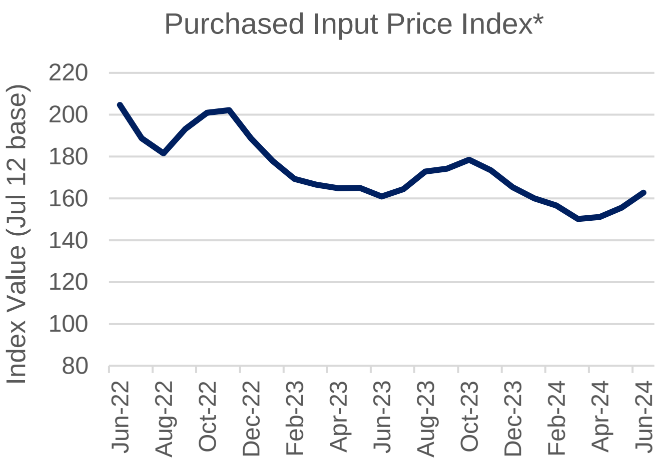
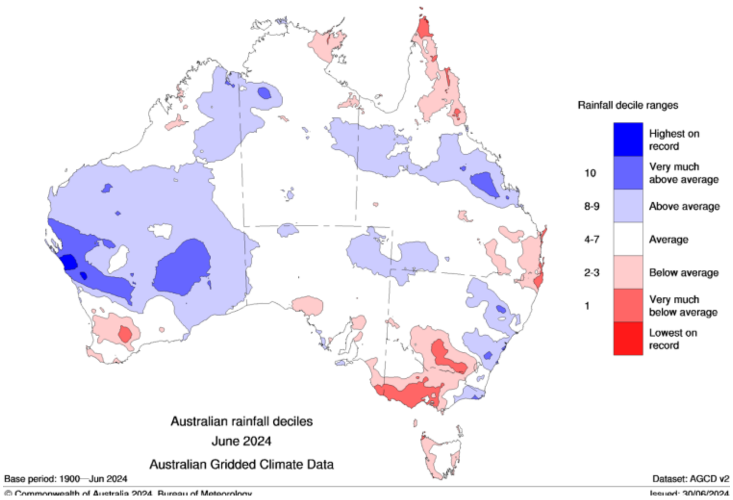
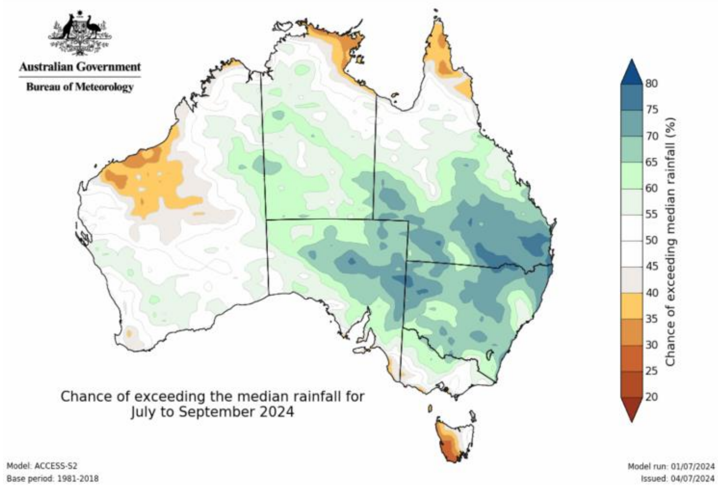
Production Inputs Monitor

June 2024



Drier than usual weather conditions across many dairying regions in June has continued to drive increased demand for key inputs, especially supplementary feed. Fodder prices increased nationally over the month, with some exporters now retaining good quality bales for the domestic market (to sell at a premium). As grain stores are utilised in the lead up to harvest, domestic pressures are strong, however the quick-progressing northern hemisphere harvest is providing some price relief. Water trades have picked up (especially in northern Victorian systems) which is not unusual for June, but the impact on temporary water prices has been limited with good availability in some storages (despite levels sitting below last year). Seasonal determinations for the new water year have subsequently opened quite strong, and average to above average rainfall forecast over eastern Australia during July to September may help support improved access to allocations in the lead up to summer. With the 2023/24 season now complete, new data shows cow culling declined 9% over the year. Falling cattle prices leading into the first half of the season discouraged opportunistic culling, and while some recovery followed, prices have remained steady below long-term averages since January. With wetter conditions in northern areas supporting herd growth and a similar focus occuring in the US, increased demand for Australian beef will likely support prices going forward.





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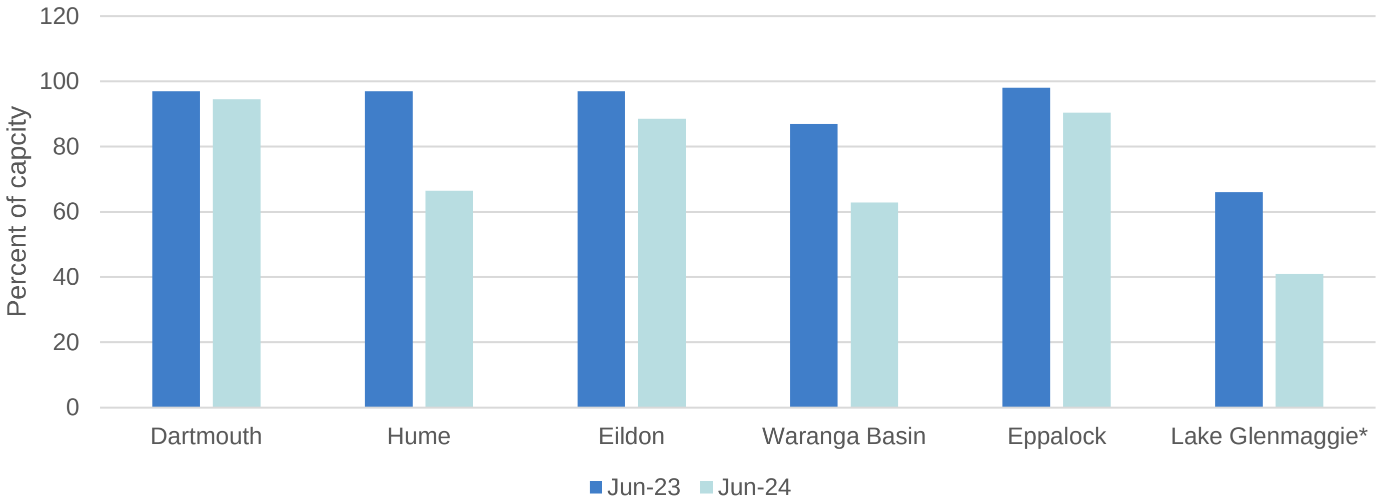
** The PIPI is created using data collected from the Dairy Farm Monitor Project (DFMP) alongside our monthly reporting and reflects the cost movement of the following grouped inputs: fodder, feed concentrates, fertiliser, and fuel.*

PIPI inputs price change	Cereal hay ($/t)	Protein hay ($/t)	Cereal grain ($/t)	Protein conc. ($/t)	Fertiliser ($/t)	Fuel (c/L)
Jun-24	*339*	*396*	*358*	*548*	*506*	*176*
Jun-23	***0%***	***↓15%***	***↓5%***	***0%***	***↑18%***	***↑6%***
Jun-19	***↓17%***	***↓39%***	***↓5%***	***↑10%***	***↑42%***	***↑34%***

Water storage levels



Victoria	**HRWS**	**Change (HRWS)**	**LRWS**
Murray	63%	-	0%
Broken	5%	-	0%
Goulburn	69%	-	0%
Campaspe	100%	-	0%
Loddon	69%	-	0%
Bullarook Creek	0%	-	0%
MID	100%	-	100%
NSW – Murray Irrigation Ltd	Allocation		Change
Class C-General Security	35%	-	-

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Temporary water trades	**Jun-24**	**May-24**	**Apr-24**	**Mar-24**	**Jun-23**	**% Change LY**
Northern Victoria		*Source: Victorian Water Register*				
1A Greater Goulburn	$25	$23	$20	$25	$10	+150%
6 Hume to Barmah	$19	$15	$15	$16	$10	+90%
7 Barmah to Nyah	$25	$22	$22	$26	$10	+150%
Volume traded (ML)	684,697	127,782	127,581	170,219	656,252	+4.3%
Average price ($/ML)	$25	$21	$21	$24	$10	+146%
Murray Irrigation System		*Source: Murray Irrigation Ltd*				
Volume traded (ML)	41,815	31,440	28,650	62,207	19,281	+117%
Average price ($/ML)	$11	$15	$14	$13	$1	+1454%

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	Jun-24	Monthly % change	May-24	Apr-24	Mar-24
Cereal hay			Source: AFIA		
Northern Australia ($/tonne)	319	+9%	292	288	290
Southern Australia ($/tonne)	339	+11%	306	292	285
Western Australia ($/tonne)	403	+9%	370	330	324
Wheat			Source: Profarmer		
Northern Australia ($/tonne)	368	-4%	385	346	345
Southern Australia ($/tonne)	358	-1%	363	331	317
Western Australia ($/tonne)	382	-2%	390	371	364
Futures prices (ASX)			Source: ASX		
Wheat (av. $/t Jan-25 east coast)	355	-7%	380	352	347
Barley (av. $/t Jan-25 east coast)	304	-6%	324	318	313
Fertiliser			Source: World Bank (global indicative prices converted from US$/tonne to A$/tonne)		
DAP (A$/tonne)	817	+4%	788	837	942
Urea (A$/tonne)	506	+18%	430	492	503
MOP (A$/tonne)	467	+1%	464	469	458
Relative soil moisture (percentile rank averaged between reference river regions listed).			Source: The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)		
Northern Australia (Clarence River, Logan Albert Rivers)	53	-36%	82	84	58
Southern Australia (Goulburn River, Murray Riverina)	36	+48%	24	47	29
Western Australia (Busselton Coast, Albany Coast)	22	+144%	9	5	20
Cull Cows			Source: NLRS (saleyards within Vic, NSW, QLD, SA, WA)		
Sales volume (head)	4,846	-16%	5,785	4,672	4,109
Average price (c/kg lwt)	179	+7%	168	175	171
	YTD 2023/24	% change	YTD 2022/23	YTD 2021/22	YTD 2020/21
Sales volume (head)	51,460	-9%	56,846	69,830	61,686
Average price (c/kg lwt)	175	-32%	256	280	242

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Hay report

Grain report

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