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Milksolids levy return on investment 2020-2025



Through the milksolids levy, Kiwi dairy farmers collectively invest around \$70 million dollars annually to deliver a positive future for New Zealand dairy through science, research, advocacy and extension.

We want the levy to be the best investment of every New Zealand dairy farmer. A recent independent review on our industry-good initiatives funded by the levy revealed a seven-fold return in value.

At a glance

- \$341 million of levy revenue generated an estimated \$2.98 billion of value.
- This equates to 7x return on investment \rightarrow 26c/kgMS/year or \$187/ha/year
- The benefits come from both productivity gains (45%) and costs avoided (55%).
- In many cases the government or partner organisations topped up the money invested by DairyNZ meaning farmers got an even bigger bang for their milksolids levy.

Some of the bigger hitters for returns

Supporting Farm Profitability \$66.4m \$466m On-farm Change \$358.8m \$15.8m Better Freshwater Policy \$17.6m \$248m **LowN Leaching Systems** \$3.3m Strong Biosecurity \$77.1m All 92 DairyNZ initiatives \$248.6m \$2.98b collectively

Estimated value now

How much was invested?