

Operating Profit Adjustments

The following adjustments are used in DairyBase when calculating operating profit, as described in the DairyBase report description handbook. These values are reviewed annually.

Feed Inventory adjustments

Season	\$ per kg DM
2022-23	.42c
2023-24	.39c
2024-25	.41c

Note: These values reflect an average cost for feed that tends to be stored and fed out over different seasons, and also a combination of feed purchased and made.

Labour Adjustments – Management

Season	Number of cows	Basic rate (\$)	Per cow rate (\$)
2022-23	<900	\$58,000	64
	900-1199	\$60,000	62
	>=1200	\$135,000	N/A
2023-24	<900	\$62,000	64
	900-1199	\$64,000	62
	>=1200	\$139,000	N/A
2024-25	<900	\$65,000	65
	900-1199	\$66,500	63
	>=1200	\$143,000	N/A

e.g. herd size 300 in 2024-25 = (300 cows * \$65) + \$65,000 = \$84,500

Note: This adjustment applies to 1.0 management FTE at 2400 hours annually. Surplus hours up to 0.5FTE are calculated at family unpaid rate (see below).

Labour Adjustments – Unpaid family

Region	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Rest of NZ	\$60,000	\$63,000	\$65,000
Otago/Southland	\$62,000	\$63,000	\$63,500

Note: \$Unpaid family labour = \$Adjustment * (annual hours worked / 2400).

Support block Adjustment - \$ per ha

Region	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Northland	700	700	750
Waikato	1050	1075	1100
Bay of Plenty	950	950	1000
Taranaki	1200	1225	1250
Lower North Island	950	950	950
West Coast – Top of the South	775	775	825
Canterbury	1050	1150	1175
Otago – Southland	980	980	980