QuickStats about dairying – Taranaki Region

**Herds and Cows**
- Total number of herds: 1,657
- Average herd size: 286
- Number of cows (milking): 473,110

**Farmers and Dairy Land**
- Number of farm owner/operators: 1,124
- Number of sharemilkers: 533
- Average farm size: 103ha
- Average cows per ha: 2.8

**The Value of Dairying in Taranaki**
- Value of milk production to the regional economy: $1.1 billion (2016/17)
- (181 million kilograms of milksolids produced)
- What farmers spend (on average) per cow:
  - 2016/17 farm working expenses on-farm per cow: $1,340*

**Dairy Jobs Contribute**
- 10.3% of the total regional employment in Taranaki.

**Numbers Employed in the Dairy Industry in Taranaki**

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<th>Type of Employment</th>
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<td>On-farm</td>
<td>3,584</td>
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<td>Processing and wholesaling</td>
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<td>Total dairy employment</td>
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*This includes feed, veterinary services, fertiliser, dairy shed supplies (estimate)