

# DAIRY FARMS IN THE NETHERLANDS

PRESENTATION OF THE SECTOR

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#### **Distribution:**

- Share of Total Production:
  - 5% of total global dairy trade cf. top-5 largest exporter
- Livestock:
  - o 17000 dairy companies in total
  - 4% share of global cheese trade
  - 15 Billions kg of processed milk
     & 881 Millions Kg of cheese
  - In average, 150 cows/farm





- Total Herd (in 2019): 1.6 Millions Cows & 0.4 Millions Goats
- Milk Production (in 2017): 835 Millions of tons

### **ENERGY NEEDS**

### **Average Energy Consumption:**



- Total needs: 884kWh/year/cow (12% operating costs)
- Milk Processing: 254 kWh/litre of milk



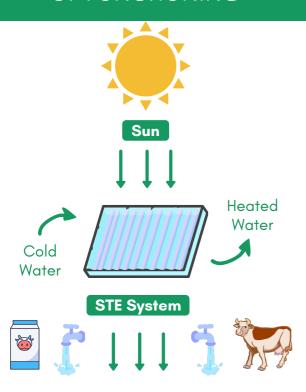
Cleaning: 120 kWh/year/cow (14% of total consumption)



Water Supply: 600 L/day



### MODELISATION OF FUNCTIONING



Heated Water cleans Milking Parlours & Milk Storage + serves for milk transformation

## POTENTIAL FOR SOLAR THERMAL ENERGY (STE)

#### **Hot Water in Dairy farms:**

- Daily needs & 2nd Electric Consumption
- Regular without depending on seasonality

#### **Relevant Cases:**

- 2200 holdings, especially those with On-Farm Processing
- Farm processing at least 49 117 L milk/year (production of at least 150 cows) and 18% is processed
- Extra hot water requirements due to milk thermisation
- => 1L of hot water required for 1L of milk

### **Exemple**: Typical Dutch Dairy Farm

- 150 cows producing 49 117 L/y
- 8 841 L at 50-70° for cheese
- 254 kWh/L Milk => 2 245614 kWh/y

Sources: Market Analysis I4F: www.nweurope.eu/icare4farms