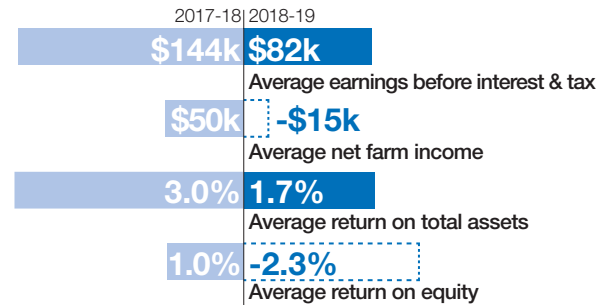


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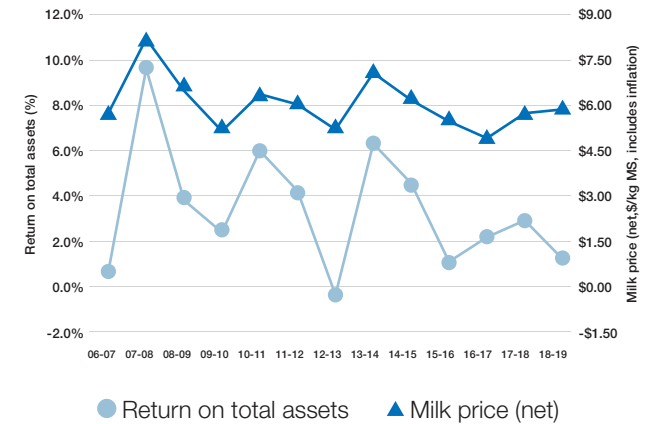
## 2018-19 Gippsland Overview

- The Dairy Farm Monitor Project provides industry and government with timely, farm level data for developing **targeted strategy** and **decision making**.
- Encourages the application of whole farm analysis principles on Victorian farm businesses.
- In Gippsland, **25 farms** are analysed.

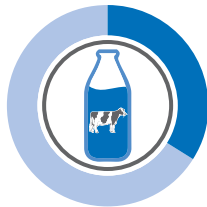
### Varied seasonal conditions contributed to 17 of the 25 farms recording a positive EBIT



### Return on total assets and milk price



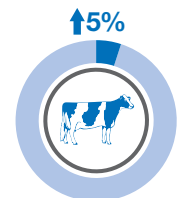
### Dairying in Gippsland



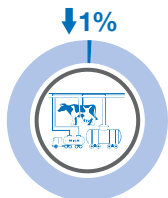
Approximately **1,220** dairy farms in Gippsland produced **1.87 billion litres** of milk in 2018-19, accounting for **34%** of Victoria's milk production.

### Physical farm characteristics

- On average, farms in Gippsland had a stocking rate of **1.9 cows per hectare**.



Average herd size  
**307 cows**

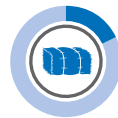


Milk solids sold  
**468 kg MS/cow**



Home grown feed  
**66% of metabolisable energy consumed**

### Farm profitability was influenced by



**18%↑** in variable costs to **\$3.81/kg MS** as purchase feed and irrigation prices increased



**81%** of long-term average rainfall



**100%** irrigation determinations in the Macalister Irrigation District with no spill water



**4%↑** in milk price to **\$5.97/kg MS**

### Future expectations 2019-20

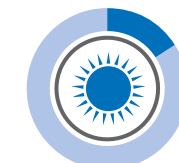


**91%** of farmers expect farm profit to **improve**

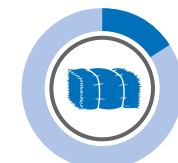
- Issues ranked in order of importance as reported by farmers:



Input costs



Climate/seasonal conditions



Pasture/fodder

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**Further information** - Refer to the Dairy Farm Monitor Project Victoria Annual Report 2018-19 for further information - [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/dairyfarmmonitor](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/dairyfarmmonitor)

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