

## **Summary**

There is a rising growth in the production of milk globally. Approximately 150 billion households around the globe are engaged in the production of milk. In the developing nations, milk is produced by farmers and smallholders and the monetary benefits of it contribute to the household livelihood. Milk provides relatively quick returns compared to cultivation of crops for small-scale producers and hence proves to be an important source of cash income.

India is the world's largest producer of milk encompassing 16% of global production. India is followed by United States of America, China, Pakistan and Brazil.

World milk production has increased by almost 50%. In 1982, the production of milk was 482 million tons which has increased to 754 million tons in 2012. South Asia has seen the most of expansion in the production of milk since the 1970s. It is rightfully the main driver of milk production in the developing world.