There were approximately 2,773 dairy farm businesses in Victoria that produced 5.14 billion litres or 63% of Australia’s national milk production in 2022-23.

In 2022-23 farm profitability for the state has been influenced by:

- 33% ↑ in average milk price to $9.77/kg MS
- 9% ↑ in herd and shed costs to $0.69/kg MS
- 25% ↑ in total feed costs to $4.35/kg MS
- 10% ↑ in overhead costs to $2.94/kg MS.

In 2022-23, 96% of all Victorian participants had a positive profit (77 out of 80).

Profitability
Despite elevated costs across most areas of the business, the statewide average profit (earnings before interest and tax, EBIT per farm) was the second highest on record, accounting for inflation. This outcome reflects participants receiving the highest milk price recorded in 17 years.

Future expectations 2023-24
Of the farmers who responded, 4-in-5 farmers expect business returns to improve or remain stable.