Production of milk and milk products is regulated by the State plan. Planning is done on the basis of meeting the domestic requirements of the country, as well as on the basis of the fixed annual volume of exports and imports.

The consumption of the country, which increases from year to year is almost entirely met by the local production.

Typical for the country is the high consumption of specific yoghurts and white brined cheese, different varieties, made of sheep and cow milk.

The following basic types of dairy products are made:
- fresh milk 165,000 tons
- yoghurt 305,000 tons
- baby food 115 tons
- white brined cheese 75,000 tons
- hard cheese 20,000 tons
- butter 20,000 tons
- milk powder 2,000 tons
- others 8,000 tons

The plan envisages a rising trend of production and consumption in the next years. The growth of production is both due to improved breeding of sheep and cattle and an improved herd structure through importation of highly productive breeding stock.
For all dairy products the purchasing prices are fixed, which stimulates production.

The items, covered by the International Dairy Arrangement, are subject to the following import duties:

- milk free
- cheese 20 per cent
- butter 18 per cent

No other charges, fees and quantitative restrictions exist in the importation of dairy products into the People's Republic of Bulgaria.

Imports of dairy products, though insignificant, have got a rising trend, with a view to expanding the range and meeting entirely the requirements of the domestic market.

Exports of dairy products from the People's Republic of Bulgaria is mostly planned. About 20,000-25,000 tons of white brined cheese in the main is exported, well known in many parts of the world as original ones with extremely good taste. Exports of dairy products are not levied with customs duties and other charges.

The Ministry of Agriculture determines the sanitary regulations regarding the imports into the People's Republic of Bulgaria. In the export side the sanitary requirements comply with these ones of the country where the products are exported to.

In imports and exports, as well as in the production side respective control is effected by the veterinary authorities at the border check-points as well.