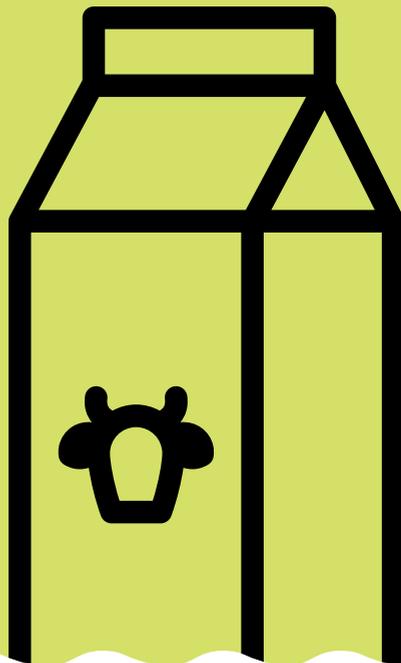


MILCHERZEUGERVEREINIGUNG
SCHWARZWALDMILCH EG

DAIRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION
SCHWARZWALDMILCH EG



ADDRESS/COUNTRY

Haslacher Straße 12, 79115 Freiburg im
Breisgau - GERMANY

**LEGAL
ORGANISATIONAL
FORM**

Eingetragene Genossenschaft (eG)
(registered cooperative).

The operative business is run by
Schwarzwaldmilch GmbH Freiburg and
Schwarzwaldmilch GmbH Offenburg, in
which the cooperative holds 100% of the
shares.

WEBSITE LINK

<https://www.schwarzwaldmilch.de/>

CONTACTS

[https://www.schwarzwaldmilch.de/service/
kontakt/](https://www.schwarzwaldmilch.de/service/kontakt/)

CONTEXT

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INFO

YEAR OF CREATION

1930

DESCRIPTION/MAIN ACTIVITIES

Milk processing.

SWM is one of the main dairies nationwide. At its location in Freiburg, the cooperative produces a select variety of gourmet Black Forest milk products that are very popular beyond the borders of Baden-Württemberg. In Offenburg, it produces high quality ingredients for industrial partners.

As a regional cooperative company - founded by local dairy farmers - SWM decided to refine the precious raw milk in special dairy products. The company's goal is to generate an absolutely competitive payment price for regional milk producers.

MAIN STAKEHOLDERS

member, clients, producers

Producers (dairy farmers) are the members and owners.

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

1-service/goods production; 2-markets/consumers/beneficiaries

- 1 Farmers and owner are located in German south western region Black Forest;
- 2 Markets are in Germany and other European countries.

REVENUE

Data from 2018:

- » Turnover 2018: 195.4 m. EUR
- » Annual profit 2018: 2.7 m. EUR

**STRUCTURE/
OWNERSHIP**

OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE

who/how many: shareholders/owners/members/worker members/ donors, ...

Completely owned by dairy farmers.

Approx. 1,325 owners.

Approx. 400 employees.

**GOVERNANCE
AND MEMBERS
PARTICIPATION**

STRUCTURE/ORGANISATION CHART

Cooperative with management board and supervisory board owns the operating companies Schwarzwaldmilch GmbH Freiburg and Schwarzwaldmilch GmbH Offenburg.

ASSEMBLIES

how many, how, other assemblies than the General one

General assembly + workshop days

**COOPERATIVE
PRINCIPLES
BEST PRACTICES**

*Principles for which
the coop represents
a good practice*

PRINCIPLE 3. MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Among the German dairy companies, Schwarzwaldmilch has been able to offer a relatively high milk price for its producers over the last years. At the same time, the company has been growing over the last years regarding its turnover and surplus.

PRINCIPLE 4. AUTONOMY & INDEPENDENCE

Schwarzwaldmilch produces dairy products and milk powder + ingredients; especially the company's corporate brands for dairy products (premium products) are developing well for the cooperative and enable it to pay comparatively high milk prices.

PRINCIPLE 7. CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

The cooperative has a strong social responsibility approach and a particular sensitivity concerning its impact on the territory and, in general, on the environment and on its ways of production.

SWM invested in the implementation of an energy centre in two of its seats, with which it is able to save over 3,000 CO₂ emissions per year. Since 2017, they also use 100% green electricity.

The Black Forest milk farmers adopt traditional agriculture in order to ensure that the beauty of the age-old cultural landscape with its variety of meadows, pastures and forests is preserved.

The wellbeing and the respect of the animals represent a very important issue for the cooperative.

A high percentage of the company's products is packed in glass, which allows relatively high prices and at the same time serves the trend of plastic saving. Moreover, special requirements regarding the grass and protein feed, which shall be ecologically sustainable and at the same time attract customers, are in force.