

NSW DPI Dairy Unit



Department of
Primary Industries

The NSW DPI Dairy Unit delivers industry research, development and adoption programs that support a profitable, resilient and sustainable NSW dairy industry.

The primary focus is on farm business management, innovation, technology and industry sustainability as well as support related to policy development, risk management and emergency response.

We believe in building strong, collaborative, long-term partnerships with farmers, researchers, the private sector and industry organisations to set the foundations of a successful, productive and profitable future for the NSW dairy industry.

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The NSW Department of Primary Industries is Australia's largest supplier of research and development services to primary industries. NSW DPI works to increase the value of primary industries and drive economic growth across NSW.

DPI Agriculture is responsible for increasing the productivity and resilience of the agricultural sector. It does this through agricultural productivity research across livestock, plants and natural resource management areas, as well as providing education and training through Tocal College.

The NSW DPI Dairy Unit is part of the Intensive Livestock Unit within the Livestock Systems branch of DPI Agriculture.



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Purpose

The NSW DPI Dairy Unit delivers research, development and adoption programs that support a profitable, resilient and sustainable NSW dairy industry.

Our strategic priorities are:	Innovative industry development	Business management culture	Dairy industry sustainability
Our aim is to:	Develop and provide access to tools and resources that support adoption of innovation on-farm	Foster a business management culture in the NSW dairy industry	Help the dairy industry identify and address strategic risks
By focusing on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools and resources that help farmers consider, invest in and operate precision farming technology or transition to a different farming system (pasture-based to partial or total mixed ration for example) • Data analysis and optimisation of dairy farming systems • Lead and collaborate with State and National RDE&A programs • Partnerships with industry and other RDE&A providers • Modern communications platforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing high quality annual farm business performance and profitability analysis • Providing resources and training to service providers and dairy farmers • Generating industry-wide conversation on the drivers of financial performance in dairy farm businesses • Managing large and complex businesses in a volatile operating environment • Partnerships with industry and service providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal welfare • Land use planning • Climate risk management • Resilient farm businesses • Investment, infrastructure and sustainability • Consumer and community engagement • Attracting and upskilling people in industry • Operating a commercial dairy at Tocal for research and training • Sound advice to government and industry • Supporting policy development • Emergency response (drought, floods, bushfires, biosecure industries and environment)
	Key projects: DairyUP, online communication platforms (Facebook, newsletter, webinars), NSW Dairy Breakfasts.	Key projects: Dairy business advisory unit, The Business of Dairy podcast, Dairy Farm Monitor Project, farm business management courses, Tocal Dairy business report.	Key projects: Implementation of the NSW Dairy Industry Action Plan, NSW dairy farm training programs, Dairy Strategy for Sector Recovery.
Core services:	Industry development through partnerships, research, analysis, communication, coordination and capability building.		