

Monthly dashboard – Dairy Products

HS code 040590 (Ghee)

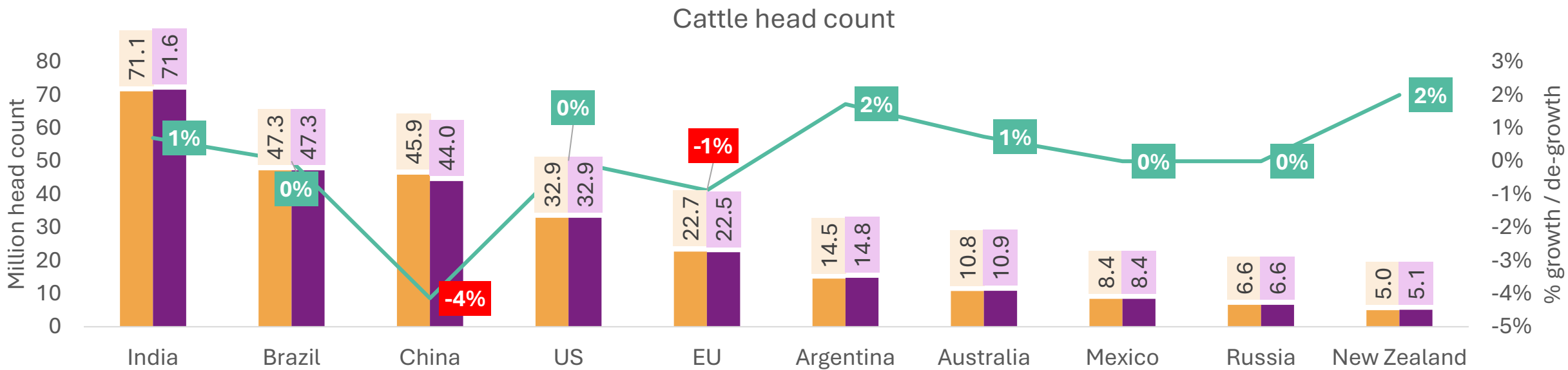
June 2026



Cattle population and milk production trends



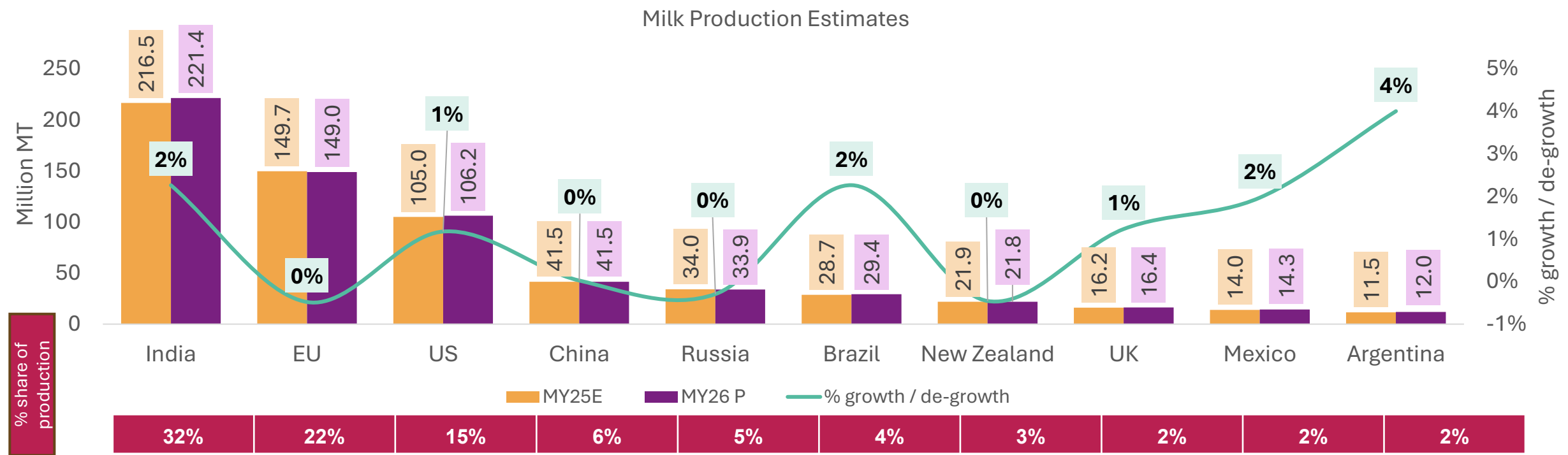
Cattle head count across countries



P – Projected value; E – Estimated value; MY – Marketing year (Jan-Dec) ■ MY25E ■ MY26P — % growth / de-growth

- **Cattle population trends in MY26P show a mixed picture** across major countries. India, New Zealand, and Australia are expected to see modest increases, while China and the EU are projected to experience declines. In contrast, countries such as Brazil, Mexico, and Russia are likely to see little or no significant change in their cattle numbers.
- India is expected to witness ~1% growth in cattle population, driven by ongoing expansion in the dairy sector, rising productivity, and steady domestic demand—further strengthening its position as the world’s largest cattle population holder.
- **New Zealand and Australia are expected to witness herd rebuilding** (~1-2% growth), driven by improved pasture conditions, easing feed costs, and favorable price cycles following earlier liquidation phases.
- **China is projected to record the sharpest decline (~4%),** indicating structural adjustments in livestock production amid weaker consumption trends and rising production costs.
- The EU is expected to witness mild contractions (~1%), largely due to environmental regulations, input cost pressures, and gradual shifts in consumption patterns.

Milk production estimates of major producing countries



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- **The countries shown account for ~93%¹ of global milk production**, with overall growth remaining moderate and concentrated among a few key producers.
- **India continues to anchor global supply growth**, expanding ~2% in MY26P, maintaining its lead as the largest producer. However, there is a concern that El Niño could affect overall production in the country.
- **Production in developed markets**—including the EU, US, China, Russia, New Zealand, and the UK—is expected to remain largely flat (around 0–1%), reflecting mature markets, saturated productivity levels, and evolving demand patterns.
- Emerging producers (Brazil, Mexico, Argentina) are projected to drive incremental growth (~2–4%), with Argentina showing the fastest expansion, supported by improving farm efficiencies, a year-round grazing system and demand recovery.

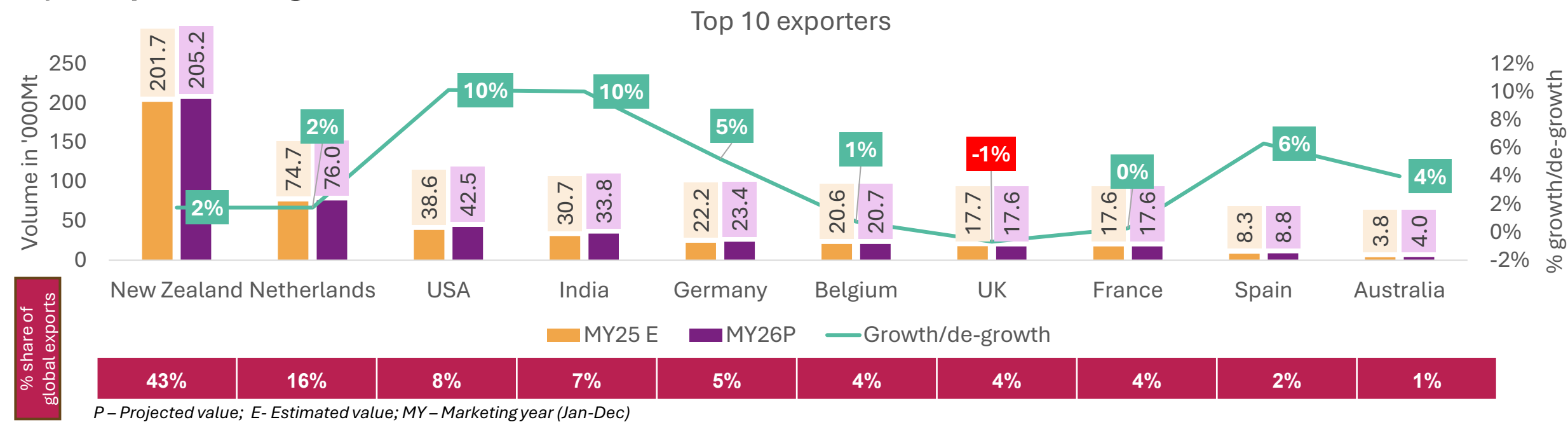
Source: USDA (Market & Trade Data), MY25 estimated and MY26 projected based on historical trends and secondary research



Export Trends and Price Outlook

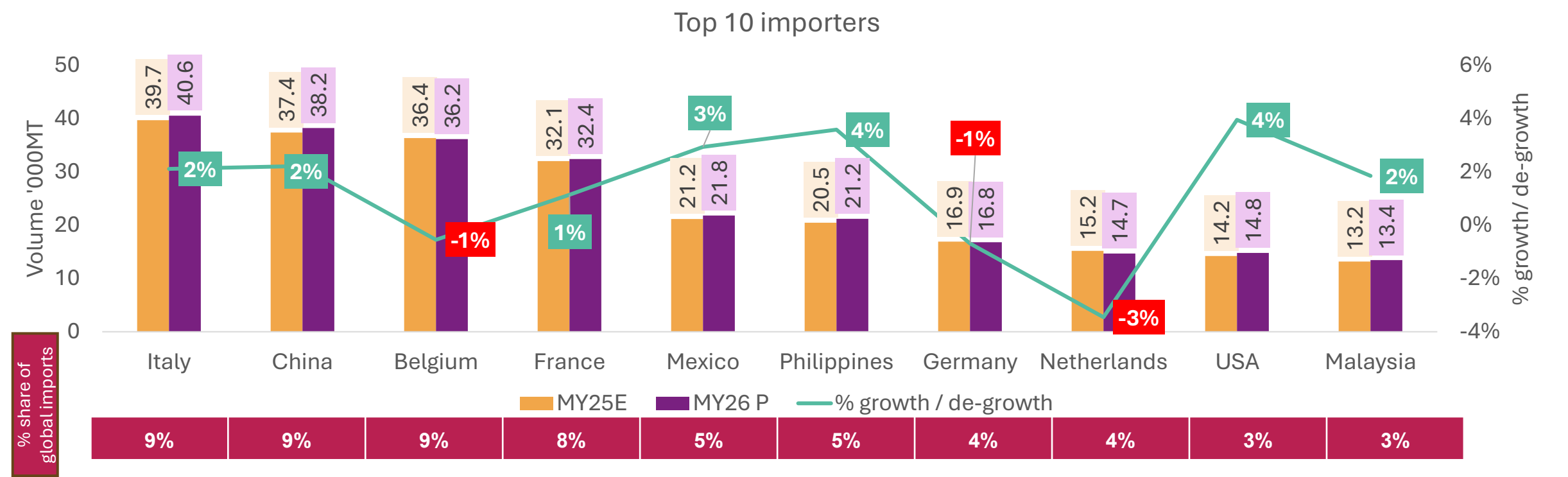
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Major exporters of ghee



- **The countries shown collectively account for ~94%¹** of global ghee exports, with overall exports for MY26P projected to grow by an average of ~3.3%, indicating steady but not uniform expansion.
- **New Zealand is expected to remain the dominant exporter**, with exports expected to grow by ~2-3%, continuing to anchor global supply.
- **India is projected to register ~10% YoY growth** in MY26P among major exporters, increasing its share in global trade, supported by rising demand and improving export competitiveness.
- **USA is expected to witness a ~10% YoY growth in MY26P driven by abundant dairy supplies**, expanding global demand for clarified butter and growing consumer preference for premium cooking fats.
- **Spain's ghee exports are expected to grow by ~6% YoY in MY26P supported by improved EU dairy fat availability**, expanding demand from food manufacturing and ethnic markets, and competitive access to Mediterranean export destinations.

Major importers of ghee

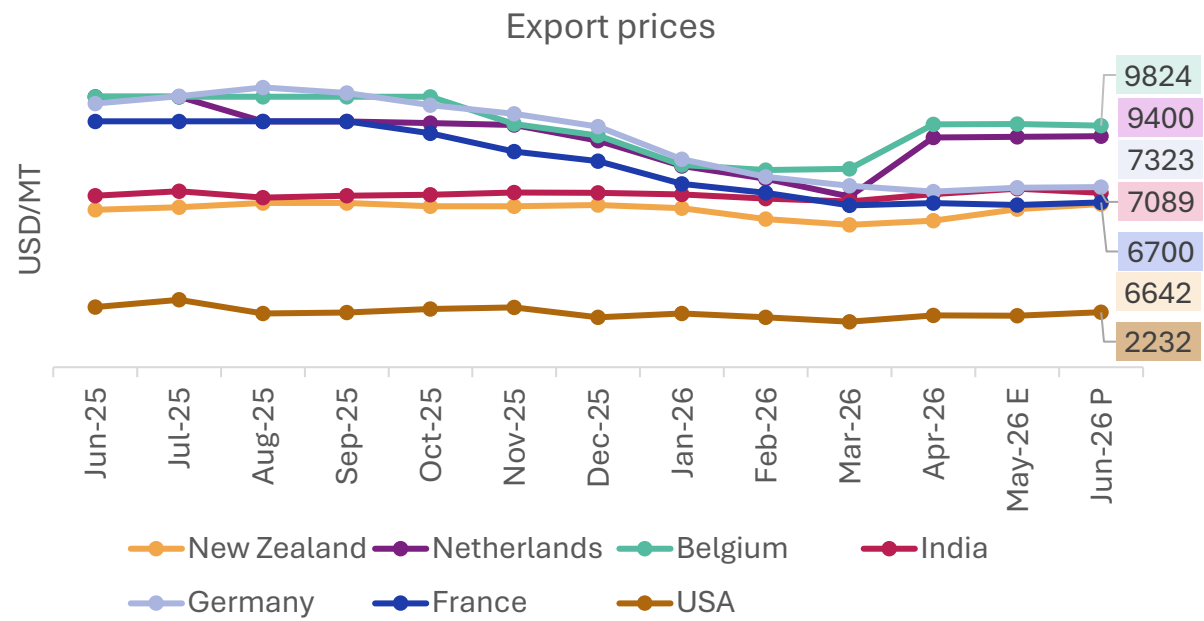


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- **The countries shown account for ~59%¹ of global ghee imports**, with imports projected to remain mixed in MY26P, showing both growth and contraction across markets.
- **Italy is expected to surpass China to become the largest importer and to grow by ~2% YoY in MY26**, indicating steady demand expansion.
- **Ghee imports by Belgium and the Netherland in MY26P** are expected to decline marginally due to abundant regional dairy fat supplies, increased reliance on intra EU sourcing, and subdued growth in demand for imported specialty dairy products.
- **Mexico is expected to increase (~3% YoY in MY26P)** ghee imports driven by increase in butter consumption, fueled by the expansion of bakery chains, tourism recovery and consumer preference shifting away from vegetable-fat substitutes.

Source: ITC Trade Map; MY25E import volumes include estimates where recent data is unavailable; MY26P based on trade estimates and import trends (HS code 040590);
1: ITC Trademap

Export prices forecast for ghee



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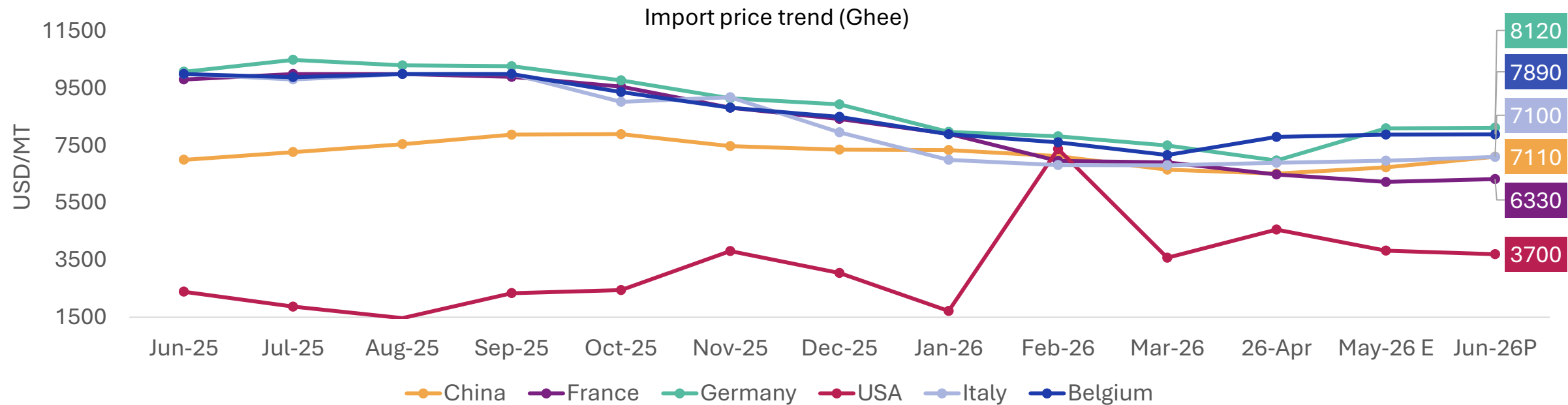
Price outlook for next quarter (JAS) 2026					
Countries	Jun'26 P Price (USD/MT)	Jun'25 Price (USD/MT)	%age change	Price direction	Average projected price range for JAS (USD/MT)
New Zealand	6642	6400	4%	Bullish	6650-6700
Netherlands	9400	11000	-15%	Bearish	9300-9400
Belgium	9824	11000	-11%	Sideways	9700-10000
India	7089	6980	2%	Sideways	7000-7300
Germany	7323	10719	- 32%	Bearish	7200-7300
France	6700	10000	- 33%	Bearish	6600-6700
USA	2232	2440	- 9%	Sideways	2100-2300

- **The countries covered in the analysis account for approximately 86% of global ghee exports.** Export prices are expected to exhibit mixed trends across major exporting countries during JAS 2026, with slight increase in Oceania partially offset by continued weakness in key European markets.
- **Netherlands ghee prices are expected to decline further in the upcoming quarter,** following the bearish correction that began in late 2025, driven by an oversupply of milk across major dairy-producing regions.
- **German ghee prices are likely to remain under pressure** due to ample European Union inventories, subdued demand, and increasing competition from lower-priced supplies originating from Oceania and South Asia.
- **New Zealand prices are expected to register modest gains,** supported by seasonally lower milk production during the Southern Hemisphere winter and sustained demand from key Asian import markets.
- **US ghee prices are expected to remain largely range-bound with a mild downside bias,** as abundant milk fat supplies continue to outweigh the supportive impact of higher export volumes.

Source: ITC Trade Map (up to Apr 2026); prices for May & June 2026 are estimated based on seasonal patterns and trade estimates (HS Code: 040590)

Note: Price forecasting is based on the fundamental analysis. **JAS stand for July August and September 2026**

Import prices trend for ghee



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- **Global ghee import prices are broadly stable over last month**, as ample dairy fat supplies across Europe and North America offset seasonal firmness in Oceania export prices.
- **China’s ghee import prices are trending higher as New Zealand’s export availability tightens** during the seasonal low milk production period. This supply constraint is being amplified by steady, resilient demand from China’s bakery, confectionery, and food processing sectors, leaving importers with fewer alternatives and supporting upward price pressure.
- **France and Germany are witnessing stable import prices with strong domestic and ample EU butterfat supplies** are expect to comfortably meet consumption & processing demand.
- Italy’s ghee import prices are rising modestly, supported by strong demand from **premium bakery, confectionery, and foodservice** channels and reinforced by **import reliance on specialty dairy fats alongside a firm Oceania export price**

Thank You

Methodology for Price Forecasting

Our methodology combines comprehensive secondary research, targeted stakeholder consultations, and rigorous analytical techniques to ensure accuracy and actionable insights. The methodology comprises three key stages: Data Collection, Data Analysis & Interpretation, and Price Forecasting.

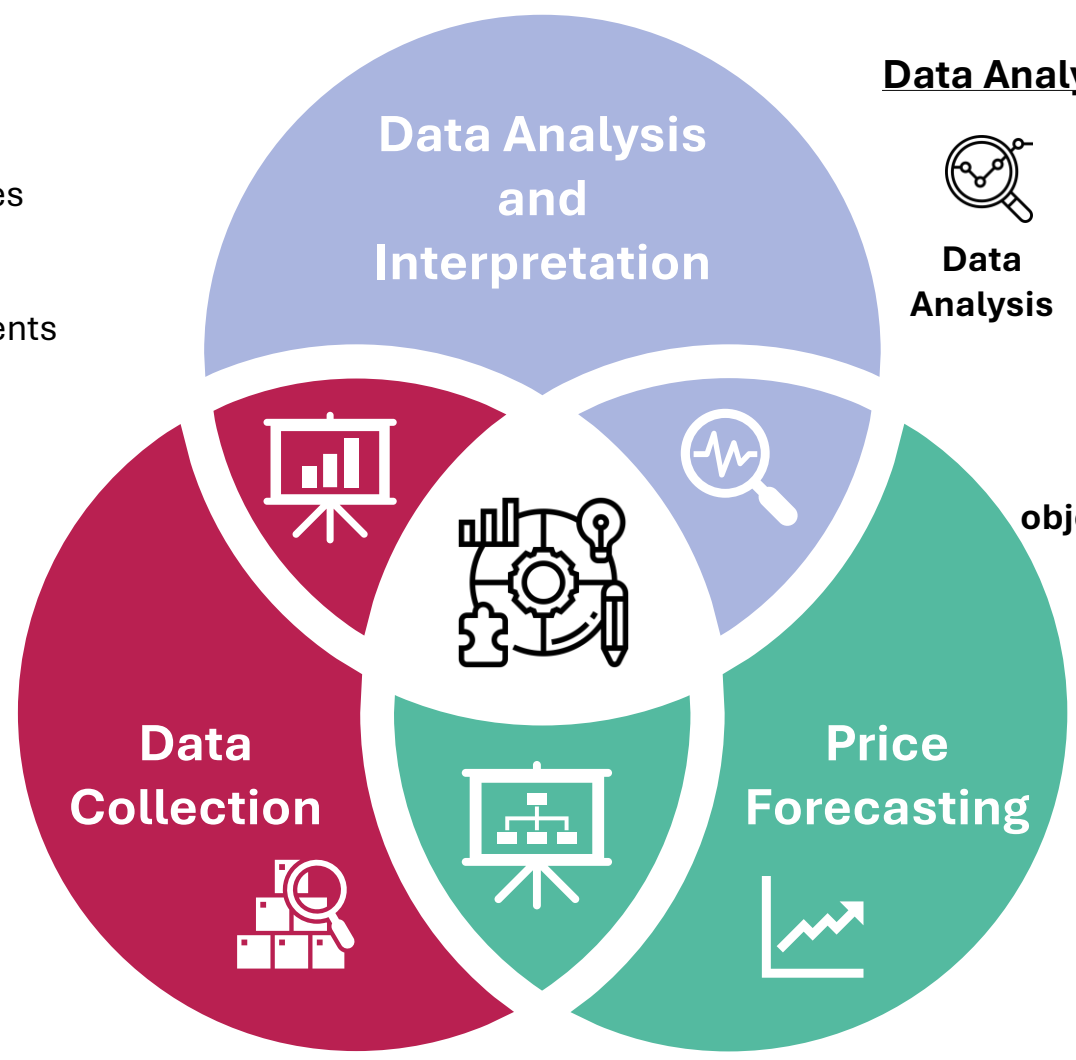
Data Collection

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Sources
- Global agricultural databases (USDA, FAO, etc.)
 - Country-wise statistics from official agriculture departments
 - Industry publications and research reports

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Policy Updates
- Detailed review of Production policies & trade barriers for each country
 - Data from government websites & official publications



Data Analysis and Interpretation

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Data Analysis
- Supply-demand assessment
 - Policy impact analysis
 - Stakeholder consultations

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Key objectives
- Production trends
 - Trade dynamics
 - Policy implications

Price Forecasting

- Historical Trend & Seasonality
 - Macro-Economic & Trade Variables
- Integration of commodity fundamentals to forecast future price ranges.

Structured consultations with Indian exporters and industry associations, cross-verifying secondary data and validating price forecasts to refine production, trade, and policy assessments.