



Enhancing livelihoods
Improving wellbeing
Reducing environmental impact



Australian Dairy Industry Sustainability Framework

2014 Progress Report Scorecard Summary

The Australian dairy industry has a proud history of sustainability. We're committed to enhancing livelihoods, improving the wellbeing of our people and animals, and reducing our environmental impact for both today and future generations.

The 2014 Progress Report tracks the performance of dairy farmers and manufacturers towards achieving 11 economic, social and environmental targets. We welcome this opportunity to share this brief overview of the dairy industry's progress and encourage you to view the full report at sustainable dairyoz.com.au.

We have built on our progress since 2013 and there are still challenges to overcome to achieve our 2020 targets and work toward even better performance. The Australian Dairy Industry Sustainability Framework is led by the Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) and supported by Dairy Australia.



Enhancing Livelihoods

For the 43,000 Australians employed on farms and in manufacturing by the dairy sector, dairying is their future. It creates jobs for generations and careers for life. By generating \$13 billion in economic value, dairying makes a vital contribution to the nation and, in particular, regional communities.



Improving Wellbeing

With a unique natural package of 10 essential nutrients, dairy foods have helped underpin the health and wellbeing of generations of Australians. As an industry, we care deeply for the wellbeing of the community and our animals.



Reducing Environmental Impact

Dairy farmers are responsible stewards of the land. Dairy farmers and manufacturers work hard to reduce waste to landfill, reduce greenhouse gas emissions intensity, and use water wisely. Technology and tenacity underpin our commitment to reduce our impact on the environment.

Visit sustainable dairyoz.com.au to see the report and read the full story behind this snapshot summary

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A summary of our 2014 progress

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Priority area	Target	Indicator	Baseline	2014 Progress	Snapshot		
Enhancing livelihoods	1	1.1	% Profitable farms (rolling 3 year average)	54%	52%	48% farmers made capital investments in 2014	
		1.4	Capital investment	40%	48%		
	2	2.3	Community recognition	71%	70%	\$4.7b value at farm gate	
			– dairy industry is an essential part of the community	76%	76%		
	3	3.1	OHS Training	n/a	46%	46% farmers have a documented plan	
			– dairy farming	100%	100%		
			– dairy manufacturing	5.9	10.0		
			3.2	Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate	8.1		8.3
			– dairy farming	n/a	1		
	– dairy manufacturing	20%	39%	39% farmers in training activities			
	4	4.2	Participation in extension activities				
	Improving wellbeing	5	5.1	Chemical residues — compliance	100%	100%	7 product recalls were recorded in 2013
5.2			Product recalls	7	7		
5.3			Consumer support	67%	69%		
			– Safe products	77%	74%		
6		6.1a	Healthy diet — consumer recognition	72%	68%	68% agree dairy is essential for good health	
			– good health	32%	30%		
			– misconceptions about weight	Recognised	Recognised		
7		7.1	Awareness of new animal welfare standards (not yet legislated)	n/a	56%	56% farmers are aware of new standards	
			7.2	Recommended practices	80%		85%
				– don't dock tails	80%		80%
				– reduce use of induction	57%		63%
	– disbud prior to 2 months			87%	95%		
	– lameness strategy			94%	98%		
	– cool infrastructure			60%	62%		
7.3	Farmers care for their animals — consumer perceptions						
Reducing environmental impact	8	8.1	Exclusion of stock from waterways	73%	Not measured until 2015	31% consumers agree dairy is environmentally responsible	
		8.2	Nutrient management plans	30%			
		8.3	Irrigation automation	47%			
		8.4	Managing land for conservation and biodiversity	47%			
		8.5	Managing noxious weeds	37%			
		8.6	Recycle water on farm	50%			
	9	9.1	Consumptive water intensity of dairy manufacturers (water used per litre of milk processed)	1.75L	1.56L	10.5% drop in water intensity	
	10	10.1	Emissions from dairy manufacturers (tonnes of CO ₂ equivalent per ML milk processed)	178.7	153.6	14.5% fall in company GHG emissions intensity	
	11	11.1a	Waste to landfill intensity of dairy manufacturers (tonnes of waste per ML milk processed)*	2.69	1.63	39% cut in waste to landfill	
		11.1b	Manufacturers: signatories to Australian Packaging Covenant	9	9		

* Available data from 51% of dairy manufacturers. Indicators not included in this summary are still being developed — see detailed report

➔ Improvement from last measure; ➡ No change; ⬇ Reduction from last measure; ✓ Ongoing target achieved; ✗ Ongoing target not achieved; n/a Work in progress to establish measures