QuickStats about dairying – WEST COAST-TASMAN AND MARLBOROUGH-NELSON REGIONS

**HERDS AND COWS**

- Total number of herds: 595
- Average herd size: 399
- Number of cows (milking): 237,215

**FARMERS AND DAIRY LAND**

- Number of farm owner/operators (including herds with contract milkers): 477
- Number of sharemilkers: 116
- Average farm size: 166ha
- Average cows per ha: 2.4

**The value of dairying in the West Coast-Tasman and Marlborough-Nelson**

Value of milk production to the regional economy

$475 million (2017/18)

(79 million kilograms of milksolids produced)

What farmers spend (on average) per cow

2017/18 farm working expenses on-farm per cow $1,420*  

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

**DAIRY JOBS CONTRIBUTE**

2.6% of the total regional employment in the West Coast-Tasman and Marlborough-Nelson.

**Numbers employed in the dairy industry in the West Coast-Tasman and Marlborough-Nelson**

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<th>Employment Type</th>
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<td>On-farm</td>
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<td>Processing and wholesaling</td>
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<td>Total dairy employment</td>
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5% of New Zealand’s dairy herds

5% of New Zealand’s dairy cows (milking)

6% of national dairy land

98,671ha of dairy land in the West Coast-Tasman and Marlborough-Nelson