

QuickStats about dairying – WAIKATO REGION



HERDS AND COWS

Total number of herds **3,883**

Average herd size **350**

Number of cows (milking) **1.36 million**



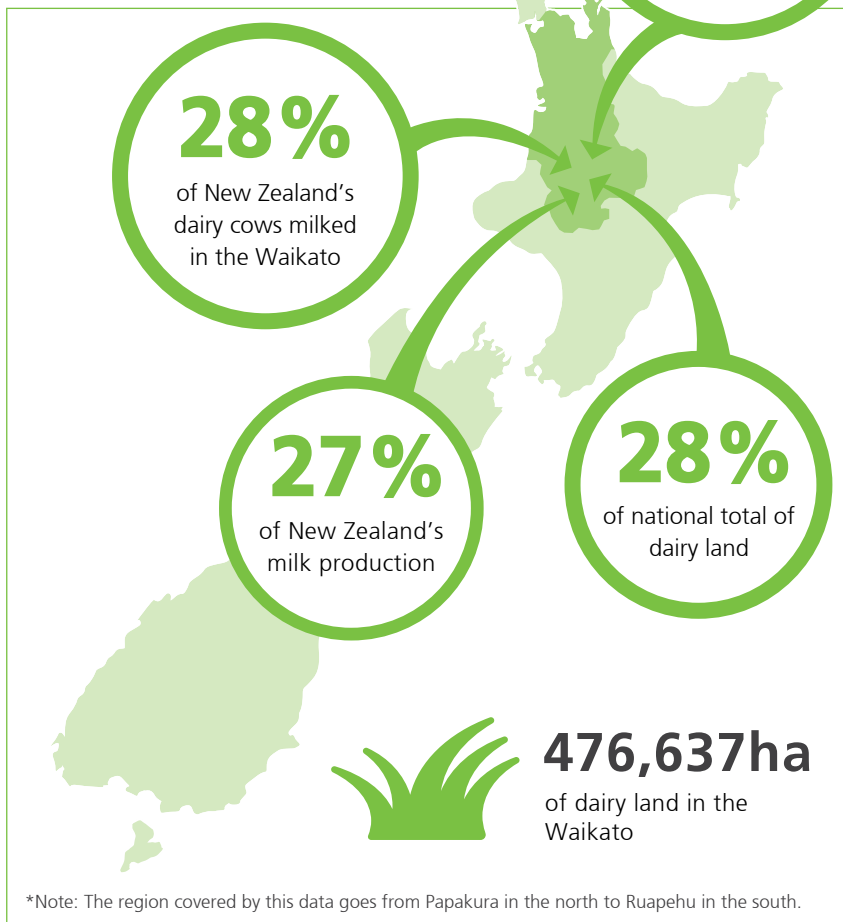
FARMERS AND DAIRY LAND

Number of farm owner/operators **2,683**

Number of sharemilkers **1,200**

Average farm size **123ha**

Average cows per ha **2.9**



The value of dairying in the Waikato

Value of milk production to the regional economy

\$2.9 billion (2016/17)
(496 million kilograms of milksolids produced)

What farmers spend (on average) per cow

2016/17 farm working expenses on-farm per cow **\$1,340***

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



DAIRY JOBS CONTRIBUTE

6.7%

of the total regional employment in the Waikato.

Numbers employed in the dairy industry in the Waikato

Number employed

On-farm  **9,251**

Processing and wholesaling  **3,651**

Total dairy employment  **12,902**



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