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The Prime Minister today reassured dairy farmers that there would be no further cutbacks in milk production in 1985 beyond the level already agreed last March.

Questioned at a press conference launching the Conservative Party Manifesto for the European Elections she made it clear that in 1984/5 the European Community would provide guarantees for milk production up to a total of 99.235 million tonnes.

Production above that quantity will be subject to the so-called super levy.

The Government has already made it clear that from 1985-6 the guaranteed quantity will be 98.363 million tonnes.

The cost of the extra guaranteed quantities agreed for 1984-5 will be met by an increase in the rate of co-responsibility levy of one percentage point for this year only.

The effect of the agreement is that the Community has allowed an additional quota of almost a million tonnes for the first year in the operation of the quota system.

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