QuickStats about dairying – NORTHLAND REGION

**HERDS AND COWS**

- Total number of herds: 1,030
- Average herd size: 300
- Number of cows (milking): 308,587

**FARMERS AND DAIRY LAND**

- Number of farm owner/operators: 788
- Number of sharemilkers: 242
- Average farm size: 134ha
- Average cows per ha: 2.2

**The value of dairying in Northland**

Value of milk production to the regional economy

**$580 million (2016/17)**

*(99 million kilograms of milksolids produced)*

What farmers spend (on average) per cow

2016/17 farm working expenses on-farm per cow: **$1,240***

*This includes feed, veterinary services, fertiliser, dairy shed supplies (estimate)*

**Numbers employed in the dairy industry in Northland**

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<td>On-farm: 2,430</td>
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<td>Processing and wholesaling: 488</td>
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<td>Total dairy employment: 2,918</td>
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Note: The region covered by this data includes Rodney District.