The production of milk and milk products is regulated by the State plan. Planning is carried out on a basis of satisfying the domestic needs of the country and on the basis of traditional exports where no increase is envisaged.

Consumption within the country increases annually and is almost entirely satisfied by local production.

Great consumption of specific yoghurts and white cheese in brine made of sheep's and cow's milk represents a characteristic feature.

The following basic types of dairy products are produced:

- fresh milk - 170,000 tons
- yoghurt - 310,000 tons
- baby's food - 115,000 tons
- brined cheese - 90,000 tons
- hard cheese - 20,000 tons
- butter - 20,000 tons
- milk powder (cream powder and partly skimmed milk powder) - 4,000 tons
- ice-cream - 8,000 tons

During the subsequent years a tendency of increase in production and consumption is expected. The increase in production is accounted for by improvement in the cattle and sheep breeds and the structure of herds by means of importing high-quality breeding animals.
For the items falling under the International Agreement on Dairy Products, the import duty is as follows:

- milk - free of duty
- cheese - 20 per cent
- fresh butter - 18 per cent

There are no other taxes and quantitative limits on the imports of dairy products into the People's Republic of Bulgaria.

Imports of dairy products, although negligible, has a tendency to increase in view of broadening the range of goods and of meeting in a better way the needs of the domestic market.

Exports of dairy products from the People's Republic of Bulgaria is, in general, small, constant, without a tendency of increase. Subject to export are mainly the white cheese in brine, known in many parts of the world as something original, with specific, for this type of cheese, gustatory qualities. No duties and other taxes are imposed on the exports of dairy products.

The sanitary requirements regarding the imports of such products in the People's Republic of Bulgaria are regulated by the veterinary and medical authorities. So far as exports from the People's Republic of Bulgaria is concerned, they are made conformable to the sanitary regulations of the country of destination.

On the spot of production and when exported or imported, certain control is exercised by the sanitary and veterinary authorities at the frontier stations.