A new measure to curb milk production has been introduced from 1 July 1981. The purpose of the measure is to reduce milk quantities produced during the coming years' period.

If a producer reduces a quantity of milk delivered into dairy at least by a quarter or, at least by 10,000 litres compared with the previous twelve-month period, he is entitled to a premium of Fmk 50/100 litres for this reduced amount. If the quantity of milk delivered into dairy during the period mentioned above exceeds the corresponding quantity during 1 June 1980-31 May 1981, the latter period is held as a basis.

The new bonus system is open for all milk producers, both for those giving up their production, and those reducing the level of milk output for three years.

When making a contract producers agree to sell their dairy cows, for slaughter, and not to begin expanding existing pig or poultry production or any kind of sales of milk and milk products on a farm, respectively.

The Government has reserved Fmk 25 million for the system in 1981.

The new target producer price for milk is, from 1 September 1981, as follows:

- Basic target price: Fmk 171.90/100 litres
- Price supplement up to 200,000 litres/farm: Fmk 15/100 litres
- Additional price supplement up to 30,000 litres/farm: Fmk 10.50/100 litres