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THE WORLD DAIRY SITUATION 2013 IS RELEASED AT THE IDF WORLD DAIRY SUMMIT

Yokohama, 29 October 2013 – The World Dairy Situation 2013, the International Dairy Federation’s (IDF) flagship publication, was presented during the Dairy Policies and Economics conference at the IDF World Dairy Summit in Yokohama, Japan, on 29 October 2013.

This comprehensive report is considered an essential resource by the global dairy community. It investigates major developments, new trends, and the evolution of the demand for dairy products, as well as gathering statistics on production, consumption and trade in all regions of the world.

The country reports are a significant feature of the World Dairy Situation report. Individual nations, including IDF member countries, present information on their own dairy sectors, providing the most complete and detailed overview of the global dairy situation possible.

International experts also contributed to the Forum chapter, with an overview of the Japanese and South American dairy sectors. The issue of margins was much debated in our industry this year, with milk price on the one hand and production costs on the other. The Forum chapter focuses on recent developments in farm-level margins and policy options. This section also includes a contribution on milk prices and costs worldwide.

Among the innovative aspects of this year’s edition is the layout. The format is more user-friendly, with the introduction of a graphic summary entitled “World Dairy Situation at a Glance”. There is also a better balance between text and graphs, optimizing the presentation of data and making the report easier to digest.

The editor of the World Dairy Situation 2013, Dr Adriaan Krijger, commented: *“Having a comprehensive understanding of global demand and supply trends, and the wide range of policy and economic factors that influence them, is essential for the both the industry and policy makers alike. The ‘World Dairy Situation’, produced annually by the IDF Standing Committee on Dairy Policies and Economics, is a major contribution toward that objective, as part of fulfilling the IDF’s mission to represent and support the dairy industry globally.”*

It is available in electronic form at www.fil-idf.org as of 29 October 2013.

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Note to editors:

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About the IDF World Dairy Summit

The IDF World Dairy Summit is a unique meeting point for key decision makers and world-experts and scientists.

This year's World Dairy Summit takes place in Yokohama, Japan, 28 October – 1 November 2013.

For more information and for daily news during the event, please visit www.wds2013.com

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