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12. The Health Check and other initiatives

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Why a proposal ?

The Health Check was not a new reform but mainly the deepening of the previous Fischler reform.

Much of the partial decoupling negotiated in 2003 and 2004 proved to be useless and had been removed.

Political will to reduce the red tape for both farmers and national administrations.

Decisions taken I

- *Milk quotas to definitively disappear on 1 April 2015*
- *All partially decoupled payments to be removed except for suckler cows, sheep and goats*
- *Super simplified scheme maintained in NMS*
- *More flexibility for MS to use their available envelope*
- *Further transfer of funds from Pillar I to II: +5%*

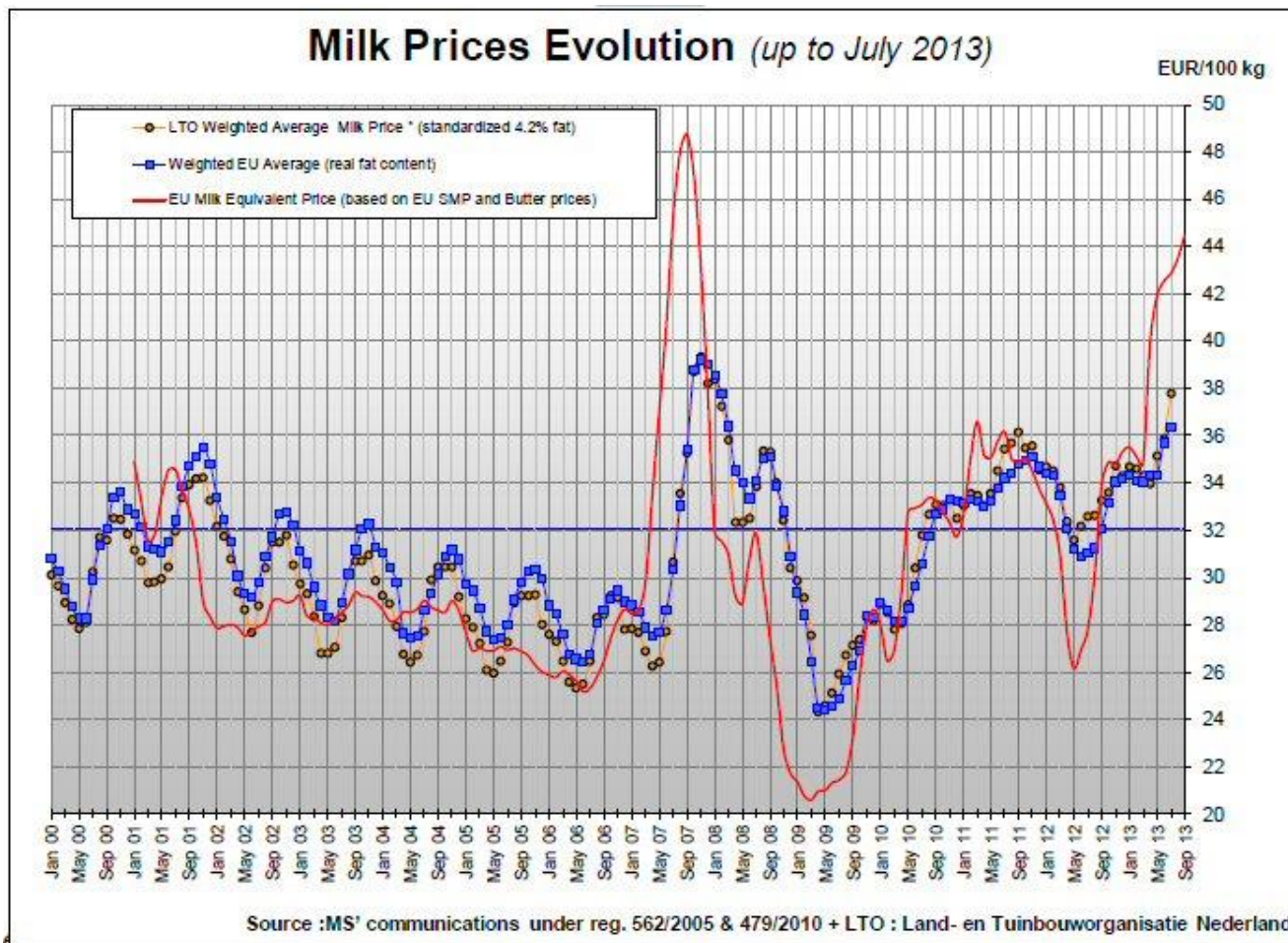
Decisions taken II

- *More EU co-financing in convergence regions (from 75% to 90%)*
- *4% reduction in direct payments for farmers above 300,000 €*
- *Reduction of intervention guarantees for some cereals and meat.*

And in addition...

- *A fruit and vegetable reform that consolidated POs, APOs and Interbranches*
- *A new School Fruit (and vegetable) scheme (in addition to the historical school milk scheme)*
- *A radical reform of wine, reducing safety net and increasing market orientation for producers*
- *At the end of the mandate, despite the quota system, a major milk crisis*

A major milk crisis



If you want to know more ...

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