



Negotiations in dairy sector are starting

First negotiation talks with BDM and federation of dairy industry (MIV) already Sunday evening. Farmers association DBV is participating as well .

(Berlin) Already this evening the BDM will meet with MIV, to talk about the achievement of its demands in negotiation meetings. The BDM demanded of the MIV very clearly not to play for time, but to show responsibility for the dairy sector. Right now the situation in the countryside is very much heated up.

In previous days the situation for the dairies as much as for farms came to a dramatic head. The participation of milk farmers at the milk strike, that takes place since last tuesday, has now increased to more than 80 per cent. Many dairies had to close. Storage racks started to get empty.

At countless protest activities in front of dairies farmers have expressed their non comprehension and rage about the behaviour of the dairies. The hard working milk producers can not accept that of all dairies the own cooperate dairies rather work with the retail than with their own comrades. Instead of using the pressure for new negotiations with the retail in a positive way, some dairies tried to undermine the delivery stop of the farmers with determined milk imports and a redirection of milk flows.

On part of the dairies they only have to go small steps to fulfil the demands of the milk producers and therefore to relieve the pressure of the situation. In the past the BDM has offered its cooperation to find solutions for the problems on the milk market several times. This offer is still valid.

The crucial point to create conditions on the market that allow dairies to obtain 43 cent/ kg is a flexible regulation of the milk supply. The BDM has already developed coherent concepts concerning this point, that only have to be implemented.

Also on the part of politics there is increasing support for the requests of the milk producers.

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