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Short term Outlook

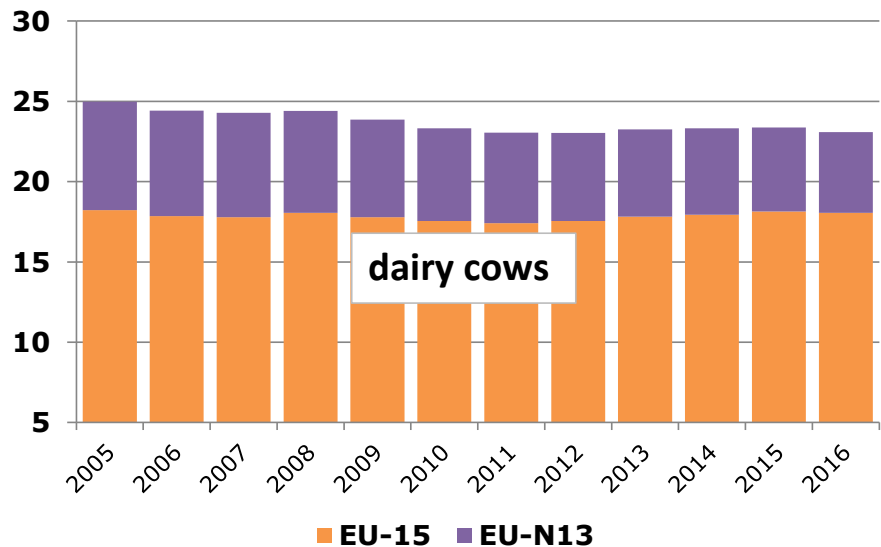
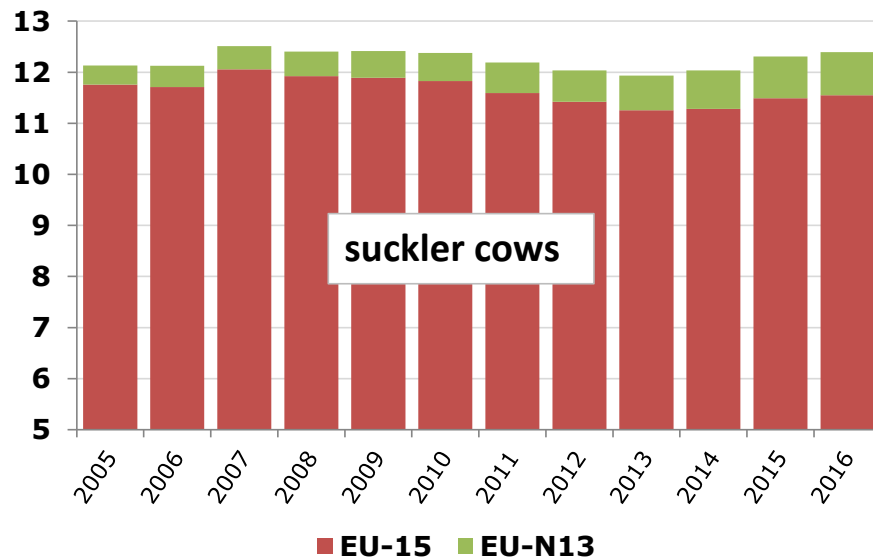
Beef sector

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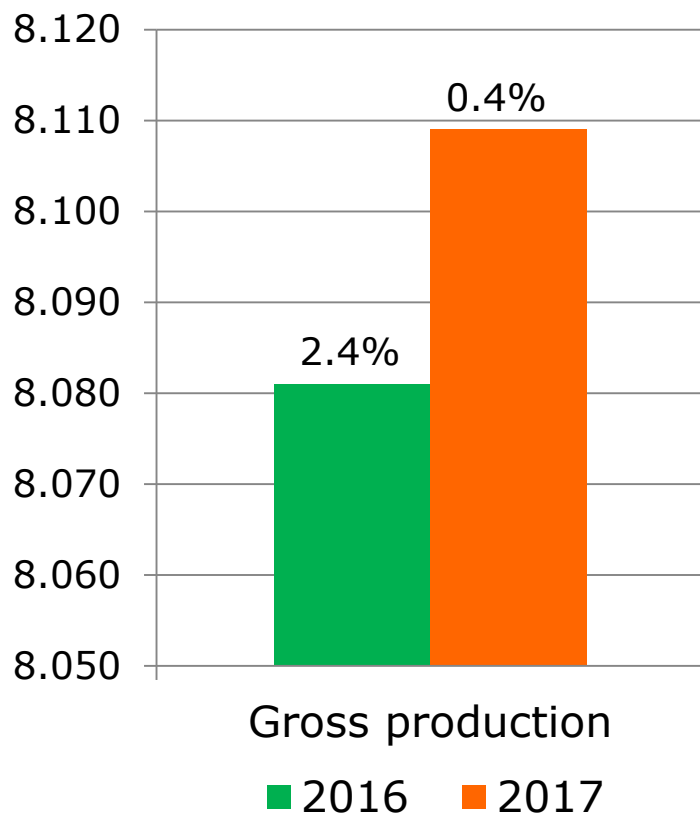
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Cow herd development (million heads)



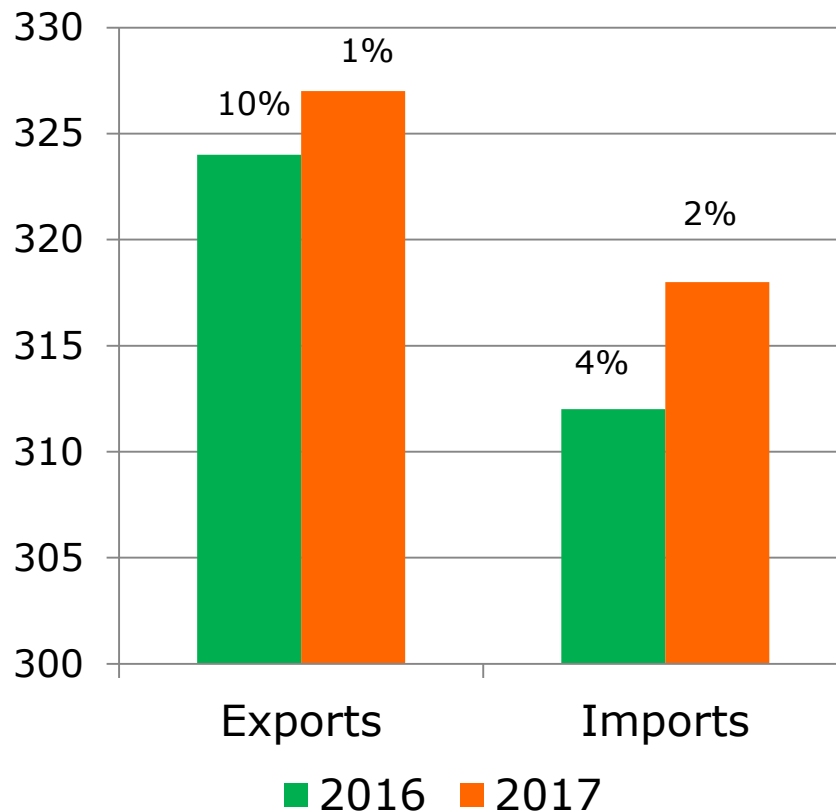
DG Agriculture and Rural Development, based on Eurostat, Livestock survey of December

Changes in EU production ('000 t)



- ✓ Jan-Aug: 2.8%
- ✓ change in milk price and cow slaughterings
- ✓ exports (to Turkey)
- ✓ shortage of animals for slaughter ?
- ✓ development of cow herd (livestock survey Dec 2016)

Changes in EU trade ('000 t)



- ✓ EXP Jan-Sept: 17%
- ✓ exports (to Turkey), first shipments of beef meat
- ✓ animal diseases (blue tongue, ...)
- ✓ IMP Jan-Sept: 2.7%
- ✓ devaluation of real
- ✓ recapitalisation of herd in ARG and AUS

Note: trade includes live and meat, not offal
Source: DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Key questions

- How large will the decrease in the cow herd be by end of 2016?
- When will beef production start to decline ?
- What will be the effect of the evolution of the milk and beef price ?

Short term outlook at:

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/markets-and-prices/short-term-outlook/index_en.htm

EU prospects report and data available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/markets-and-prices/medium-term-outlook/index_en.htm

OECD-FAO Outlook at:

<http://www.agri-outlook.org/>

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