#### AT A GLANCE

#### Who we are

Dairy Crest processes and markets branded dairy products and nutritious fresh milk

#### **Vision**

- We are proud of our links to the countryside, our dairy heritage and the part they play in everyday life
- We want to earn the right to consumers' loyalty by providing healthy, enjoyable, convenient products
- We aim to meet consumers' needs and go where this takes us
- As we grow, we will look after our people and the communities where we work

#### **Strategy**

- To generate growth by building strong positions in branded and added value markets
- To simplify, make sustainable and reduce costs
- To generate cash and reduce risk
- To make acquisitions where they will generate value

#### **Product groups**

#### **Cheese & whey**



#### **Spreads & butters**



#### **Dairies**

**Dairies revenue** 



Contribution to Group: % of total Group. Revenue excludes other revenue. Profit is product group profit excluding associates.

Cheese revenue

21%

Cheese profit



Spreads revenue



**Spreads profit** 



Dairies profit



Dairy Crest has the leading cheese brand in the UK, Cathedral City, and a world-class cheese supply chain. Cathedral City is made at our Davidstow creamery in Cornwall from milk supplied by local dairy farmers. The cheese is matured, cut and wrapped at our purpose-built facility in Nuneaton from where it is despatched to retailers

We also have a smaller cheese packing facility at Frome, Somerset which provides the business with additional flexibility. We currently dry the whey that is produced as a by-product of cheese making at Davidstow.

We are developing a new facility that will manufacture demineralised whey powder and galacto-oligosaccharide, a lactose based prebiotic.

# HighlightsCountry I

Country Life.

 Country Life Spreadable continues to grow and outperform the market

the production of spreads and packet

Dairy Crest produces some of the UK's

leading spreads and butter brands. We

We also manufacture and sell Frylight

During the year we have consolidated

focus on two key brands Clover and

one calorie cooking spray.

butters at Kirkby, Merseyside.

- Clover maintains market share awarded 'Best Buy' in spreads category by Which magazine
- Frylight sales growing strongly
- Packet butter and spreads manufacturing consolidated into one site

We process and deliver fresh conventional, organic and flavoured milk to major retailers, 'middle ground' customers including smaller retailers, coffee shops and hospitals, and residential customers.

We also manufacture and sell FRijj, the leading fresh flavoured milk brand, cream and milk powders.

Dairies also benefit from property profits arising from the sale of surplus depots.

#### **Highlights**

- FRijj sales up by 7%
- Reduced sugar FRijj variant introduced
- Ongoing cost reductions achieved
- Property profits £17.6 million

#### Highlights

- Cathedral City continues to grow market share and is now Britain's 16th largest grocery brand (Source: The Grocer)
- Cathedral City now accounts for over 50% of total retail branded cheddar sales
- Our premium brand Davidstow has also grown market share
- On track to produce demineralised whey and galacto-oligosaccharide later in 2015

#### Sale of Dairies

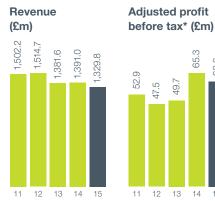
On 6 November 2014 Dairy Crest agreed to sell its Dairies operations to Muller UK and Ireland Group LLP for £80 million in cash on completion. The sale has been approved by shareholders but remains conditional on the approval of the relevant competition authorities.

Details of the sale are included in the Financial review on page 29.

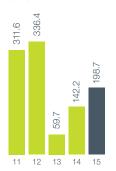
### **Our retail markets**

IRI market data, 52 weeks ended 28 March 2015	£ million
Cheese	2,453
Butter and spreads	1,161
Milk	2,764
Ready to drink flavoured milk	268

# Financial highlights







Before exceptionals, amortisation of acquired intangibles and pension interest

# **Production sites**

## **Cheese & whey**





No1 UK branded cheese







# Kirkby Foston<sup>1</sup> Nuneaton Chadwell Heath<sup>1</sup> Severnside<sup>1</sup> Hanworth<sup>1,3</sup> Erith Frome Chard<sup>2</sup>

# **Spreads & butters**







spread







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- 1. Site included in the proposed sale of Dairies operations.
- 2. Planning to close 2015.

Davidstow

3. Planning to close 2016.

#### **Dairies**



Fresh milk to retailers



**Country Life milk** 







**Residential** delivery -'milk&more'