

World Dairy Summit in India to take up export issue of liquid milk

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NEW DELHI: India is the world's largest producer of milk but the country cannot export its surplus as Indian milk does not fulfil the international food quality standard. Though India exports few dairy products to certain countries, the liquid (raw) milk has so far not been able to get global market access. This concern will be one of the key issues of discussions at the World Dairy Summit which is to be held in Greater Noida during September 12-15 when India would showcase its dairy products and its adherence to quality norms protocol for liquid milk. Besides, India would also try to impress upon the participants as to why the 'milk and dairy' products should not be included in any free trade agreements (FTA) with a country or geographical grouping. "There are many factors which are taken into consideration while granting market access. The World Organisation for Animal Health governs this issue and lays down protocol for export. We meet those standards for certain dairy products but not for liquid milk due to issues around 'foot and mouth disease' (FMD) in cattle," said Atul Chaturvedi, secretary, animal husbandry and dairying, while sharing details of the Summit