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## A Farm with 100,000 cows is being built in China to help the Russian market



Farms with 100,000 dairy cows are being built in China to help supply the Russian market. The Interfax - Russian news agency non-governmental - revealed the farm is

part of a partnership between Russia and China.

The Zhongding Dairy Farming of China and the Russian company, Severny Bur, are participating of the project, which it will total 1 billion yuan (US \$ 163.14 million). The farm is being built in Mudanjiang City, in northeast China, where about 100,000 cows will be installed – it will be the largest in the world. Mudanjiang will be used as a processing plant, where dairy products will be distributed to China.

The biggest farm in the world today, Modern Dairy Company, has 40,000 dairy cows and is also located in China.

The feed of animals will be produced in 100,000 hectares of land in China and Russia, mostly in the second country. Over 200,000 hectares should provide food for the cows when the project is running.

The farm will help Russia to supply its market after prohibit the imports of dairy products from the United States, European Union (EU), Norway, Australia and Canada in the last year because of economic sanctions related to the conflict in Ukraine. These sanctions were extended until August 2016. Before the Russian embargo, the EU exported about 300,000 tons of cheese, approximately 25% of its production.

The President of the Milk Working Party Copa-Cogeca, an organization that includes European agricultural groups, Mansel Raymond, said the embargo and the Chinese-Russian dairy enterprise send a worrying signal to EU dairy farmers.

"The scale of Chinese investment in milk production is vast. I wonder if we'll get to recover the Russian milk market. The construction of a farm with 100,000 dairy cows is simply incomprehensible. If the bill forward and 100,000 heads represent lactating cows, only this unit will produce 800 million liters per year. In this case, it would amount to 100,000 tons of cheese - which would mean that only this unit could produce about 30% of our previous exports to Russia".

The report is the AgWeb.com and [www.fwi.co.uk](http://www.fwi.co.uk), translated by Group MilkPoint.

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