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ANIMAL PERFORMANCE

Prepare your farm for calf rearing season



By Lauren Foster, GippsDairy

Coming into Spring calving is a time a lot of farmers aren't excited about, long days, wet weather and a higher chance of sick animals. There are some things you can do to prepare for calving and give yourself the best chance of success.

Calving cow management

Setting your cows up for success in the coming lactation relies on them having enough time off to rest and for their udder to repair.

Whilst most cows calve without intervention, and you want to give them a chance to do this there are some things you should know to look for when monitoring pregnant cows:

3 stages of labour

1. Separation from the herd, tail lifting and swishing, getting up and laying down, mild kicking at their belly. This is stage 1 of labour and usually lasts 3-6 hours but can be longer in heifers.
2. Cervix fully dilated, abdominal straining 'contractions', water bag breaks if hasn't already and calf passes through birth canal to be born. Stage 2 of labour usually lasts 30 mins – 4 hours, but if a cow is actively pushing with no progression after 2 hours she should be checked.
3. Expulsion of membranes usually occurs within 12 hours post-calving, but can take longer, sometimes resulting in an infection of the uterus from retained membranes.

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Some cows will require assistance at calving time, this can be due to several factors some within our control and some out of it. Due to this and the regular monitoring required calving cows should be in a paddock close to yards with a crush and ideally somewhere that is easy to check them throughout the day e.g near the house or dairy.

Some common reasons for difficulties during calving that we can help prevent include:

- Cows are overweight. Setting a cow up for calving involves ensuring she is in good condition but not overweight. Ideally cows will calve between body condition score (BCS) 4.5-5.5 (1-8 scale). Increased fat in overweight cows' results in a narrowing of the birth canal in the pelvis, increasing the risk the calf will get stuck. Dairy Australia has a number of BCS resources that can be accessed by searching for Body Condition Scoring Resources at dairyaustralia.com.au
- Heifers are not well grown or calves are very large. Ideally, we aim to have heifers at least 85% of their mature body weight at calving. Ensuring sire selection is appropriate for your herd, especially for heifers will reduce the risk of large calves and aid in ease of calving for cows and heifers. There is good data now for most bulls if using AI to help with calving ease. This data can be found by searching the GoodBulls app, with additional information on the calving ease Australian Breeding Value being found here at datagene.com.au. If using bulls for natural service ideally use breeds known to throw small calves, especially in heifers. You may also look to use sexed semen over your heifer group to aid in calving ease given that heifer calves typically having lower birth weights.
- Poor transition management. Calcium is required for uterine muscle to contract which is essential for stage 2 of labour to progress, it also reduces the risk of cows getting other illnesses post calving. There are many levels of transition management; from reducing green grass intake to a complete pre calving ration; that can be discussed with your veterinarian or nutritionist to find what will work for your herd. Further information and resources on transition cow management can be found at dairyaustralia.com.au by searching for Transition Management.

- In addition to this it is important to ensure dry cows are well looked after during the dry period and have access to shade and water during period of heat stress. Heat stress in pregnant cows has been shown to have lasting effects on the calves once they are born, so whilst sometimes it is easy to dry cows off and 'forget' about them for a few weeks we need to ensure we are keeping them comfortable. For more information of mitigating heat and the impacts of heat during pregnancy visit dairyaustralia.com.au and search Strategies for Managing Heat Stress.

Calving kit

Your calving kit should be organised and easy to access before the start of calving so if it's needed in a hurry late at night it's ready to go. The kit should contain – lubricant, rectal gloves, calving chains, a pulley / calving jack or rope system, a towel, bucket and appropriate disinfectant. You can also ensure you have medications you may need after pulling a calf such as anti-inflammatories. The calving kit should be cleaned after each use; to prolong the life of ropes and chains and so it is ready to go again whenever it is needed.

Calf management

Setting calves up for success starts from before they hit the ground with good management of pregnant cows. Then from the moment calves are born we can influence the potential production in a heifers first lactation, there are a number of procedures and protocols farms will develop for calf management, some of the important ones to consider when calves are first born include:

- How often calves are collected from the paddock

Calves are collected from the calving paddock on most farms 1-2 times per day, this is usually based on cow numbers and labour units, however we know ideally calves are fed two feeds of colostrum within 12-24 hours of being born. This can still be achieved by stomach tubing and marking calves in the calving paddock throughout the day and just collecting calves once daily or collecting calves' morning and night from the calving paddock and feeding colostrum once they are in the shed.

Prepare your farm for calf rearing season

- Colostrum management is vital in setting calves up for success. Colostrum management on all farms should follow the 4 Q's:
 - Quality – high quality colostrum has a brix refractometer reading of more than 22%, the only way to tell the quality for sure is to test every collection of colostrum. Brix refractometers are quick and easy to use. Pooling colostrum can greatly reduce the quality of colostrum – mixing high quality (high IgG/ml) with low quality colostrum creates a more dilute and lesser quality colostrum. Pooling colostrum is usually practiced to achieve a greater quantity. If high quality colostrum is harvested and fed to newborn calves then the quantity required is much less. If pooling is unavoidable then only mix like with like
 - Quickly – calves should receive two colostrum feeds ideally within 12 hours of life. When the calf is born it has no immunity of its own for the first 3 weeks of life, however it can absorb large antibodies (immunity from the dam) from colostrum, over the first 24 hours of life the gut gradually closes meaning the calf is unable to absorb the immunity after this time.
 - Quantity – feed 2 – 3L per feed in the first 12 hours depending on the quality.
 - sQueaky clean – minimise bacterial contamination and multiplication by collecting colostrum cleanly and ensuring

appropriate storage once collected.

- Recording

Ensuring calves are identifiable from when they are born is important in case treatment is required as well as for recording any husbandry procedures performed. All calves require an NLIS tag in their right ear prior to leaving the farm.

Staff training

Often overlooked, to prepare for a successful calving period it is essential to have all staff appropriately trained and ensure all protocols and procedures are clear and understood. All staff that will be involved in the calf rearing team should be aware of the treatment, feeding, and husbandry protocols on farm and who to ask if they are unsure of something. Staff need to understand the procedure for colostrum management as well as how all treatments are recorded.

Rearing Healthy Calves is a 2-day workshop which covers the basics of calf rearing, health and husbandry, please contact GippsDairy if you are interested in having your staff attend one of these workshops.

While it is a busy time of year it can also be full of some great days watching the fresh calves zoom around a new paddock in the sunshine and hopefully with some rain, we will be able to see the grass grow again. So, plan ahead and set yourself up for success this calving period.

GIPPSDAIRY

GippsDairy Board update

By Karen McLennan, GippsDairy

There has been a flurry of strategic planning occurring within the dairy industry with many current strategies ending in 2025. Gippsland has been a significant contributor to the Dairy Australia Strategic Plan 2025-2030 and the draft new 10-year Gippsland Dairy Industry Strategic Plan (from the Gippsland Dairy Industry Leadership Group) is currently accepting feedback. The GippsDairy Board has chosen to review and not reinvent the existing GippsDairy Strategic Plan and will extend it to 2028 with 5 key priority areas:

1. Enhance the prosperity and resilience of Gippsland dairy farm businesses to drive growth of the industry
2. Improve the capacity and capability of our dairy people across Gippsland
3. Foster a culture of leadership across the Gippsland dairy industry
4. Enhance the reputation of the Gippsland Dairy Industry
5. Collaborate to amplify the impact of our efforts in Gippsland

To contribute to the strategic plans in development, including sharing ideas of projects that align with strategic priorities, please connect with Karen McLennan on 0409 179 706.

There has been a deliberate attempt in maintaining the status quo for the strategic direction for GippsDairy based on key changes being proposed for the relationship between Dairy Australia and each of the

dairying regions in Australia. More will be shared on what this might mean for Gippsland over the coming 6 months.

GippsDairy has implemented a "grants available" section in our fortnightly eNews, at the bottom of the page. GippsDairy is also nearing the end of the first twelve months of Farm Engagement Lead (FEL) services and there has been close monitoring of impacts for farmers. The focus for the engagement visits has been with farms that are not known to the GippsDairy team. Over 200 farm visits have been completed and we are learning more about the key needs across Gippsland farming businesses – farm business performance, succession and workforce. FELs are also offering one-to-one "Our Farm Our Plan" programs and continue to see farmers benefiting from detailing their five year business plan. If you have received a FEL visit and want to give feedback on this new service, please make contact.

The Board continues to maintain biosecurity awareness with GippsDairy staff recently joining other stakeholders in Gippsland to complete Livestock Liaison Industry training. This will ensure dairy has representation in a state or local control centre in the event of a biosecurity event.

The Board continues to remain updated from key industry bodies Gardiner Foundation, Dairy Farmers Victoria and United Dairy Farmers Victoria.

The GippsDairy Board welcomes topics important to farmers for discussion at board meetings, please reach out to any current board members listed on the last page of this newsletter with discussion topics.



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Research strategy adding value for dairy

By Jay Mody, Head of Research Investments for Dairy Australia



It was the passion I saw in the dairy industry that drew me to join Dairy Australia six years ago. I saw an opportunity to make a real impact. My background is in strategy and innovation, having worked across India, the Middle East, the US and Australia in management consulting and corporate strategy roles. Every decision we make at Dairy Australia is driven by the desire to make a positive change for farmers and industry.

As Head of Research Investments, my focus is on ensuring our research strategy not only addresses farmers' needs today, but also anticipates the challenges and opportunities they'll face in the future. My team works hard to stay on top of advances across the areas of feedbase and nutrition, animal health, climate and environment, farm systems, and soils and water.

Our goal with any research investment decision is to deliver tangible and practical outcomes that help dairy farmers make further improvements in their profitability and productivity.

Eye on industry horizon

One of the ways we ensure our research has real-world impact is by working closely with universities, state governments and other research and development corporations. That includes Meat & Livestock Australia on issues of animal health and welfare, and Grains Research and Development Corporation on crops, soil and soil health, among others.

To stay ahead of emerging issues, we also rely on critical input from dairy farmers, who continue to play a crucial role in shaping our research priorities.

We've created teams that bring together highly skilled experts across a broad range of technical areas, who have skills in extension learning as well as practical development. This ensures that Dairy Australia's research investments are well informed through on-the-ground insights from our regional teams, and that they consider all aspects of productivity and sustainability. Each team works to a three-year roadmap, defining the problems that farmers have indicated they need solving and the opportunities we're targeting to help our farmers succeed.

Major initiatives

One of our key projects at the moment is the National Forages Strategy, which will guide our investments in resilient feed crops to help farmers increase productivity, while adapting to changing environmental conditions. Many of our major forage research investments are reaching critical milestones, making this a great time to map out a structured, strategic approach for the next five years.

Another key area is genetics. Dairy Australia has been investing in animal genetics for decades through DataGene, enabling farmers to breed for traits such as milk yield and herd health. We're now expanding this work to explore new genetic indexes, including sustainability-focused traits such as methane reduction.

We're also seeing a shift from traditional pasture-based systems to contained housing systems, driven by the changing climate, reduced water availability and limited land for expansion. Dairy Australia is continuing to invest in tools and resources to support those farmers who are interested in transitioning to – or establishing – these new systems, such as planning and infrastructure guidelines, and guides for animal care and the environment. It has led to the development of National Guidelines for contained housing and a new event called Raising the Roof, which brought together insights, expertise and information for farmers looking to transition their farm systems.

Soil health is another priority area. We know that healthier soils lead to more productive pastures, better profitability and reduced input costs. In response, we have launched Grounds for Growth, the first Australian dairy industry event focused on soil and pasture biodiversity. By helping farmers adopt multispecies pastures and other soil health practices, we're ensuring long-term benefits for our industry.

Ultimately, our role is to keep an eye on the future, to anticipate challenges, identify opportunities and ensure that every investment we make is to provide us with critical insights that delivers value back to farmers. Through these research initiatives, we're committed to keeping the Australian dairy competitive, resilient and sustainable for the long term.



MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Dairy Australia's services – including how we are supporting industry through herd and feed innovation initiatives – visit: www.dairyaustralia.com.au/about-us/purpose-and-value/what-we-do



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The ATO's Top Tax Tips for Dairy Farmers

By Australian Taxation Office

With tax time fast approaching, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is here to help you get your tax and super obligations right. Here are some tips to help you navigate tax time as a small business and as a primary producer.

When it comes to deductions, you can claim most expenses you incur in carrying on your business, but it's important to only claim what you're entitled to. Just note that if you've been reimbursed for an expense, you can't claim a deduction for it.

There are three golden rules to keep in mind when claiming a deduction for your business:

- 1. The expense must have been for your business, not for private use.**
- 2. If the expense is for a mix of business and private use, you can only claim the portion that is used for your business.**
- 3. You must have records to prove the expense and show how you worked out the business-related portion.**

While there are concessions available for primary producers (which we'll cover later), it's worth checking if you're eligible for our small business concessions such as simplified depreciation rules and the small business income tax offset. Your eligibility for these concessions is based on your aggregate turnover, so check whether you're eligible at ato.gov.au/concessionsataglance.

Additionally, the \$20,000 instant asset write-off is back for the 2024-25 income year. Small businesses with a turnover under \$10 million can deduct the full cost of eligible assets that cost less than \$20,000.

These assets must be first used or installed ready for use between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025. The \$20,000 limit applies per asset, so small businesses can instantly write off multiple assets.

Now for dairy farmers, it's really important that you know whether your business is a primary production business. If you are carrying on a primary production business, we have special provisions and concessions in place to help you manage your tax affairs. A primary producer is an individual, trust or company running a primary production business, either alone or in a partnership. If you're a dairy farmer manufacturing dairy produce from raw material that you produced, you're a primary producer.

We know that dairy farming can have its ups and downs, which means your income can vary substantially from year to year. Tax averaging is a special provision we have in place for primary producers. This allows you to even out your income and tax payable, up to a maximum of five years, to take good and bad income years into account. Tax averaging ensures you don't pay more tax over time than other taxpayers who earn the same amount but have a steady income.

Another option for primary producers with an uneven income flow is a farm management deposits (FMD) account. FMD accounts allows primary producers to make tax deductible deposits during years of good cash flow and withdraw them during bad years. When you withdraw from your FMD account, the withdrawal counts as part of your assessable income for that year.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on our support for primary producers, visit: ato.gov.au/primaryproducers

BOARD BLOG

Meet Farmer Director Raelene Hanratty

By Raelene Hanratty



I'm Raelene Hanratty, a Farmer Director on the GippsDairy Board and dairy farmer in Upper Maffra West in the Macalister Irrigation District. We milk 350 predominantly jersey cows in a 40 stand rotary dairy on 500 acres.

My husband Dennis and I purchased the property off Dennis' father in 2006 after working there since 1986. We have two irrigated outblocks, and one dryland property. We employ three part time staff, and our youngest son is now working with us full time.

My passion for dairy advocacy has grown steadily since I participated in the Murray Goulburn Supplier Development Program in 2014. During that time, participants were given access to various business departments and high-level conversations with management and the board.

I realised that the average farm owner/manager/share-farmer had little time to assess the impacts of industry conditions beyond the farm gate to their businesses. I felt the need to learn more about the implications from events that were seemingly out of our control.

In July of 2014 I successfully applied for a position on the Macalister Customer Consultative Committee, which is a Board Committee for Southern Rural Water (SRW). I was elected Chair of the Committee in July 2019, stepping down in September 2022. During that time SRW were implementing the 'Modernisation Program' which included piping open channels and upgrading water delivery infrastructure. The

Committee was instrumental in championing the farmer's rights and needs. I am still involved with the SRW 'Macalister Fresh' program through my representation of the Regional Development Australia Gippsland Committee.

I had a short stint with Lifeline Gippsland as a mentor in a pilot program called 'Farmer's Friend'. I saw firsthand the myriad of mental health issues that farmers and their families had to deal with on a day-to-day basis and the gaps in the systems that were supposed to be there for support. Unfortunately the program did not receive funding past the pilot.

In January 2019 I joined the Board of Rural Financial Counselling Services Gippsland (RFCS). They were considering providing a mental health support program for their clients. My previous experience allowed me to participate in the development of their bespoke wellbeing program known as 'Detect and Protect'. This was followed by the 'ADAPT' program which trains businesses to provide mental health services to their own staff and clients. I am also proud to have been Deputy Chair during the development of a new business 'NEX Solutions', which will continue to provide the RFCS services to farmers, along with a broader offering of services to Gippsland farmers, businesses, and individuals.

Further governance skills and training have been acquired through my Board role at the Heyfield Hospital and Laurina Lodge Aged Care facility (HHI). I joined in January 2016 and have been the Chair since November 2019. I joined the AICD in 2015 and am currently completing their Company Director's Course. I am also a Life Member of the Heyfield Tennis Club, bestowed upon me for my voluntary services....not my tennis ability!

My vision for GippsDairy is to be a centre of excellence and growth for Gippsland dairy farmers, so that we may continue to be profitable, sustainable, and leaders within our industry and the wider community.

Don Campbell Memorial Tour 2025: Empowering the next generation of dairy leaders

By Shanky Sungroya, GippsDairy

The Don Campbell Memorial Tour (DCMT) for 2025 brought together 14 of Gippsland's young dairy professionals for an inspiring week exploring the Tasmanian dairy industry. Over six packed days, participants visited ten farms, a Fonterra factory tour, and attended the 2025 Tasmanian Dairy Conference and Awards Dinner. This tour offered a unique opportunity to learn from diverse farming systems, connect with like-minded peers, and gain new perspectives on what a career in dairy can look like.

Starting with Purpose

A week before the flight to Tasmania, participants gathered at the GippsDairy office in Warragul for a pre-tour personal and professional development session. The workshop aimed at setting their long-term vision, goals, providing networking opportunity and a strong foundation to get the most out of the experience in Tasmania and allowed the group to break the ice and bond early. It set the tone for a meaningful and reflective week ahead.

Exploring Tasmania

Day one in Tasmania kicked off with a deep dive into research at the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture Dairy Research Facility (TIA), where the facility is used for structured experiments based on a wide range of key industry issues, including feed production, animal performance, analysis of farming systems, grazing management and irrigation.

Later, participants explored cheese-making operations at Fonterra Wynyard, gaining insight into milk processing at scale where Fonterra processes equivalent to 30 Olympic size pools of processed milk per annum. "Very interesting—I got the most information out of all three factories I've visited," Tom added.

Day two started with listening to Jeffery Gijsbers and Monique Mulder's journey from migrant farmhands (couldn't speak English when first arrived in Australia) to now owners of a 630-cow operation. The second visit of the day to the high-tech 40 South's calf-rearing operation highlighted the large-scale management and strict biosecurity protocols in rearing over 7,000 calves a year. Next visits to Circular Head Farms and Genaro & Rosselyn Velasquez's dairy farming business La Cantara added further layers to the diversity of operations, from local ownership investment models to combining robotic milking and artisanal cheese production. "Jeffrey had a lot to offer us young farmers," shared Michael

Gawne, who also appreciated Circular Head Farms' investment model aimed at creating farmer equity and opportunity.

Day three began with A scenic walk at The Nut in Stanley gave the group a moment to reset before diving into more farm visits. Nick and Bek's Dornauf Dairies and Marcus Crowden's robotic dairy farm demonstrated how different approaches scale vs. automation can both lead to success. The evening's networking dinner with the DairyTAS Young Dairy Network allowed for a genuine connection with local young farmers and provided a great discussion opportunity around shared aspiration.

DairyTAS Conference & Awards dinner

The fourth day was centred around the Tasmanian Dairy Conference, where the theme "Innovating Dairy, Shaping the Future" resonated through keynote addresses on various industry updates and issues with breakout sessions. Journalist Pip Courtney offered rich insights into the future of ag media, while "Big Farmer Andy" brought laughter and heartfelt reflections to the awards dinner and shared insights on the future of dairying.

Leadership in Action

Day five featured three farm visits, all highlighting different aspects of leadership and business innovation. From Luke Davey's people-first approach at Juniper Lea (who also won the ANZ Dairy Business of the Year Award 2025), Troy Ainslie's approach to the high-performing precision focused system at Compass Agri's Woodrising Dairies (also won Safe Farming Tasmania Dairy Farm Safety Award 2025), where we saw Halter virtual fencing and pasture management in action. Later we had our last visit to the continuous growth of Active Dairies each story reinforced the importance of values, vision, and adaptability in dairy farming.

Participant Reflections

Participant feedback has been overwhelmingly positive:

Tiah Capobianco: "Always put yourself out there, take any opportunity you can get to increase your skills and knowledge. Always put opportunity before money. At the end of the day the skills and knowledge you gain from the opportunities will more often than not, land you a higher paying job/position as a reward."

Tom Hooper: "It was insightful and thought-provoking with both professional and personal growth."



Don Campbell Memorial Tour 2025: Empowering the next generation of dairy leaders

Maddy Bennett: "If you hang with the top 3% of farmers, you'll become the top 3% of farmers. Hang with the bottom 3% of farmers, you'll become the bottom 3% of farmers." She reflected: "This quote really makes you think about how the people you surround yourself with make a big impact on your life and the decisions you make—it's so important to surround yourself with good people."

Lachlan Osborne: "The DCMT is a great opportunity to connect and network with like-minded young people in the industry and to experience and learn about what the future of the dairy industry has to offer."

Michael Gawne: "Don't be scared to talk to people, be open minded, tell people where you want to go and what you want to do."

Matthew DeCicco: "The inspirational stories were a real motivational boost to take back home."

Duncan Christensen: "From the DCMT I have learnt that it is very important to step out of your comfort zone as it allows you to meet a number of other like-minded people while also learning new and different way of doing things."

Selection Process and Criteria

The DCMT is a competitive opportunity designed for those passionate about dairy's future. This year, participants were chosen based on:

- Priority to applicants currently living and working in Gippsland's dairy industry (on- or off-farm)
- Minimum 12 months of industry experience
- Aged 18–40 years
- Demonstrated leadership in the dairy sector
- Willingness to be a proactive industry ambassador



The selection panel included GippsDairy staff members Veronica McLeod, Shanky Sungroya, Zoe Carter, Karen McLennan, Jessica Russell, and board members Aaron Thomas, Ken Lawrence, and Sarah O'Brien. Final decision wasn't easy, but selections were made collaboratively after reviewing interviews, alignment with the tour's purpose and full participation in the interview process. We encourage all the applicants to reapply when the opportunity opens again later this year.

A Heartfelt Thank You

GippsDairy extends its sincere thanks to all the incredible farmers and businesses who generously opened their gates, shared their stories, and inspired the next generation of leaders on this year's tour. Your openness and hospitality made every stop not just a visit—but a memorable experience.

A special thank you also goes to DeLaval, whose support as the 2025 sponsor helped make this opportunity possible. Your contribution and involvement throughout the week added immense value and enriched the learning experience for every participant.

A Legacy That Lives On

The Don Campbell Memorial Tour continues to honour its namesake's passion for developing future industry leaders. This year's tour reinforced the power of shared learning, the value of diverse business models, and the importance of connecting with people who challenge and uplift you.

As one participant summed it up:

"Be open. Share your goals. Surround yourself with the right people. That's how you grow in dairy."



Hoofing around Gippy town



SAVE THE DATE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday 22-Thursday 24 July	AFIA National Fodder Conference 2025	Gold Coast
GIPPSDAIRY EVENTS – MARCH AND APRIL 2025		
Tuesday 6 May and Thursday 5 June	Farm System Evaluator workshop	Maffra
Wednesday 7 May and Friday 6 June	Farm System Evaluator workshop	Ellinbank
Friday 9 May	AMS Discussion Group	Hedley
Tuesday 13 May	Healthy Hooves	Orbost
Wednesday 14 May-Thursday 15 May	Good Business Governance and Investment Forum	Traralgon
Tuesday 20 May	GippsDairy Industry Breakfast	Traralgon
Wednesday 21 May	Understanding Farm Carbon workshop	Maffra
Thursday 22 and Thursday 29 May	Milking and Mastitis Management	Maffra
Begins Friday 23 May	2IC Program	Churchill
Wednesday 28 May	Cash and Costs – pilot workshop	Traralgon
Wednesday 4 June	MID Discussion Group	Cobains
Wednesday 11 June	Understanding Farm Carbon workshop	Yarram
Wednesday 11 June	West Gippsland Yarra Valley Discussion Group	Gruyere
Wednesday 18 and Wednesday 25 June	Rearing Healthy Calves	Yarram/Gormandale
Friday 20 June	Succession – Fair or equal? How to pass on the family farm	Traralgon
Thursday 26 June	Downer Cow workshop	Leongatha South

Upcoming events

To view and register for any of our upcoming events, visit the GippsDairy events calendar:
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Hay and Grain reports

Scan the QR codes or visit the Industry Statistics page of the Dairy Australia website to view the most recent hay and grain figures.

Hay Report



Grain Report



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