

# Dairy Cattle “At a Glance”

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### For More Information

#### Dairy Jobs Matter

- ▶ [www.dairy.com.au/dairy-matters/dairy-jobs-matter](http://www.dairy.com.au/dairy-matters/dairy-jobs-matter)

#### Agriculture Victoria – Dairy

- ▶ [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/dairy](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/livestock-and-animals/dairy)

#### Planning Your Dairy Career

- ▶ [thepeopleindairy.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/5StonesCareerPlan2017-1.pdf](http://thepeopleindairy.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/5StonesCareerPlan2017-1.pdf)

#### Diary Australia, Stepping Stones — On-Farm Career Pathways in Dairy

- ▶ [thepeopleindairy.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2796-Stepping-Stones-National-2021\\_web.pdf](http://thepeopleindairy.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/2796-Stepping-Stones-National-2021_web.pdf)

#### Career Harvest — Careers in Dairy

- ▶ [www.careerharvest.com.au/careers-in-dairy](http://www.careerharvest.com.au/careers-in-dairy)

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## INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION

The Dairy industry is the 3rd largest rural industry in Australia and a key sector of the agricultural economy, generating close to \$4.9 billion in the 2021/22 financial year.

The Australian Dairy Herd totals 1.34 million cows across 4,420 dairy farms averaging a herd size of 303 cows. Australian Dairy provides a Total Annual Milk Production of 8,554 million litres with an average annual milk production per cow of 6,203 litres. This milk produces several main commodities including 408,246 tonnes of Cheese, 192,623 tonnes of Milk powders and 73,019 tonnes of Butter.

Australians consume 15kg cheese and 93litres of milk annually. We also export 36% of our milk production and are currently ranked fourth in terms of world dairy trade with a 5% share, behind New Zealand, the European Union and the United States.

### Did you know?

- Victoria is Australia's largest dairy producing state, producing 5.62 billion litres of milk in 2019-20 — close to two thirds of Australia's milk production
- Gross value of milk produced in Victoria was \$3.0 billion in 2019-20, an increase of \$330 million (up 12%) on the previous year. Milk accounted for 17% of Victoria's gross value of agricultural production of \$17.8 billion
- Dairy industry is Victoria's second largest agricultural industry after horticulture (\$3.60 billion)
- It is estimated that approximately 8,100 persons work on farms that produce milk in the year to May 2021

\*Source: Dairy Australia (2022) In Focus 2022 - The Australian Dairy Industry, [www.dairyaustralia.com.au/industry-statistics/industry-reports/australian-dairy-industry-in-focus#Z9KbMnZ6y3B](http://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/industry-statistics/industry-reports/australian-dairy-industry-in-focus#Z9KbMnZ6y3B), Agriculture Victoria (2021) Victorian Dairy Industry Fast Facts June 2021, [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/001/698771/Dairy\\_Fast-Facts\\_June-2021\\_Final\\_v2.pdf](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/001/698771/Dairy_Fast-Facts_June-2021_Final_v2.pdf)

\*\* For the purposes of this document the Murray Mallee region includes the Victorian Local Government Areas of Swan Hill, Mildura, Gannawarra and Buloke and the NSW Local Government Areas of Murray River, Balranald and Wentworth.

## KEY STATISTICS

In 2020/2021 the Gross Value of dairy across the Murray Mallee Region\*\* was \$126 million!



# CAREERS IN DAIRY CATTLE ACCORDING TO PASSION



## . IF YOU LOVE BEING OUTDOORS .

Farm Manager . Farm Production Manager . Feed Mixing/Milling . Feeding Hand . Cattle Movements . Cattle Induction and Health . Calf Rearing . Plant and Machinery Maintenance . Livestock Transportation Manager . Irrigation Technician

## . IF SCIENCE IS YOUR THING .

Agricultural Researcher . Veterinary Scientist . Agricultural Scientist . Agronomist . Biosecurity Officer . Product Quality Control . Botanist . Environmental Scientist . Extension Officer . Entomologist . Plant Pathologist

## . IF TECH IS YOUR GIG .

Engineer . Machinery Operator . Mechanic . Precision Agriculture Consultant . Research & Development . Robotics Technician . Spray Technician . Welder

## . IF CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IS FOR YOU .

Biologist . Botanist

## . IF YOU LOVE BEING CREATIVE .

Agricultural Journalist . Brand Specialist . Graphic Designer . Marketer . Radio Broadcaster . Social Media Strategist

## . IF YOU WANT TO LEAD .

Agribusiness Manager . Business Owner . Farm Production Manager . Grower Integration Manager . Human Resources Manager . Open Space Manager . Pest Health Manager . Plant Production Manager . Product Development Manager . Purchasing Officer Retail Manager . Supply Chain Manager

## . IF YOU WANT TO CRUNCH THE NUMBERS .

Accountant . Agricultural Economist . Contract Manager . Commodity Trader . Logistics Scheduler . Occupational Health and Safety Representatives . Payroll Officer . Quality Assurance . Agribusiness Administrator