

A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DAIRY PRICE DYNAMICS IN THE EU, GLOBAL MARKETS, AND ROMANIA (2007–2025)

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Abstract

The dynamics of dairy product prices represent a major field of interest in the analysis of agri-food markets, with implications for competitiveness, sustainability, and food security. Between 2007 and 2025, their evolution has been shaped by multiple factors, such as raw material volatility, economic and financial crises, climate change, agricultural and trade policies, as well as disruptions caused by pandemics and geopolitical conflicts. This study provides a comparative examination of dairy price fluctuations in the European Union, on international markets, and in Romania, using the Food Price Index (FPI) as an analytical benchmark. The analysis seeks to correlate global and European trends with the specificities of the Romanian dairy sector, taking into account production structure, domestic consumption levels, and integration into trade flows. Through this approach, the study outlines the main mechanisms and driving factors behind price variations, offering a framework for understanding the complexity of the current context and identifying avenues for further research.

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