

Dairy Farm Monitor Project

2024-25 Gippsland performance



Dairying in Gippsland



Approximately **917 dairy** farm businesses in Gippsland produced **1.93 billion litres** of milk in 2024-25 accounting for **36.7%** of Victoria's milk production output and **23.2%** of Australia's milk production.

Physical farm characteristics

Stable



Average herd size

340 cows

1% ↓



Milk solids sold

503 kg MS/cow

2% pt ↓



Homegrown feed

62% of metabolisable energy consumed

In 2024-25 farm profitability has been influenced by:



10% ↓ in average milk price to **\$8.41/kg MS**

11% ↑ in feed costs to **\$4.21/kg MS**

3% ↑ in overhead costs to **\$3.03/kg MS**



9% decrease in homegrown feed (pasture plus conserved) to 7.3 t DM/ha directly grazed and 1.0 t DM/ha conserved

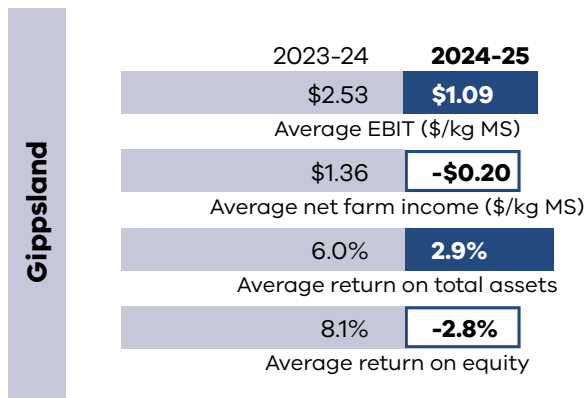


0.2 t DM/cow increase in supplements fed. Greater amounts of purchased hay and silage replaced lower directly grazed pasture

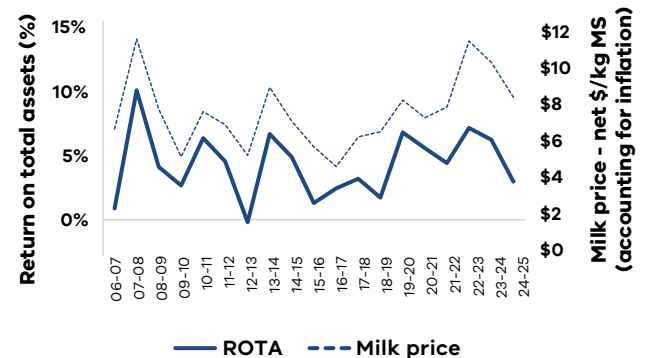


11% increase in interest and lease costs taking the average debt servicing ratio to 14% of income

In 2024-25, only 19 of the 25 Gippsland participants (76%) had a positive return on total assets



Return on total assets and milk price



Concerns as reported by farm businesses:



Pasture/ fodder
19%



Climate
18%



Input Costs
17%

Future expectations 2025-26



Three-quarters of farmers expect business returns to improve

Greenhouse gas emissions

2,423 t CO ₂ -e/farm	2024-25 Greenhouse gas emissions	0.88 kg CO ₂ -e/kg FPCM
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