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Message from our Director General

In this issue, IDF is delighted to announce the release of the 3rd edition of its Dairy Sustainable Outlook, which outlines new case studies from our national committees showing the dairy sector’s continuous commitment to sustainability. The report gives examples of sustainable production, and measures to ensure the dairy sector is climate resilient by 2030.

One of the biggest challenges our sector has faced during this pandemic has been the adaptation of production and processing facilities to the transformed demand. The fact that those changes happened all of the sudden have forced our sector to adapt quickly. I am proud of the resilience of our value chain. IDF has started to collect impacts and learnings from COVID-19 to contribute to the post crisis discussion on resilient Food Systems. In the meantime, visit our COVID-19 dairy resource centre on our website.

We’re always keen to hear views on information we could provide in our newsletter and on our website that would be particularly useful to our colleagues in the dairy sector. Please send your suggestions to communications@fil-idf.org
On behalf of IDF, I hope you enjoy the read.

Caroline Emond  
IDF Director General

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**News**

**Towards harmonisation of welfare indicators for dairy**

Recent IDF-ICAR workshop looking at how harmonisation of welfare indicators for dairy cattle can improve herd management. [Read in full](#) or view the full open webinar recording [here](#).

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**Joint IDF and GDP Statement in Response to IATP Report**

IDF and GDP joint statement to IATP’s recent study on dairy ‘Milking the planet’. [Read in full](#).

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**Practical measures for sustainable dairy production**

An article from IDF Dairy Sustainability Outlook edition 3 on how to harness practical measures within dairy agroecosystems to address climate change and improve biodiversity [Read in full](#).
Celebrating the 20th anniversary of World Milk Day 2020
Over 104 countries around the world participating around the world, and over 800 million impressions... read the official report of World Milk Day 2020's success here

Processing Environment Monitoring - the facts
Next to the application of good hygienic practices and a robust HACCP plan, processing environment monitoring remains one of the best pro-active approaches to ensuring the safety of dairy processes Read in full

An action plan for a climate resilient dairy sector
In an article from IDF Dairy Sustainability Outlook edition 3, Bregje van Erve (ZuivelNL) and Tjitske Bolt (NZO - Dutch Dairy Association), look at at how the Dutch dairy sector is mobilizing to become further climate resilient. Read in full
Webinars give overview of GLEAM model
The aim of FAO's GLEAM is to quantify production and use of natural resources in the livestock sector, and identify environmental impacts of livestock to move towards a more sustainable livestock sector. Read more

Global Animal Welfare Forum 2020
IDF participated in the first online sessions of this forum organized by the OIE and SSAFE, aimed at identifying opportunities to enhance the welfare of food producing animals and improve harmonization of science-based welfare practices. Read more

Latest updates on AMR
DISARM's fifth newsletter is now available! Providing details about the latest innovative solutions for antibiotic resistance management. Read now
Use of LEAP guidelines by the dairy sector

The LEAP Secretariat and IDF would like an overview of the use of LEAP guidelines by the dairy sector. The final goal is to get feedback from those who have implemented the LEAP guidelines (national organizations, at producer level, etc.) on their assessments. Does your organization or country perform assessments based on these guidelines? If you can help, please contact msanchezmainar@fil-idf.org

IDF Events

8TH IDF INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SHEEP, GOAT AND OTHER NON-COW MILK
4 & 5 November 2020, Brussels

The Symposium will cover the latest scientific advances about milk originating from other ruminants than cows on the fields of human nutrition and science and technology, as well as advances on animal health. Reserve your place
Dairy Sustainability Outlook 3
New case studies on dairy’s commitment to sustainable development. Covers agriculture, education, development of rural areas, international cooperation & climate commitment achievements.

Processing Environment Monitoring
Our IDF factsheet explains the importance of monitoring the dairy processing environment to ensure effectiveness of the food safety management system.

Reproductive Technology: Genomic Selection
For over 6,000 years, farmers have used reproductive technology to improve their cattle. Genomic selection allows for the identification of most suitable mates, improving herd qualities & increasing sustainability of the dairy sector.
Ensuring the safety of milk - IDF video produced for World Food Safety Day 2020