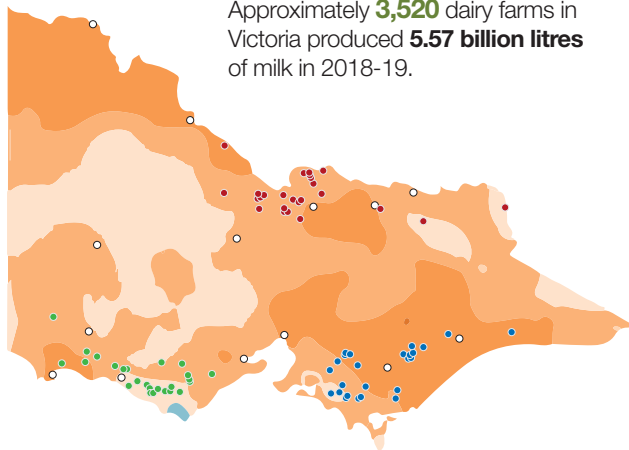


# Dairy Farm Monitor Project

## 2018-19 Victoria Overview

- The Dairy Farm Monitor Project surveys farms across the state to provide 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.



Approximately **3,520** dairy farms in Victoria produced **5.57 billion litres** of milk in 2018-19.

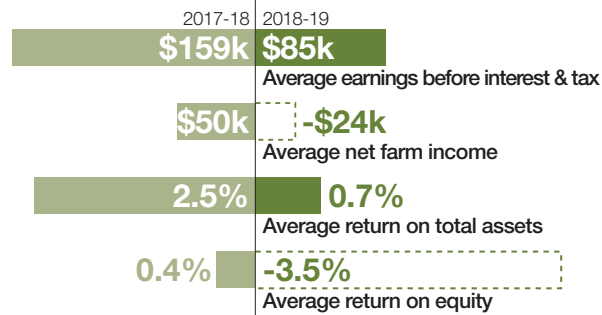
### Dairy Farm Monitor Project farm locations 2018-19

● North ● South West ● Gippsland ○ Town/Cities

### Rainfall Decile Ranges

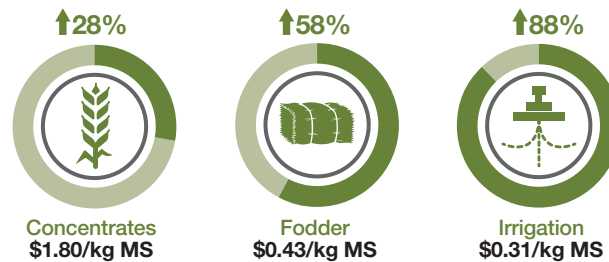


In 2018-19, **61%** of participant farms (46 of the 75) achieved a positive EBIT



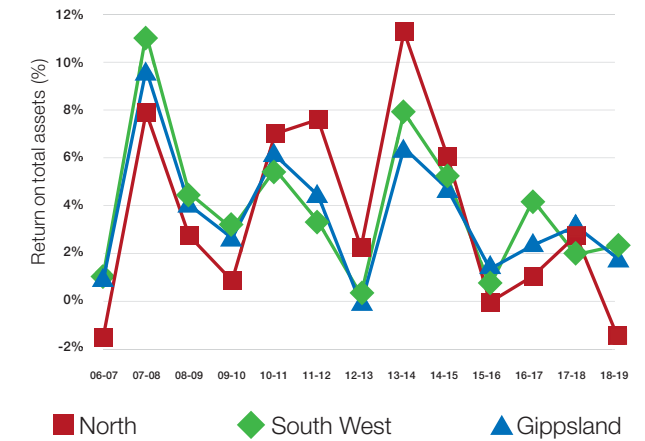
### Farm profitability has been influenced by

- Dry seasonal conditions continued with annual rainfall below the long-term average
- High input costs provided challenges for Victorian dairy farms



● **6% ↑** in average statewide milk price to **\$6.13/kg MS**

Farm profit were among the lowest recorded over the 13 years of the project



### Future expectations 2019-20

- Farm profits expected to improve (**86%** of responses)
- Milk price expected to improve (**93%** of responses)
- Issues ranked in order of importance as reported by farmers:



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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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