

Members Newsletter

February 2024



From the President

Robert Brokenshire

As I write this, we are bringing our girls into our newly commissioned 70 birth high tech rotary dairy.

SAVE THE DATE for the official opening on **Tuesday 23 April**, we thank DeLaval for all their support over the past couple years to help get this over the line. We invite you to join us for the official opening with the Premier and Minister Scriven to launch the next iteration of the SA Dairy Action Plan.

Aside from finishing off the new dairy, it's been a busy month in the SADA Office with a joint meeting with our partners Dairy SA, where we also got the opportunity to network with Mehdi Doroudi, Chief Executive of PIRSA and Ben Bruce,

Chief Executive of DEW, a great evening with some informative outcomes for the dairy industry to come. We also welcomed the new Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) Elisa Sparks and will soon be meeting with EPA Chief Executive Jon Gorvett.

After all this we have started discussion with Milk processors to get a handle on milk prices going into the next year. PIRSA released it's annual Scorecard showing positive figures for entire Ag industry but most importantly Dairy is looking great with an **increase of 34% in farmgate milk prices along with an increase in production and a rise in cheese exports.**

If you have any questions don't hesitate to give the office a call.

In this issue, our busy team has outlined some of the work underway at the moment;

Submissions - There are a few Submission due over the next Month, get involved and send your thoughts to the office or undertake any of the surveys. Namely the [Dairy Industry Code](#), [The Animal Welfare Act](#), [Biodiversity Act](#) and the [SA Climate Change Risk Assessment](#).

Funding - there are 2 funding grant opportunities closing soon, the Methane Emissions Reduction in Livestock and the Energy Efficiency Grants for Small and Medium Enterprises. Check out our website for [links](#).

SADA has facilitated a few forums recently on the **EPA Dairy Effluent Management Plan** demand, we can not stress enough, "It's time to get your sh!t together".



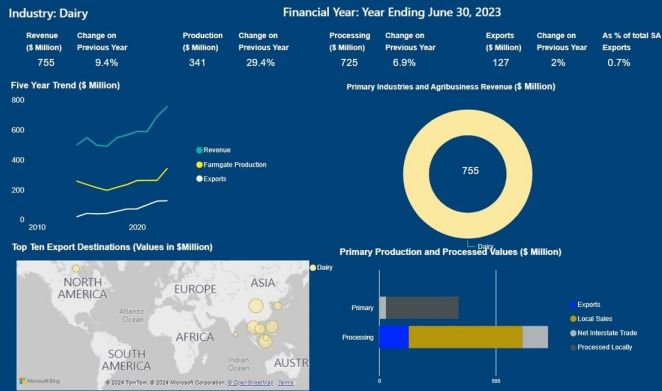
If you've received a letter from the EPA or want to get ahead of the game, call our office today and book in your first consult — **FREE for Members.**

The EPA has now signaled they're cracking down on dairies.

SADA has taken the time to get trained up on a comprehensive tool to evaluate your Effluent Management and mechanism for submitting your plan.

[Register now](#) for all EPA Updates or check out our [Website](#) for the latest news.

South Australian Primary Industries



Primary industries revenue reaches record high

South Australia's primary industries and agribusiness sectors continue to set the pace and deliver solid growth, with a 7% increase in generated revenue to \$18.5 billion for 2022-23.

Dairy: increase of 34% in farmgate milk prices along with an increase in production and a rise in cheese exports.

This result illustrates the resilience of the sector despite ongoing domestic and international pressures such as inflation and rising interest rates, the slow global recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in the Ukraine.

The main driver of this increase is a result of last year's 2022-23 record grain harvest, coupled with strong global commodity prices for grain which resulted in an increase of 39% for field crop revenue to \$7.76 billion.

While primary industries grew overall, particularly driven by the record value grain crop, a number of sectors including wine, livestock and horticulture saw declines in value compared with the previous year.

The 2022-23 Primary Industries Scorecard, [interactive dashboard](#) and more detailed information by sector can be found at pir.sa.gov.au/scorecards.

Industry comments on the operation of the

Dairy Industry Code

Share your ideas on potential improvements to the Dairy Industry Code.



Closing Date: 15 March 2024.

The Code was introduced in January 2020. The aim of the Code is to improve the clarity and transparency of trading arrangements between dairy farmers and buyers.

The Code legislates two review periods for 2021 and before the end of 2026. The *Competition and Consumer (Industry Codes – Dairy) Amendment (2023 Measures No. 1) Regulation 2023* amended subsection 6(9) of the Dairy Industry Code regulations to extend the timeframe for a report to be provided to the Treasurer on the second review of the Code by three years. From 'on or before 31 December 2023' to 'on or before 31 December 2026.' The commencement date of the second review of 'on or after 1 January 2023' has not changed.

In May 2021, the Australian Government conducted the first review.

The first review report, released in March 2022, found that the Code was working as intended. It also made three recommendations for improvement.

This consultation is seeking feedback on the topics raised in Recommendation 3 of the first review of the Code. The feedback that you provide will help us identify ongoing issues in Australia's dairy industry. This feedback will inform the second review of the Code.

Responding to this survey is your opportunity to Have Your Say on issues with the Dairy Industry Code, as identified in Recommendation 3 of the first review of the Code. Read the [discussion paper](#),

South Australia Climate Change Risk Assessment Stakeholder Adaptation Survey

SADA invites you to participate in the Climate Change Adaptation Survey, a key component of South Australia's first state-wide Climate Change Risk Assessment. This survey aims to better understand the climate change adaptation actions underway in South Australia, the gaps and barriers to responding to climate risks and opportunities, and to learn from you about the challenges and success of real-world adaptation projects.

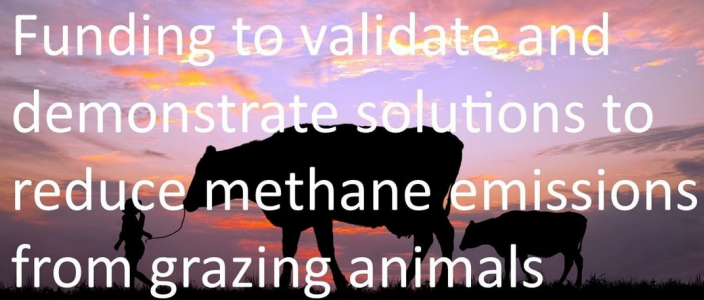
We know that your time is important, and we appreciate your commitment in sharing your experiences. Together, we can make a significant difference in addressing the challenges posed by climate change and help make sure the important efforts underway in South Australia are accurately reflected in the South Australian Climate Change Risk Assessment.

Please provide your responses to SADA by 15th of March to ensure our submission can be lodged by the due date.

The survey can be accessed here: [South Australian Climate Change Risk Assessment – Stakeholder Adaptation Survey](#)

Please ensure that your membership and supplier details are current and up to date.

<https://share.hsforms.com/1IAwYKsxjQ1inwndbn2NbYQd5tpo>



Funding to validate and demonstrate solutions to reduce methane emissions from grazing animals

Closing date: Wednesday 20 March 2024

The purpose of this grant opportunity is to validate and demonstrate technologies to deliver methane-reducing livestock feed supplements to grazing animals and other solutions to reduce methane emissions from grazing livestock (beef and dairy cattle, and sheep) at large scale.

Applicants will need to demonstrate how their proposed solutions will be safe and effective in reducing enteric emissions in an operational environment. Please refer to the grant opportunity guidelines for full details. [More info here](#)



Latest update from the Department for Industry, Innovation and Science (DIIS)

Interim response to the responsible use of AI

The Australian Government has published its interim response to the safe and responsible AI consultation held in 2023, outlining how community feedback will influence regulation of AI in Australia, and the action the government will take. [Read the response](#)

Research collaboration grants support industry

Apply now for the Australian Government's Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) Grants which support medium to long-term industry-led research collaborations that aim to solve industry identified problems. [Apply Now](#)

Tucker's pilot program to measure emissions

A partnership between DIIS, Siemens and Food SA has supported South Australian business, Tucker's Natural, to pilot Siemens' new technology to identify and track their carbon footprint across its supply chain. [Read More](#)

Small business sustainability support

The Office for Small and Family Business, in partnership with the Department of Environment and Water, is looking to procure a subject matter expert to deliver its Small Business Sustainability Support Program in 2024. [Learn More](#)



Funding to purchase energy efficient equipment upgrades for small and medium businesses

Closing date: Monday 8 April 2024

The grant opportunity provides eligible small and medium businesses up to \$25,000 to purchase energy efficient equipment to reduce and manage energy usage and costs. The Energy Efficiency Grants for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises Round 2 will support businesses to upgrade or replace inefficient equipment to improve their energy efficiency. These upgrades will enable industries to reduce their energy use, manage energy cost volatility in the long term and contribute to Australia's target of a 43% reduction on 2005 emission levels by 2030. [More info here](#)




Documentary highlights dairy sustainability

The documentary series, Planet Shapers, highlights ways Australian dairy farmers help protect the environment. The series showcases Gippsland dairy farmers Sandra Jefford and Wilco Droppert, and the work they are doing to reduce their carbon footprint. It uses them as an example of the work the whole industry is doing to be more environmentally sustainable. Australian Dairy Sustainability Framework Steering Committee Chair Graeme Nicoll shares the progress the industry has made and our ambitions to continuously improve. **Watch** the segment on Youtube [here](#).

The role of global 'nutrient trade' in population health

Our food can travel a long way to get to us. Food trade plays a key role supplying nutrition around the globe, and diversifying food supply. Research on food trade has a long history, but what about the importance of the nutrients that make up those foods? Researchers from the [Sustainable Nutrition Initiative](#) have examined nutrient trade, focusing on protein, calcium, iron and vitamins A and B12 – and their impact on health.

Did you know? Dairy foods are responsible for approximately half of global food calcium consumption. **Read more** from [The Conversation](#).



Lower River Murray levees flood recovery funding agreement

Up to \$31 million in funding will be provide for intermediate remediation of government-owned and private levees between Mannum and Wellington which were damaged in the 2022-23 River Murray flood. [Full Media Release here](#).



16 July 1959

Members of the Executive committee explained to the Milk Board that the current seasonal position was grave in that very little grazing was available, herds were being almost entirely hand fed, and both farm stocks and fodder for purchase were seriously depleted. Hay prices were rising rapidly, and oats were now unprocurable, though they expect wheat and barley to be readily available. As well as the high cost of producing milk farmers were experiencing lower production, and they requested the Board to grant an immediate price increase on the grounds that costs had undoubtedly increased since the last adjustment in May 1957, and that no action had been taken on the 1957 cost survey which showed a figure of 42.74 pennies compared with current price of 38.7 pennies. In view of this they were asking on behalf of the Association for a rise of 4 pennies per gallon. The Members of the Milk Board expressed the belief that no price rise would be considered on the score of "Drought", but it was reasonable to assume a cost rise since the last price was determined. Other sections of the industry would feel they had grounds for a rise also and hence the 4d. asked for would rise to 8d. overall. After much consideration the Milk Board then advised members that it would consider the request.

1 July 1959 Memorandum of a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture.

The General Secretary asked the Minister whether the Government had considered the effect on Metropolitan Dairy farmers of the recent restriction on sewerage farm fodder, and whether some form of control on slaughtering was possible rather than total prohibition of grazing. The Minister replied that this had initially been the case, but the farmers had not fulfilled their obligations and several cases of slaughtering or disposal of restricted cattle had been detected. In view of the extreme danger to our US meat market it had been decided to prohibit all grazing by animals subject to slaughter for human consumption.

Fleurieu AG FEST
Yankalilla Showgrounds
MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024

All Welcome

FREE Community event.

Gates Open 9.30am to

5pm with speakers,

panels and workshops.

Showcasing the ideas

and tech being used

in Agriculture.



**DairySA 2024
 Central Conference**

Thursday 21 March 2024

Adelaide Hills Convention Centre, Hahndorf

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 for DAIRY**



Good people to know.

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