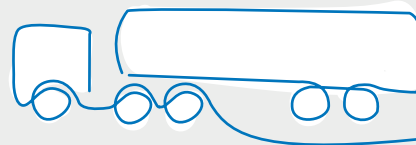


SNAPSHOT OF DAIRY IN THE MURRAY-DARLING BASIN FY2020-21⁵



24
milk processing companies operating in the Basin.



1023
dairy farms across four states

78%
of which are in Victoria

22%
split between South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland.

Anecdotally, water entitlements make up approximately

25%
of capital assets for dairy farm businesses in the Basin.



8451
Total employment

2067
Direct on-farm employment

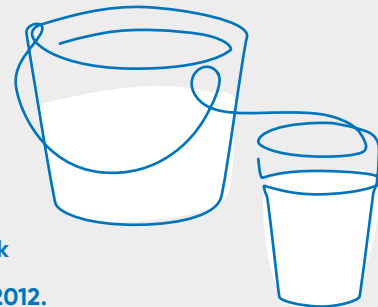
6384
Flow-on employment



The highest number of farms relying on irrigation are in the Southern Basin region, which includes Southern NSW, Northern Victoria and South Australia. Very few Queensland dairy farms rely on irrigation.

44%
reduction in dairy farm numbers and a

30%
reduction in total milk production since the Basin Plan began in 2012.



Farm gate value of
\$875
million

resulting in
\$1.67
billion

of value to the local community.



1.66
billion

litres of milk produced, representing

19%
of the total national volume.



Approximately
\$527
million

has been invested by dairy farm businesses in on-farm infrastructure during the past five years in the Victorian Murray region alone

Much of this farmer investment is to enable **increased feedbase production, harvesting, storing and feeding back to the herd.** Much of this investment is for risk-management measures, helping farms to become more resilient in the face of challenges to productivity.

⁵ Dairy Australia, multiple sources.