

Our Milk

All our milk is sold to Milk Link, one of the UK's leading dairy processors. It was founded in 2000, is 100 per cent owned by 1,600 British dairy farmers and exists to provide them with long-term security. In June 2012, Milk Link's members voted in favour of a merger — subject to regulatory approval — with Arla, a cooperative of Danish, Swedish and German dairy farmers.

All members are independently accredited to the Assured Dairy Farm Standard, showing that they produce milk to the highest standards of food safety and animal welfare.

Our lovely Jersey milk, rich in protein and vitamins, is taken to Devon, either to the Crediton Creamery, to become cream or flavoured milk drinks, or to Taw Valley Creamery, where it is made into cheese.

Taw Valley Creamery produces a range of award-winning Cheddar, Red Leicester and Double Gloucester cheeses. It is also the home of Tickler, a Cheddar that is matured for 18 months. At the 2011 Nantwich International Cheese Show — which was first held in 1897 — Taw Valley was named the Champion UK Creamery, winning the coveted Isle of Man Creamery award for its Waitrose Mild Cheddar, as well as winning no less than 36 gold awards at shows during the year. In 2011, the cheeses from all Milk Links' creameries won more than 240 awards.

At the 2012 Nantwich show — competing against 3,927 cheeses from 27 countries — Milk Link's Tuxford & Tebbutt Blue Stilton was Reserve UK Champion and its creameries won 6 trophies and 48 individual medals, including 18 golds.

Milk Link produces some 12 per cent of Britain's milk supply and is the UK's largest cheese producer, supplying Cheddar, Stilton and British regional cheeses to the major retail companies, food service and ingredients sectors.



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NB since 1st October 2012, Milk Link has been part of Arla and the sign will have to be revised, as some of the statistics quoted above are now out of date. For example, Arla now has a 26% share of the UK's milk pool. In the meantime, more facts are available here: <http://www.arlafoods.co.uk/about/company-overview/facts-about-the-merged-business/>