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Western Europe:

A leading UK dairy cooperative increased its conventional milk price for July, reflecting improving returns in parts of the dairy market, while its organic milk price remained unchanged. The adjustment signals firmer market conditions for conventional milk producers, although processors continue to monitor commodity prices, export demand, and milk supplies as the market works toward a more balanced pricing environment.

A major European dairy processor reduced its guaranteed milk price for July, reflecting expectations that conventional milk values across northwestern Europe will remain under pressure. The lower payment signals continued caution despite recent signs of stabilization in some dairy commodities, as ample milk supplies and mixed market conditions continue to weigh on farmgate returns.

Eastern Europe:

Poland's UHT milk export market remained under modest price pressure in June, with export values easing from both the previous month and a year earlier. Despite softer pricing, Poland maintained steady export activity, with South Korea continuing to serve as a key destination for shipments. The update highlights Poland's continued importance as an Eastern European supplier of long shelf-life dairy products, even as competitive market conditions weigh on export values.

Latvia has further strengthened its position in the Eastern European dairy sector with the launch of a new large-scale cheese production facility aimed at expanding export capacity. The investment is expected to increase regional cheese output, create additional processing demand for locally sourced milk, and support export to international markets. The project also highlights continued investments in value-added dairy manufacturing across the Baltic region as processors seek to enhance export competitiveness.

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