

Dairy Farm Monitor Project

2025-26 Victoria statewide performance

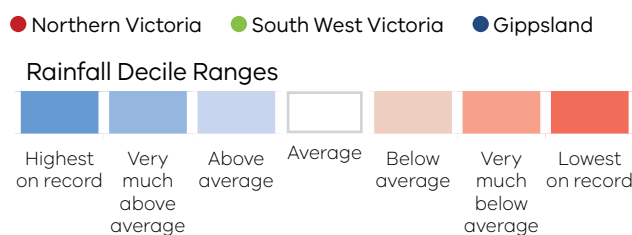
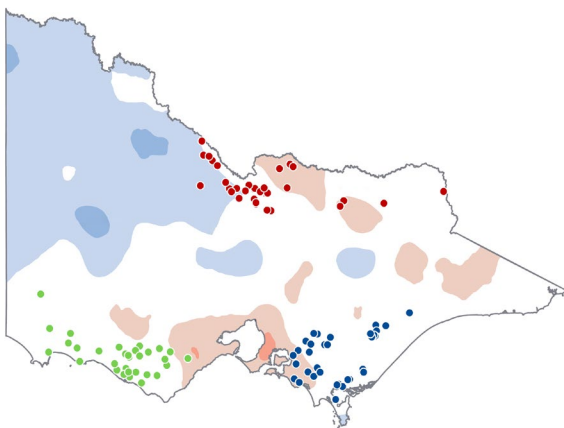


Dairying in Victoria

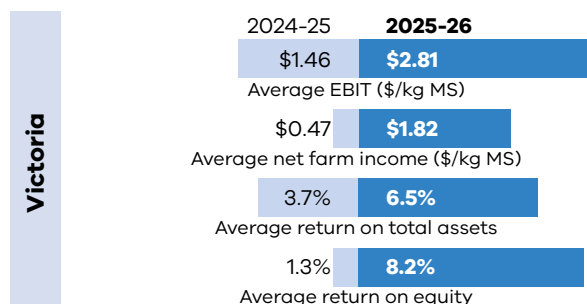


There were approximately **2,349** dairy farm businesses in Victoria that produced **5.55 billion litres** or **64%** of Australia's national milk production in 2025-26.

Dairy Farm Monitor Project farm locations and rainfall in 2025-26



In 2025-26, 96% of all Victorian participants had positive returns (86 out of 90)



In 2025-26 farm profitability for the state has been influenced by:



11% increase in average milk price to **\$9.80/kg MS**

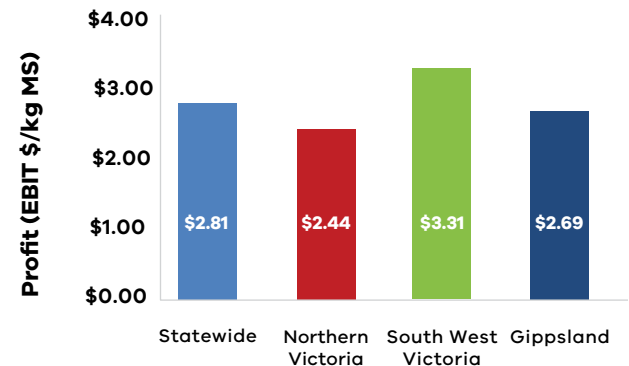
4% ↓ in feed costs to **\$4.39/kg MS**

3% ↓ in variable costs to **\$5.06/kg MS**

Stable overhead costs of **\$2.93/kg MS**

Profitability

After the decline in profits observed in 2024-25, average profit improved across all regions in 2025-26. The statewide average profit, measured as earnings before interest and tax (EBIT), increased to \$2.81/kg MS, above the 10-year DFMP average. Nearly all participants recorded a positive EBIT (86 out of 90), reflecting improved operating conditions compared with the previous year.



Greenhouse gas emissions

4,357 t CO ₂ -e/farm	2025-26 Greenhouse gas emissions	0.88 kg CO ₂ -e/kg FPCM
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Future expectations 2026-27



More than 80% of farmers expect business returns to improve or stabilise