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## SA running out of milk?

"There could be a shortage of milk next year if the producer price is not increased", representatives of the Milk Producers' Organisation confirmed on Wednesday, November 23. "We are price takers and in the hands of the larger processors which are price setters," said Bertus de Jongh, CEO of the Milk Producers' Organisation. He also stated that milk processors usually raise their price in early winter; as that is the time when supply usually drops. However, this year there was a surplus of milk and therefore the price never increased. Unfortunately, the price was now lagging behind the rest of the world, De Jongh said. "Producer prices are on average 10 percent below the 2009 level." At the same time, input prices had sharply increased, he said. Maize prices had increased by 80% and soya prices by 26%. Fertiliser prices had increased by between 23% and 39% from September 2010 and the diesel price had increased by 26%. "This combination of lower producer and higher input prices puts serious pressure on milk producers and limits any chances of higher production." Furthermore, milk consumption has increased by about 5% a year by volume while production remained almost static. "We could run into problems next year from March when production drops. This is normally when we experience cyclical shortages," De Jongh said. This could force dairy farmers to leave the industry, he warned. The MPO represents the vast majority of primary milk producers in South Africa.

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