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State of the nation

Are we back to square one in the dairy sector's cycle of boom and bust? The past year has seen dairy prices in the mults rocket, driven by record farmgate milk prices caused soaring production costs. Now, in the face of higher production volumes and falling demand, prices are falling, with farmgate prices down up to a third since the new year — despite production costs remaining elevated. Where could prices end up at this year, and how will that impact production and consumer demand? How has the relationship between retailer and suppliers changed over the past year? What is the government proposing with its reform of dairy contracts — and how will that impact supply chain relationships? By Kevin White kevin.white@thegrocer.co.uk

Power list: Women in dairy

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Technology

The most important technological breakthroughs in dairy – past, present and future By George Nott george.nott@thegrocer.co.uk

Food safety: Listeria

What is listeria? What causes it in dairy? How serious is it? Why has it been in the news this year? Which dairy suppliers have been affected? Has this been a typical year in terms of number of cases? How do dairy suppliers tackle listeria? Are they doing enough? What else could be done?

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Exports

How has the business of exporting dairy changed over the past year? What challenges remain? By Maria Gonçalves maria.goncalves@thegrocer.co.uk