

# SNAPSHOT OF DAIRY IN THE MURRAY-DARLING BASIN FY2019-20<sup>5</sup>

Anecdotally, water entitlements make up approximately

**25%**

of capital assets for dairy farm businesses in the Basin.



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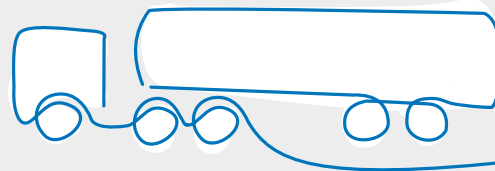
dairy farms across four states

**78%**

of which are in Victoria

**22%**

split between South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland.



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milk processing companies operating in the Basin.

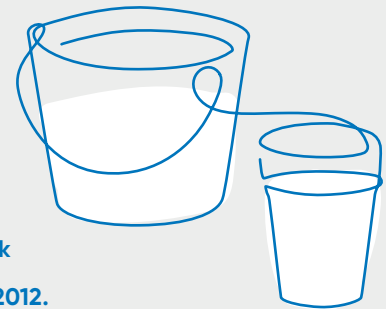
The highest number of farms relying on irrigation are in the Southern Basin region, which includes Southern NSW, Northern Victoria and South Australia. Very few Queensland dairy farms rely on irrigation.

**37%**

reduction in dairy farm numbers and a

**30%**

reduction in total milk production since the Basin Plan began in 2012.



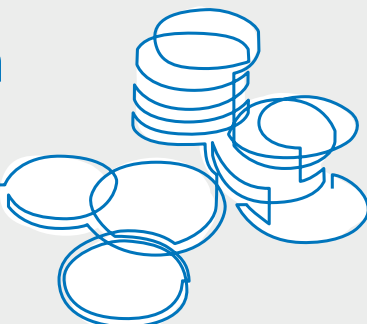
Farm gate value of

**\$906 million**

resulting in

**\$2.3 billion**

of value to the local community.



**1.66 billion**

litres of milk produced, representing

**22%**

of the total national volume.



Approximately

**\$527 million**

has been invested by dairy farm businesses in on-farm infrastructure during the past five years in the Victorian Murray region alone

Much of this farmer investment is to enable **increased feedbase production, harvesting, storing and feeding back to the herd.** Much of this investment is for risk-management measures, helping farms to become more resilient in the face of challenges to productivity.

<sup>5</sup> Dairy Australia, multiple sources.