

Dairy

Key Messages

- South Australia's dairy industry has a long history of producing high quality dairy products including fresh drinking milk, yoghurt, cheese and butter.
- South Australia has dairy farms located throughout the South East, Adelaide Hills, Barossa Mid North, Fleurieu and Lower Murray.
- South Australian dairy industry businesses meet high standards of dairy production and this is reflected in legislation, monitoring, compliance, research, education and other activities that are delivered by the dairy industry and the South Australian and Federal and local governments (for more information on these systems please visit http://pir.sa.gov.au/food_and_wine/sa_food_credentials/meat_and_livestock_credentials).
- Food safety and quality programs are overseen by Dairysafe, a statutory body which acts at both farm and processing plant levels.

Fast Facts

- Dairy production generated revenue of \$510 million in 2017–18.¹
- In 2017–18, South Australian dairy farmers produced more than 500 million litres of milk.
- Major dairy overseas export destinations include Japan (15%), South Korea (13%) and New Zealand (13%).²
- About 40% of the state's milk is sold as fresh drinking milk, the remainder is made into cheese, milk powder, yoghurt, butter and other products.

¹ PIRSA, *Primary Industries Scorecard 2017–18*, December 2018.

² ABS Trade Data, September 2018