav. e cons. pesce, crostacei e molluschi	33	0,5	27	0,5
103: Lav. e cons. frutta e ortaggi	133	2,0	117	2,1
104: Prod. oli e grassi vegetali e animali	59	0,9	49	0,9
105: Industria lattiero-casearia	380	5,8	322	5,7
106: Lav. granaglie, produzione di amidi e di prodotti amidacei	155	2,4	125	2,2
107: Prod. prodotti da forno e farinacei	4.118	63,3	3.640	64,8
108: Prod. altri prodotti alimentari	762	11,7	643	11,5
109: Prod. prodotti per l'alimentazione degli animali	121	1,9	104	1,9
11: Industria delle bevande	380	100,0	322	100,0
1101: Distillazione, rettifica e miscelatura degli alcolici	80	21,1	67	20,8
1102: Prod. vini da uve	112	29,5	90	28,0
1103: Prod. sidro e altri vini a base di frutta	2	0,5	2	0,6
1104: Prod. altre bevande fermentate non distillate	11	2,9	10	3,1
1105: Prod. birra	123	32,4	109	33,9
1106: Prod. malto	0	0,0	0	0,0
1107: Industria bibite analcoliche, acque minerali, altre acque	52	13,7	44	13,7
Totale alimentare e bevande	6.883		5.935	

Source: ESP elaboration, InfoCamere-Movimprese data.

Dairy Industry

Structural characteristics and performance

- Taking into consideration the local units of the companies, in Lombardy 599 local units are revealed in the dairy industry in 2023 (source: InfoCamere-Movimprese data).
- There is a strong territorial connection between the production of raw materials and processing activities. Indeed, the local units of the dairy companies are mainly located in the provinces of milk production, that is Milan, Brescia, Mantua, Bergamo, Cremona and Sondrio.

The territorial distribution of local units in 2023

	Va	Co	So	Mi	Bg	Bs	Pv	Cr	Mn	Lc	Lo	Mb	Tot.
	dati assoluti												
10: Industrie alimentari	466	384	281	2.442	813	1.139	522	462	594	282	186	496	8.067
101: Lav. e cons. carne e prod. prodotti a base di carne	28	38	66	164	92	141	73	107	130	50	26	42	957
102: Lav. e cons. pesce, crostacei e molluschi	8	6	2	17	1	15	-	-	-	4	5	2	60
103: Lav. e cons. frutta e ortaggi	7	2	12	61	32	40	18	11	20	8	6	7	224
104: Prod. oli e grassi vegetali e animali	4	6	1	27	2	19	2	10	2	1	2	3	79
105: Industria lattiero-casearia	23	33	39	131	62	97	20	50	77	26	22	19	599
106: Lav. granaglie, produzione di amidi e di prodotti amidacei	9	5	5	32	14	28	43	22	31	7	5	8	209
107: Prod. prodotti da forno e farinacei	303	240	122	1.539	517	653	295	171	260	147	88	295	4.630
108: Prod. altri prodotti alimentari	77	50	32	442	73	103	62	67	48	32	27	117	1.130
109: Prod. prodotti per l'alimentazione degli animali	7	4	2	29	20	43	9	24	26	7	5	3	179
11: Industria delle bevande	31	23	47	153	75	111	61	16	12	23	6	33	591
1101: Distillazione, rettifica e miscelatura degli alcolici	16	3	7	37	8	19	11	2	-	6	-	5	114
1102: Prod. vini da uve	2	2	23	35	15	46	35	8	8	6	1	3	184
1103: Prod. sidro e altri vini a base di frutta	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
1104: Prod. altre bevande fermentate non distillate	0	1	1	9	1	4	1	2	0	0	1	1	21
1105: Prod. birra	12	11	7	41	24	28	14	2	3	9	4	17	172
1106: Prod. malto	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1107: Ind. bibite analcoliche, acque minerali, altre acque	1	6	9	29	27	13	-	2	1	2	-	6	96
Totale alimentare e bevande	497	407	328	2.595	888	1.250	583	478	606	305	192	529	8.658
Inc. % province su Lombardia	5,7	4,7	3,8	30,0	10,3	14,4	6,7	5,5	7,0	3,5	2,2	6,1	100,0

Source: ESP elaboration, InfoCamere-Movimprese data.

L'industria lattiero-casearia

Caratteristiche strutturali e performance

- The graph displays the percentages of local units of companies in the dairy industry out of the total number of local units in the food and beverage industry in each province of Lombardy in 2023, showing the specialisation of the provinces.
- The highest values, above 10%, are revealed in Mantua, Sondrio, Lodi, and Cremona.

Territorial distribution of local units for dairy industry



Source: ESP elaboration, InfoCamere-Movimprese data.

Dairy industry

Main companies in Lombardy

- There are three main companies in the dairy industry in Lombardy: Egidio Galbani Spa (Lactalis Italia Group) with the highest turnover in 2023 (1,124 million euros), Mondelez Italia (Kraft Foods Italia Intel. Prop. group) with the highest turnover growth of +15.1% and BIG Srl (/Lactalis Italia Group) with the lowest contraction in employment (-1.5%).
- Three other companies are Zanetti (Zanetti Group), Sterilgarda Alimenti and Latteria Soresina (Latteria Soresina group), operating respectively in Bergamo, Mantua and Cremona. The greatest growth in turnover (+14%) and employment (+11.3%) is found in Sterilgarda Alimenti.

Main food companies present in Lombardy

	Fatturato (milioni €)		Var. % 2023/ 2022	Occupati		Var. % 2023/ 2022	Prov.	Attività prevalente
	2023	2022		2023	2022			
1 Coca Cola Hbc Italia Srl	1.274	1.148	11,0	2.019	1.886	7,1	MI	bevande analcoliche
2 Egidio Galbani Spa (Gruppo Lactalis Italia)	1.124	1.074	4,7	1.439	1.465	-1,8	MI	lattiero-caseario
3 Nestlè Italiana (gruppo Nestlè Italiana)	972	904	7,5	2.005	2.156	-7,0	MI	dolciario
4 Mondelez Italia (gruppo Kraft Foods Italia Intel. Prop.)	966	839	15,1	263	273	-3,7	MI	lattiero-caseario
5 Bolton Food	950	942	0,8	780	821	-5,0	MI	conservé ittiche
6 BIG Srl (Gruppo Lactalis Italia)	904	857	5,5	807	819	-1,5	MI	lattiero-caseario
7 Heineken Italia Spa	827	753	9,8	1.030	1.065	-3,3	MI	birra
8 Lindt & Sprungli (gruppo Lindt & Sprungli)	735	639	15,0	1.296	1.311	-1,1	VA	cioccolato
9 Zanetti (Gruppo Zanetti)	682	640	6,6	517	491	5,3	BG	lattiero-caseario
10 Sterilgarda Alimenti	529	464	14,0	405	364	11,3	MN	lattiero-caseario
11 Latteria Soresina (gruppo Latteria Soresina)	489	477	2,5	469	489	-4,1	CR	lattiero-caseario
12 Spreafico Francesco e F.lli *	346	333	3,9	284	276	2,9	MI	conservé vegetali
13 San Carlo Gruppo Alimentare (gruppo SAN CARLO GRUPPO ALIMENTARE)	342	299	14,4	312	309	1,0	MI	snacks salati
14 Giuseppe Citterio Salumificio (gruppo GIUSEPPE CITTERIO)	335	318	5,3	370	391	-5,4	MI	salumi
15 Cameo (Gruppo Cameo)	238	222	7,2	355	341	4,1	BS	dolciario

*Bilancio chiuso a data diversa dal 31 dicembre

Source: ESP elaboration, Mediobanca data.

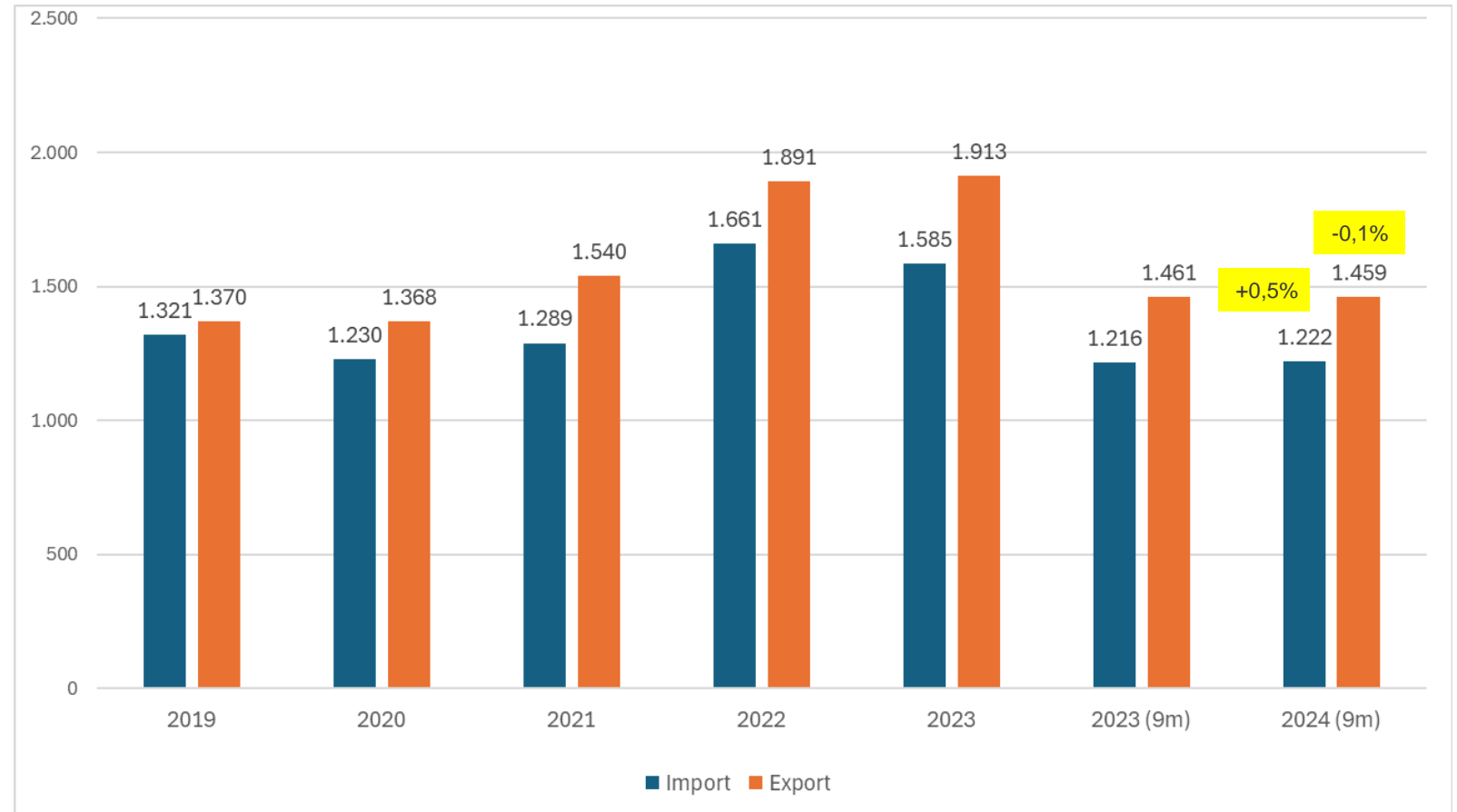
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THE FOREIGN TRADE FOR DAIRY SECTOR IN LOMBARDY

The trade of dairy product in Lombardy

- The dairy trade sees a clear positive balance (+328 million € in 2023), even if the import component is still very important.
- In the two-year period 2022-23 there was a very strong growth in international trade (both imports and exports).

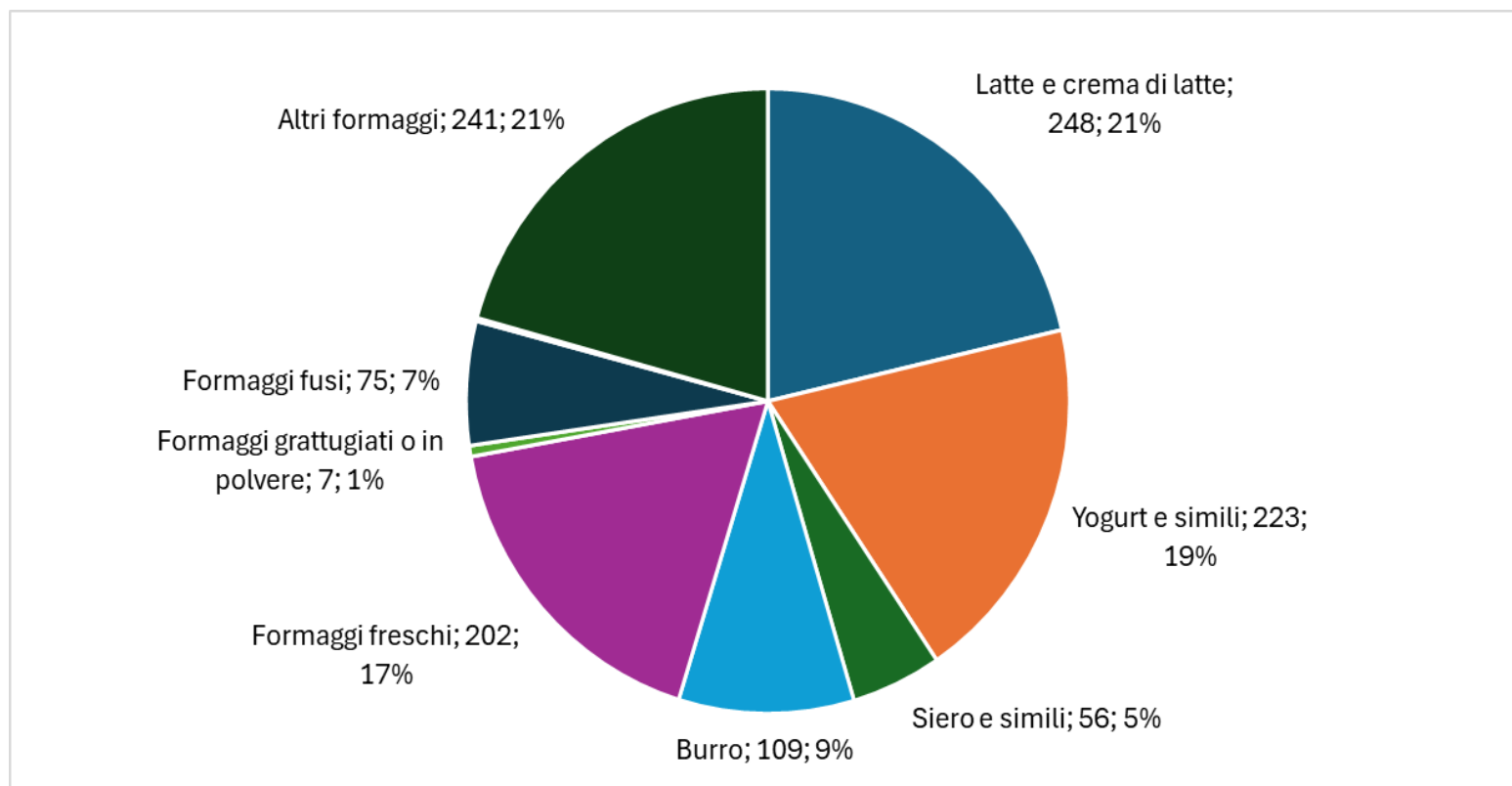
Trade for dairy products in Lombardy (€ million at current prices)



Source: SMEA Elaboration on Istat/SH6 Data

The trade of dairy product in Lombardy

Composition of dairy products IMPORT in Lombardy (first 9 months 2024)



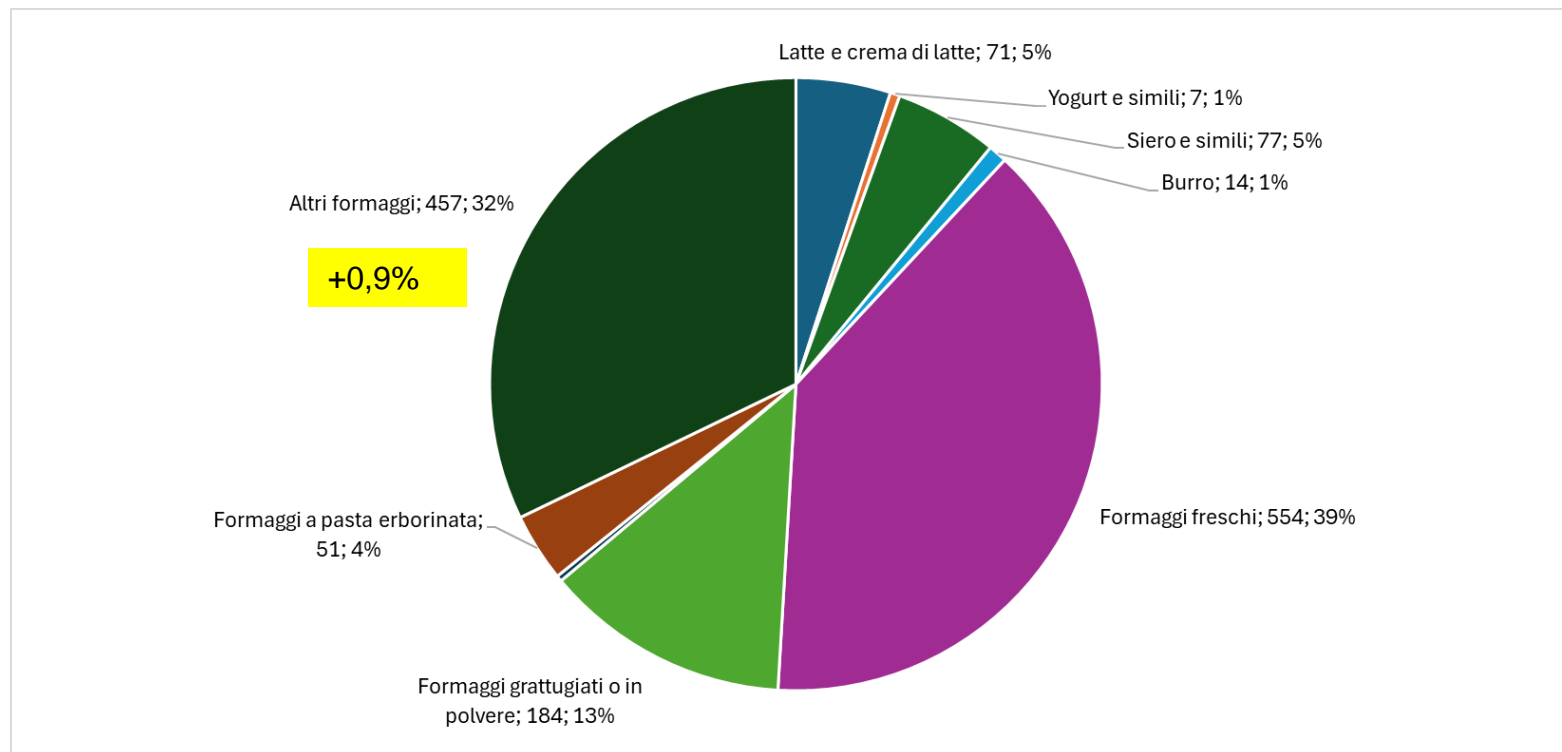
Source: SMEA Elaboration on Istat/SH6 Data

- The import of dairy products is composed to a very significant extent of products intended for further processing.
- In essence, a large part of the import contributes to fueling the Lombardy dairy industry.

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Composition of dairy products EXPORT in Lombardy (first 9 months 2024)

- The export of dairy products is driven by the categories of fresh cheeses and hard cheeses.
- The latter is also the one that grew the most in the first nine months of 2024 (+0.9%)



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Trading partners for the dairy product in Lombardy

- Lombardy's commercial partners are predominantly European countries, with the notable exception of the United States, which, in the case of dairy products, absorbs around 5% of exports, which rises to 10% for Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano.
- In the first nine months of 2024, the US market was among the best performing (+23% in value), with very consistent growth for grana cheeses (+3.7%)

The Lombardy trading partners

	Variazioni % in valore 2024/2023	Quantità % su valore export 2024		Variazioni % in valore 2024/2023	Quantità % su valore export 2024
Totale formaggi			Grana Padano e Parmigiano Reggiano		
Francia	-1,2	26,2	Germania	2,3	11,2
Germania	0,8	8,7	Francia	-6,0	10,6
Belgio	-2,4	7,6	USA	3,7	10,1
Regno Unito	-1,2	6,3	Regno Unito	12,6	8,0
Spagna	11,5	5,7	Canada	(a)	(a)
Svizzera	-12,1	5,6	Gorgonzola		
USA	23,3	5,0	Francia	15,8	28,0
Lussemburgo	-5,8	3,8	Lussemburgo	-18,3	14,1
Paesi Bassi	-2,8	3,2	Svizzera	-4,2	9,5
Svezia	6,1	2,8	Germania	-3,7	6,8
Cina	6,9	2,0	Belgio	-14,4	4,8
Romania	22,6	2,0	Grattugiati e in polvere		
Danimarca	9,0	1,9	Francia	-4,7	27,2
Grecia	7,8	1,8	Germania	-0,2	20,7
Austria	2,1	1,7	Belgio	6,9	9,5
Canada	19,8	1,6	Regno Unito	11,4	8,9
Australia	-7,6	1,4	Svizzera	-16,2	4,8

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TYPICAL FOOD PRODUCT IN LOMBARDY

The weight of the Lombardy region in the national PDO-PGI market

- The share of PDO-PGI food productions obtained in Lombardy on the national figure grew during 2023 compared to the previous year, going from 22.6 to 22.7%. More than a fifth of the national geographical indication productions therefore comes from Lombardy.
- PDO cheeses are by far the most important products at a regional level among the geographical indication products: in fact, they represent 32% of the national cheese turnover, and more than two thirds (68.6% to be precise) of the overall regional value of the PDO and PGI turnover.

% share of regional PDO-PGI turnover compared to the national figure

Comparto (DOP/IGP)	Quota % Lombardia/Italia		Quota % comparto su tot Regione	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Formaggi	31,3%	32,0%	65,7%	68,6%
Prodotti a base di carne	14,9%	13,0%	13,5%	11,5%
Ortofrutticoli e cereali	3,6%	4,0%	0,6%	0,6%
Aceti balsamici	-	-	-	-
Paste alimentari *	-	-	-	-
Panetteria e pasticceria	-	-	-	-
Carni fresche	-	-	-	-
Olio di oliva	0,9%	0,8%	0,0%	0,0%
Altre categorie *	-	-	-	-
Vino	4,4%	4,5%	19,9%	19,2%
TOTALE alimentari	22,6%	22,7%	80,1%	80,8%
TOTALE alimentari e vino	12,4%	12,8%	100,0%	100,0%

Source: SMEA Elaboration on Certification Centre and Agea data

Milk intended to produce PDO cheeses in Lombardy

- PDO cheeses continue to be the main tool for the valorization of milk produced in Lombardy stables: in 2023, 43.85% of the milk produced in the region was destined to PDO cheeses. Grana Padano is by far the most important product, representing, alone, 81.4% of the milk destined to PDO in the region. Furthermore, the quantities of milk destined to this cheese are increasing (+4.3% in 2023 compared to 2022).
- Parmigiano-Reggiano produced in the Oltrepo Mantovano, moreover, represents the second most important product, absorbing 8.9% of the milk destined to PDO in the region. Overall, the two Grana cheeses therefore use over 90% of the milk production destined to PDO.
- Gorgonzola is the third product in terms of milk used, and also in this case the variation during 2023 compared to the previous year is positive (+0.5%). However, the quantities of milk destined for Valtellina Casera (-21.6%), Bitto (-21.1%), Provolone Valpadana (-7.3%) are decreasing, again in 2023.

Milk processed to PDO in Lombardy (in tons)

Formaggio	2021	2022	2023	var. % 23/22
Bitto DOP	2.371	2.356	1.858	-21,1
Formaggella del Luinese DOP	110	70	58	-17,1
Formai de Mut dell'Alta Valle Brembana DOP	1.324	1.253	1.544	23,2
Gorgonzola DOP	120.075	111.982	112.560	0,5
Grana Padano DOP	2.054.100	2.054.350	2.142.878	4,3
Nostrano Valtrompia DOP	83	68	63	-7,4
Parmigiano Reggiano DOP ¹	218.600	224.183	234.700	4,7
Provolone Valpadana DOP	46.136	46.161	42.799	-7,3
Quartirolo Lombardo DOP	17.630	17.089	16.839	-1,5
Salva Cremasco DOP	2.070	1.616	1.679	3,9
Silter DOP	1.119	948	656	-30,8
Strachitunt DOP	269	250	205	-18,0
Taleggio DOP	63.221	61.480	63.467	3,2
Valtellina Casera DOP	14.945	16.589	12.999	-21,6
A- Totale latte lavorato a DOP in Lombardia*	2.541.943	2.538.325	2.632.247	3,7
B- Consegne registrate in Lombardia	5.885.614	5.959.551	6.003.204	0,7
C- Latte lavorato a DOP/ Consegna + vendite dirette in Lombardia (A/B)	43,19%	42,59%	43,85%	

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