

QuickStats about dairying – NEW ZEALAND



HERDS AND COWS

Total number of herds **11,748**

Average herd size **414**

Number of cows (milking) **4.8 million**



FARMERS AND DAIRY LAND

Number of farm owner/operators **8,508**

Number of sharemilkers **3,240**

Average farm size **147ha**

Average cows per ha **2.8**

The Waikato region has the most herds in New Zealand

(33%)



THE NORTH ISLAND HAS 73% of New Zealand's dairy herds, 60% of dairy cows and produces 57% of New Zealand's milksolids.

THE SOUTH ISLAND HAS 27% of New Zealand's dairy herds, 40% of dairy cows and produces 43% of New Zealand's milksolids.



Total effective hectares of dairy land in New Zealand

1.7 million hectares



Milk processed by dairy companies (2016-17)

21.0 billion litres

containing 1.8 billion kilograms of milksolids

DAIRY FARMING CONTRIBUTED 28% (in 2016-17) of the total value that New Zealand earned from its merchandise exports.* That is 35% of New Zealand's total primary industry export value.

The value of dairying in New Zealand

Jobs in the dairy industry (excl. farm business owners)

47,310 employees

Amount of export revenue NZ earned from dairy farming (2016-17)

\$NZ13.4 billion

New Zealand produces

3%

OF ALL THE MILK IN THE WORLD.

New Zealand is the world's largest exporter of dairy products, but is only the **8th** largest milk producer worldwide.

Numbers employed in the dairy industry in New Zealand

Number employed

On-farm  **33,760**

Processing and wholesaling  **13,550**

Total dairy employment  **47,310**



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Source: NZIER, New Zealand Dairy Statistics, Ministry for Primary Industries Statistics New Zealand, DairyNZ Economics Group. November 2017

*Not including meat industry earnings from cull cows which are counted in the beef industry contribution.

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