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Sustainability as part of the corporate strategy.

Sustainability is a cross-sectional task for us and involves various specialist areas such as purchasing, agriculture, occupational safety as well as environmental protection, energy management and quality management.

Our major goal is to ensure greater sustainability along the entire value chain, to use our resources sparingly, and to implement holistic environmental protection in production and trade.

Motivation for further water efficiency at DMK:

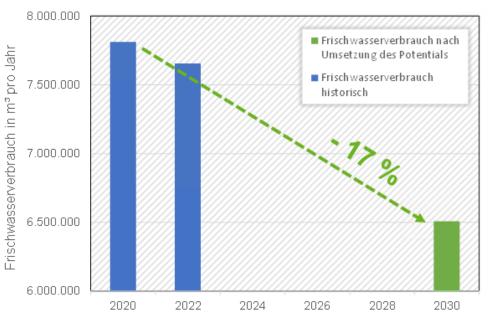
- The availability of drinking water is reduced regionally, in addition, the requirements for drinking water quality are increasing (new drinking water ordinance, national water strategy,...).
- As a large manufacturer of cheese and dairy products, large quantities of food-grade vapor condensates accumulate during concentration processes, which could be used as a drinking water substitute in the future after purification via a multi-barrier concept, to conserve resources and also reduce the burden on the environment.





DMK water strategy until 2024

- Target 2015 2020: Reduction of drinking water use by 5% => Target achieved
- Objective 2020 2024: Develop treatment of vapor condensates from whey as process water or drinking water substitute with official approval via a multi-barrier concept for large-scale use



Key figure	DMK GmbH*	MIV query 2017
Water-milk ratio [m ³ /t]	1,08	2,05
Wastewater to milk ratio [m³/t]	1,06	1,98



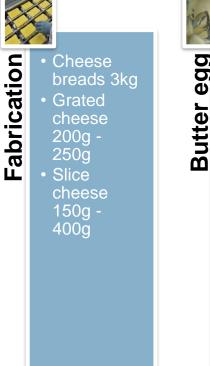
Aerial view DMK - Edewecht site





Production at the Edewecht site











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Key data large-scale cheese dairy Edewecht

Milk processing: approx. 1,000,000 t/a

Water consumption: approx. 1,050,000 m³/a

Total amount of "cow water": 930,000 m³/a

Already reused "cow water" in non-critical areas: 350,000 m³/a

Potential for a future drinking water substitute:





The two waters are "product water" (EU definition: cow water), since they consist of milk constituents obtained from the foodstuff milk/whey during concentration and filtration processes.

RO permeate:

RO permeate is produced during hyperfiltration/reverse osmosis; solutions are concentrated by the removal of water (e.g. whey from 6% TS to up to 28% TS)

Vapor condensate: Vapor condensate is formed during the evaporation of milk or whey by evaporation and condensation of the aqueous milk component.

It is essentially distilled water with low molecular weight organic matter in low concentrations.

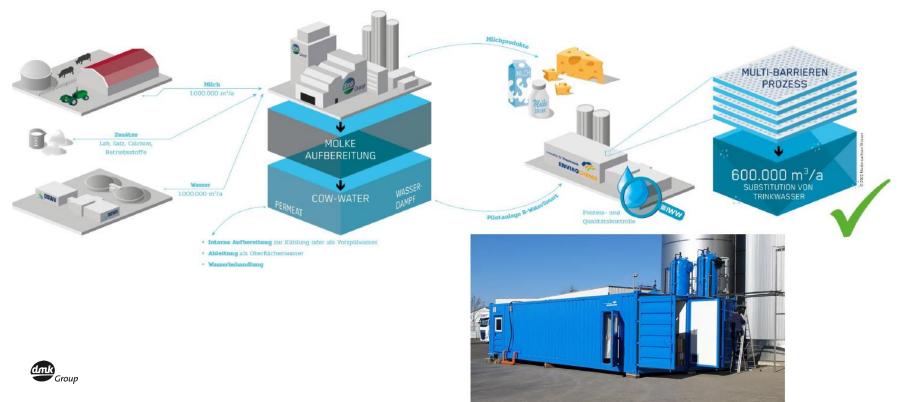
Plants for the treatment of vapors and RO permeate are **already in use at many companies in** the European environment.

In Germany, the treatment has <u>not yet been approved according to the current Drinking Water</u> Ordinance! An exemption has been granted so far for one plant (Milchbrüden).





Aufbereitung von Brüdenkondensat



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Thank you for the attention

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