Bayern MeG w.V.

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Outline

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What's the system?

Dairy farmers

- Dairy Farm-Cooperatives
- Association of dairy farmers
- Farm-Cooperatives without dairy
- Single farmers without organisation

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5 billion kg milk, 121 member-organisations, 15,000 dairy farmers

- Cooperative delivery
- Delivery by contracts

4 important grocers, high amount of export
Main activities

- Coordination of marketing
- Consultation
- Information, that is conform with competition law
Some Activities in detail

- Dairy delivering contracts:
  - Price: fixed prices, price indexes, no security net just negotiation every quarter
  - Duration: from one year to seven years
  - Volume: from 5 farmers up to 70 Mio. kg
  - Quality of the milk: conventional, organic, GMO-free, paddock milk, hay milk, ...
    ➔ All these variations are part of the contracts, it depends on what the farmers and dairies are willing to have and about the competition situation in the region

- Preparation and performance of price negotiation with dairies

- Support of competition around the milk

➔ OUR BIG BENEFIT: WE´VE GOT A NETWORK!
Selling price

• Mostly price rounds every quarter with farmers, purchasers of the dairy and one member of Bayern MeG (Sometimes the dairy holders are also part of the discussion)
• Price wishes and ideas always depends on the milk market (prices at the food retail markets, global dairy trade, notations at the national and international market, AMI, german ministry publications)
• If there´s a safety net in the contract – e.g. like the average bavarian price – there are also anual price rounds

• PROBLEM: there are no consistent farmer costs, so it´s hard to involve the costs into the price findings. But of course the farmers know their costs and make their claim with this knowlegde
→ Claims have to figure the market – you can´t get prices far away from what the milk market tenders offers you
Thanks for your attention!