QuickStats about dairying – SOUTHLAND REGION

HERDS AND COWS

- Total number of herds: 982
- Average herd size: 594
- Number of cows (milking): 583,240

FARMERS AND DAIRY LAND

- Number of farm owner/operators: 676
- Number of sharemilkers: 305
- Average farm size: 225ha
- Average cows per ha: 2.6

The value of dairying in Southland

Value of milk production to the regional economy

$1.6 billion (2017/18)
(238 million kilograms of milksolids produced)

What farmers spend (on average) per cow

2017/18 farm working expenses on-farm per cow $1,670*

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

DAIRY JOBS CONTRIBUTE

- 8.4% of the total regional employment in Southland.

Numbers employed in the dairy industry in Southland

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