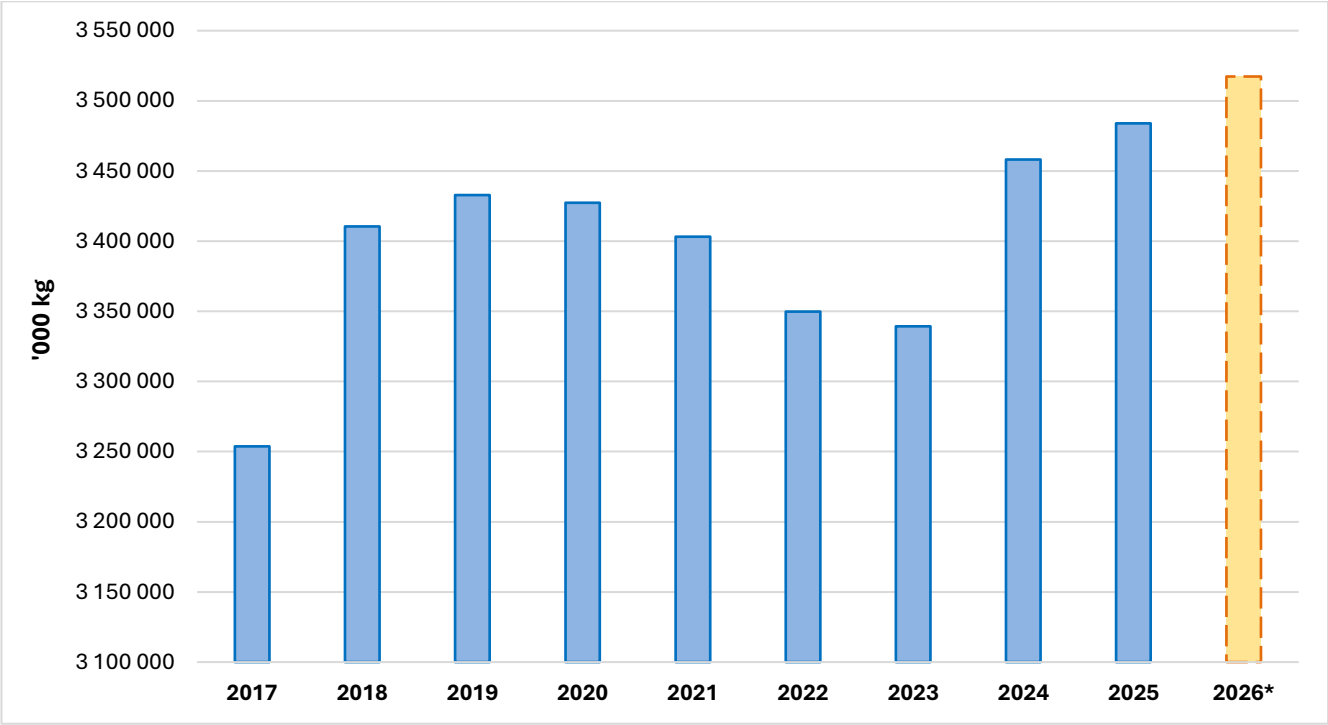


PROJECTION OF THE TOTAL UNPROCESSED MILK PRODUCTION FOR 2026

Based on historical figures and trends, the MPO Economic Desk projected the unprocessed milk production for 2026. Total unprocessed milk production for the 12-month period from January to December 2026 is estimated to reach approximately **3 517 million kg**, a 0.96% increase from 2025 and 1.71% increase compared to 2024. Although the projected growth for 2026 is low, it still showcases the resilience of the primary dairy industry while facing challenges of the Foot and Mouth Disease.

Calculating annual growth since 2021, production increased by 0.67% per year.

Figure 1: Annual unprocessed milk production since 2017



Source: Milk SA
2026* MPO calculation

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