QuickStats about dairying – SOUTHLAND REGION

### HERDS AND COWS
- Total number of herds: 989
- Average herd size: 569
- Number of cows (milking): 563,017

### FARMERS AND DAIRY LAND
- Number of farm owner/operators: 698
- Number of sharemilkers: 291
- Average farm size: 211ha
- Average cows per ha: 2.7

### The value of dairying in Southland
- Value of milk production to the regional economy: $1.4 billion (2016/17)
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### Numbers employed in the dairy industry in Southland

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### DAIRY JOBS CONtribute
- 8.5% of the total regional employment in Southland.

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What farmers spend (on average) per cow

2016/17 farm working expenses on-farm per cow $1,588*

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