



**DAIRY AUTHORITY  
OF  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**Eighteenth Report**

**of the**

**DAIRY AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**for the**

**Twelve months ended 30 June 2011**

**PRIMARY PRODUCE  
(FOOD SAFETY SCHEMES) ACT 2004  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

## 2010-2011 HIGHLIGHTS

- **The Authority has continued to carry out its functions under the Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) (Dairy Industry) Regulations 2005.**
- **The Authority has worked closely with AQIS and the other states to progress national auditing and verification issues, and to address issues arising from the EU reviews of the Australian dairy industry. Authority staff participated in a EU review of an SA dairy processor during the year.**
- **All businesses accredited by the Dairy Authority of South Australia have been audited and non conformities and product failures have been addressed in a timely manner.**
- **The Authority has continued to have a close working relationship with accredited businesses, industry organisations and state, Federal and local government agencies, as appropriate. The Authority has continued to conduct audits on behalf of AQIS.**
- **The South Australian dairy industry produced 603.5 million litres of milk from an average of 296 dairy farms during 2010-11.**
- **The dairy industry had a decrease of 1.0% in total milk production compared with 2009-10. Increases occurred in the South East and Mid North regions.**
- **The number of accredited dairy processors increased from 43 to 46 at the 30 June 2011, with enquiries by new small scale dairy processors continuing.**
- **All regulatory food safety auditors in Australia are required to be trained and assessed as competent under the National Regulatory Food Safety Auditor Framework by October 2011. Authority staff are undergoing relevant training and gaining recognition for prior learning, to ensure the relevant competencies are attained as high risk food safety auditors.**

## **DAIRY AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

Chair	C S Cooper
Member	T D Keele
Member	K R Smith (to 31 December 2010)
Member	MJB Russell (from 1 January 2011)

## **STAFF**

Chief Executive Officer	S J Rice
Accountant	R Galluccio
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Food Safety Officer Dairy	A W Marchioro

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# DAIRY AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## ANNUAL REPORT

The Hon Michael O'Brien MP  
Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries  
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Dear Minister

Pursuant to the Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) Act 2004 and Regulation 14 of the Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) (Dairy Industry) Regulations 2005, the Dairy Authority of South Australia presents its eighteenth annual report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2011.

The Authority is an independent statutory authority fully financed by the dairy industry. The Authority was established on 1 July 1993. The Authority consists of three Members appointed by the Governor, one who is appointed as Chairperson.

### **Authority Issues**

The Authority met on six occasions during the year.

The term of office of Mr Ken Smith as a member of the Authority expired on the 31 December 2010. Ms Joan Russell was appointed to the Authority from the 1 January 2011. The Authority acknowledges the continuous service to the Authority provided by Mr Ken Smith from the Authority's inception on 1 July 1993.

During the year Authority Members made visits to accredited dairy processing premises.

**Emergent conflicts of interest are noted and minuted throughout the course of the year. Each Board Member has declared no related party transaction in this financial year.**

### **Mission Statement of the Dairy Authority of South Australia**

The Mission of the Dairy Authority of South Australia is to work in a successful partnership to assist the South Australian and Australian dairy industry to produce and distribute high quality safe dairy products.

### **Functions of the Authority**

The functions of the Authority are defined in Regulation 12 of the Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) (Dairy Industry) Regulations 2005 as follows:-

- (1) The Authority is the accreditation body for the classes of activities to which the dairy industry food safety scheme applies.
- (2) The Authority has the following functions:
  - (a) to administer the dairy industry food safety scheme;
  - (b) to monitor the extent of compliance by accredited producers with Standard 4.2.4 of the Food Standards Code and to enforce the Standard.
  - (c) to approve food safety arrangements to be adopted by accredited producers and monitor the implementation of such arrangements;
  - (d) to advise the Minister on matters relating to the administration of the dairy industry food safety scheme;
  - (e) to carry out other functions assigned to the Authority by these regulations or the Minister.

## **Corporate Plan**

The Authority has in place a Strategic Plan 2009-2012, covering its operations.

The strategies in the Strategic Plan reflect the functions as defined by the Act, and key strategies set by the Authority. This annual report assesses performance in all areas covered in the Strategic Plan.

The Authority's strategies are predominantly determined by the legislation. These strategies do, however, fit in with Objective 1, "Growing Prosperity", of South Australia's Strategic Plan 2007. The Authority works with all dairy production businesses to ensure they are accredited, implement food safety programs, and contribute to producing safe dairy products for domestic and export sale.

## **The South Australian Dairy Industry – Statistics**

The South Australian dairy industry produced 603.5 million litres of milk from an average of 296 dairy farms during 2010-11, a decrease of 1.0% on 2009-10 production. Average production per cow in 2010-11 was 6,690 litres, an increase of 4.6%. Cow numbers as at 30 June 2011 decreased 2.9% to 88,858 compared with the previous year.

During 2010-11 dairy farm numbers decreased by 6.8% from 307 to 286 at 30 June 2011.

The dairy industry in South Australia is spread across the State with farms located in the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu Peninsula, Lower Murray Swamps and Lakes, South East and Mid North. A breakdown of regional dairy farm statistics as at 30 June 2011 is shown in Table 1.

South Australian dairy farmers supply milk to eight major dairy processors (National Foods Milk Ltd, Dairy Farmers Milk Co-op, Warrnambool Cheese and Butter Factory Co Ltd (WCBF), Murray Goulburn Cooperative Co Ltd, Bega Cheese Limited, B-d Farms Paris Creek Pty Ltd, Fonterra Milk Supply Australia, and Fleurieu Milk Company and a number of other small dairy processors.

A number of dairy farms are accredited to supply biodynamic milk to B-d Farms Paris Creek Pty Ltd, which processes biodynamic products.

There is demand for goat and sheep milk products and there were six processors of goat milk products and one processor of sheep milk products in 2010-11. There were four goat milk farmers and one sheep milk farmer operating at the end of June 2011.

Dairy processors in South Australia produced market milk products, cream, flavoured milk, UHT milk, cheese, yoghurt, dairy desserts, dips, ice cream, gelati, milk concentrates, whey powder and butter from the milk of cows, goats and sheep.

The number of accredited dairy processors increased from 43 at 30 June 2010 to 46 at 30 June 2011. During 2010-11, Murray Valley Cheese Company ceased operating as a dairy processor. Dairy Farmers Clarence Gardens processing facility was sold to Parmalat Australia Ltd by National Foods.

Four new processors, Fleurieu Yoghurt Company, Evercream Gelati, Espresso Bello Pty Ltd and Tracey Zealand Ki Honey Comb Icecream commenced operations in 2010-11.

The Authority is continuing to work with local councils and processors to assess new processing operations. A number of other processing businesses were assessed during the year and did not require accreditation as dairy processors and will be administered by local councils. The Authority is receiving increased enquiries from businesses wishing to manufacture yoghurt and gelati.

The Authority accredited 18 dairy transport businesses at 30 June 2011. As at 30 June 2010, 17 dairy transport businesses were accredited.

## **Legislative and Accreditation Issues**

All businesses accredited by the Dairy Authority of South Australia receive an annual accreditation certificate after receipt of their completed annual return and satisfactory completion of an annual audit.

On 3 August 2005 the Minister delegated powers under the Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) Act 2004 to the Authority for the appointment of authorised persons and approved auditors under the Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) Act 2004. The Authority has set conditions for these appointments and during 2010-11 has continued to approve dairy farm auditors for Murray Goulburn Co-op and Warrnambool Cheese and Butter Factory.

All regulatory food safety auditors in Australia are required to be trained and assessed as competent under the National Regulatory Food Safety Auditor Framework by October 2011. Authority staff are undergoing relevant training and gaining recognition for prior learning, to ensure the relevant competencies are attained as high risk food safety auditors.

Accreditation and audit fees for dairy farmers supplying large scale dairy processors (defined by the Authority as receiving 1,000,000 litres of milk or more per annum) and for large scale dairy processors receiving milk direct from dairy farmers were kept unchanged for 2010-11 and are summarised below:-

- Dairy farmers
  - accreditation fee 0.0221 cents per litre
  - audit fee (where Authority conducts the annual farm audit) 0.0181 cents per litre
- Large scale dairy processors
  - accreditation fee 0.0221 cents per litre
  - audit fee (premises based in South Australia) 0.0160 cents per litre

Accreditation fees for small scale dairy processors (defined by the Authority as processors receiving less than 1,000,000 litres of milk per annum, or receiving milk from other than a dairy farmer), were increased to \$400 per annum for 2010-11; and dairy farmers supplying small scale dairy processors, were increased to \$300 per annum for 2010-11.

The accreditation fees for dairy transport businesses in 2010-11 were unchanged at \$55 for 1-2 tankers and \$25 for each additional tanker. The audit fee was set at \$250 per business.

FSANZ is currently working on the development of standards for raw milk and raw milk products.

## **Industry Coordination and Development**

The Authority continues to work closely with the dairy industry, industry organisations, interstate dairy authorities, local councils, Department of Health, AQIS and Primary Industries and Resources SA (PIRSA), to ensure all matters under its control are dealt with efficiently. The Authority also participates at a national level, on quality and food safety matters, to ensure uniformity between the states and the Commonwealth.

Authority Members and staff attend dairy industry meetings in South Australia and interstate. The Authority published industry circulars during the year concerning accreditation and a nationally coordinated general circular to processors, standardising the reporting of any detection of antimicrobials in farm or tanker milk.

Authority staff is assisting the South Australian specialist cheese group, called Cheese SA. Meetings are held at the Authority's premises, and Authority staff has assisted Cheese S.A. to run the annual Cheese Festival. Authority staff assists the Royal Adelaide Show / Dairy Industry Association of Australia (SA Division) with dairy product competition judging and stewarding duties. The CEO is a cheese judge at the Dairy Australia, Grand Dairy Awards held in Melbourne. Authority Board Members and staff attended the South Australian Dairy Awards presentations.

The Authority is a member of the Australia New Zealand Dairy Authorities Committee (ANZDAC), which has addressed a number of issues during the year, including the development of a pathogen management manual. At a national level, time has been spent responding to European Union (EU) requests following their audits of a number of Australian dairy exporters supplying dairy products to the EU.

The Authority has provided advice to the Minister, Government agencies (Health and PIRSA), and industry on a number of issues, including food safety standards, the sale of unpasteurised milk and standards for the production of raw milk cheese and dairy product recalls throughout the year.

During the year, the Chief Executive Officer attended meetings of the AQIS Dairy Export Industry Consultative Committee. The Chief Executive Officer also participated in meetings of the Food Export Regulators Steering Committee (FERSC) to consider the national audit verification program. FERSC is currently establishing the future service delivery framework with AQIS under the Export Certification Reform Package. The Authority and AQIS operate under an exchange of letters.

The Chief Executive Officer represented South Australia on the FSANZ Standards Development Committee and the Dairy Scientific Advisory Panel to assist the development of the raw milk standards currently being assessed. The CEO also assisted FSANZ by participating in two technical workshops to develop guidelines for producing raw milk cheese.

Alan Marchioro is a committee member of the Dairy Industry Association of Australia (SA Division).

Fiona Little attended a meeting of the National Dairy Farm Auditor Working Group in Melbourne on 22 March 2011.

### **Food Safety – General**

The Authority operates under a Quality Assurance and Procedures Manual. The Authority has worked with the Department of Health, the Local Government Association of South Australia, and the Australian Institute of Environmental Health (SA Branch) to develop a Memorandum of Understanding to cover the inspection and auditing of dairy premises, subject to the dairy regulations and the Food Act 2002. A draft Memorandum of Understanding was prepared but has not yet been implemented. The Authority also prepared a draft protocol for working under the draft MOU.

Authority staff have worked with staff from the Department of Health and local council Environmental Health Officers to respond to customer complaints concerning retail dairy products and were involved in a number of dairy product recalls. DASA staff have also responded to reports of sales of unpasteurised milk and sale of cheese in country markets from non accredited processors. Authority staff have also advised relevant authorities concerning imports of unpasteurised milk cheese.

The Dairy Authority of South Australia, Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV) and the Tasmanian Dairy Industry Authority operate a Memorandum of Understanding to work co-operatively to ensure uniform procedures and food safety standards.

The Dairy Authority of South Australia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Biosecurity SA (PIRSA) on the 7 December 2010.

Authority staff has worked with AQIS and interstate Authorities to conduct verification audits of auditors and farm and processing businesses across Australia. AQIS and the New South Wales Food Authority conducted verification audits in South Australia and Authority staff conducted a number of verification audits in Victoria. These audit results are entered into a national auditor verification program to ensure all states and AQIS implement the National Dairy Standard on a consistent basis.



## **Accreditation of Dairy Farmers**

The Authority has continued to work with dairy processors to ensure dairy farms comply with the Food Safety Schemes and Standard 4.2.4. The Authority receives and utilises monthly reports from the dairy processors detailing farmer compliance with the Standards and quality test results. Farmers must comply with company quality standards for total plate count, antimicrobials and somatic cell count and farmers supplying processors exporting to Europe must comply with the European somatic cell count requirements. All dairy farms must pass an annual audit.

During the year one dairy farmer sold raw or unpasteurised goat's milk direct to the public. This dairy farmer operated under Standard 4.2.4 of the Food Standards Code and the Guidelines for Raw or Unpasteurised Goat Milk. The Authority continued to monitor monthly test results from this dairy farmer selling raw or unpasteurised goat milk for retail sale, for total plate count, *Coliforms* and inhibitory substances (antibiotics), and pathogen testing three monthly, twice per year at retail level.

Authority staff audit on-farm HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) based food safety programs for National Foods, Dairy Farmers, Bega Cheese Ltd, Fonterra and WCBF.

Dairy farmers supplying Murray Goulburn Co-operative Co. Ltd and WCBF farms in the South East of South Australia must comply with their company-specific HACCP based programs, and the Authority accompanies company auditors on some of their audits to monitor competency in their auditing practices and as part of the National Dairy Verification Program.

For those farmers not supplying major processors (including goat and sheep milk dairy farmers) Authority staff work with individual dairy farmers to implement and audit the Authority's program, Quality Dairy, on their farms. A separate section applies for dairy farmers packaging unpasteurised goat milk for sale to the public.

Dairy farmers encountering food safety problems such as cooling system failures, pesticide and antibiotic contamination of milk, are required to provide an incident report to company/Authority staff, which is assessed at the time of the annual audit.

Some problems have occurred during the year with antibiotic residues in milk at farm and dairy transport businesses level. Authority staff has worked with industry to strengthen requirements required at audit, to ensure the residue risk is minimised. Any milk containing antibiotic was discarded.

Authority staff has continued to work with PIRSA staff, dairy veterinarians and industry representatives on the implementation of a Johne's Disease Quality Assurance Program (ManaJD). Authority staff carry out ManaJD audits as part of the on-farm quality assurance audits using an audit check list. The Authority has worked with the rest of the industry to ensure continued improvement in the program has been achieved. Dairy farmers and veterinarians are improving reporting and practices to reduce the spread of Johne's Disease.

## **Accreditation of Dairy Transport Businesses**

The Authority has continued to work with the milk tanker collection companies, McColls Transport, Milkflow, Liquid Freight and Booth Transport to develop and audit their HACCP-based food safety programs.

Dairy Transport Businesses are required to have in place food safety programs which comply with Standard 4.2.4 of the Food Standards Code. The Authority is carrying out audits of dairy transport businesses and some milk tankers and is encouraging the industry to train its own internal auditors. McColls Transport is the only dairy transport business conducting its own internal driver audits.

Where a small dairy processor collects milk from its own dairy farm or from other accredited dairy farmers a food safety program is required for their accreditation as a dairy transport business. This aspect of their business is audited at the same time as their dairy processor or dairy farm audit.

The Authority assisted the Australian Milk Residue Analysis Survey Coordinator to organise the sampling of 62 tanker loads of milk from all parts of the State for a range of antimicrobial and other drug residues, macro cyclic lactones, organochlorine, organophosphates, synthetic pyrethroids, feed contaminants heavy metals and aflatoxin, as part of the Australian Milk Residue Analysis Survey. Samples for 2010-11 were sent direct from dairy processors to the laboratories. A total of 61 of the SA samples had levels less than the Australian maximum residue limits (MRLs) for the agricultural and veterinary chemicals tested. One of the samples was positive for Betalactams, but the final result was below the MRL.

The Authority monitored PIRSA spraying of locusts and confirmed that spraying was not a risk to SA dairy products.

### **Accreditation of Dairy Processors**

Dairy processors in South Australia are required to comply with Standard 4.2.4 of the Food Standards Code. Export registered premises are required to comply with the Export Control (Milk and Milk Products) Orders 2005.

The Authority audits all export dairy processing premises in South Australia on behalf of AQIS, under an exchange of letters between the Authority and AQIS. Authority staff have been trained by AQIS staff, and Steve Rice and Alan Marchioro have again been assessed by AQIS staff and approved as AQIS Authorised Officers. Under the Export Control (Milk and Milk Products) Orders 2005 a dairy processor is required to implement an approved arrangement.

Authority Staff audit dairy processors twice per year to assess their food safety program/approved arrangement for compliance against the Standard 4.2.4 of the Food Standard Code and the Export Control Orders if they are export registered.

The Authority monitors test results on liquid milk, cream, cheese, cheese dips, yoghurt and ice cream sampled from small processors. Overall results were excellent and any results outside specification were acted upon by the Authority in conjunction with the company concerned. The Authority, as part of dairy processing audits, assesses test results by all processors. The Authority works with processors to ensure no suspect product reaches the market and that corrective action is implemented following poor test results or detection of pathogens in the environment.

All new dairy processors must have approved premises and implement HACCP-based food safety programs. Existing processors must maintain their HACCP-based programs and appropriate records. New dairy processors are issued a temporary accreditation for six months and receive full accreditation once their HACCP-based program has been implemented and satisfactorily audited and end product test results are satisfactory.

Authority staff participated with AQIS in a European Union audit of a South Australian dairy processor on 15 September 2010, as part of a review of the Australia export system.

### **Administration and Financial Management**

Audited financial statements and notes to the accounts are attached in accordance with the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 and Treasurer's Instruction 19. As requested by Treasurer's Instruction TI 11, details of account payment performance are shown in Table 3.

Documentation of financial practices and procedures is in place in accordance with the Financial Management Framework and the policy document "Role of the Chief Executive Officer and the Authority in Financial Management, Risk Management and Personnel Management".

The Authority has operated in an efficient, relevant and cost effective manner and met its objectives.

### **Human Resource Management**

As required by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC013 - Annual Reporting Requirements 2011, details of employment statistics are shown in Table 4.

Staff attended the following training and personal development sessions and seminars during the year:

- Board Member Trevor Keele
  - Australia Food safety Conference, Melbourne September 2010.
- Chief Executive Officer
  - ABARES Regional Outlook Conference , Hahndorf.
  - Food Safety Seminar – Adelaide.
- Accountant
  - Treasury financial seminars and updates.
  - CPA Congress November 2010.
  - ABARES Regional Outlook Conference , Hahndorf
- Food Safety Officer Dairy – A Marchioro
  - Dairy Science World Series Conference, Melbourne, August 2010.
- Food Safety Officer Dairy – F Little
  - Australia Food safety Conference, Melbourne September 2010.

The Authority and Biosecurity SA (PIRSA) have a Memorandum of Understanding to enable a common approach to food safety regulation and to provide back up resources to each agency and personal development opportunities for staff.

During the year, the average number of sick leave days taken per FTE was 15.61 days. The average number of family carer leave hours taken per FTE was 2.21 hours. The average number of special leave days taken per FTE was zero days.

The Authority operates under the Public Sector Act 2009 and an Administrative Arrangement between the Dairy Authority of South Australia and the Commissioner for Public Employment.

Since 14 January 2010 the Authority has operated under the SA Government Wages Parity (Salaried) Enterprise Agreement 2010.

During the year staff meetings were held on a regular basis and incorporated Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare (OH&S) issues as required. The Authority has in place OH&S Policies and Standard Operating Procedures. The following issues were addressed during the year:-

- Servicing of fire equipment.
- Inspection by pest control company.
- Compliance with legislation relating to asbestos, hazardous substances, electrical safety and fire safety.
- The Authority has in place ongoing policies relating to asbestos and procedures are in place to manage asbestos in the Authority's building. The annual update to the Asbestos Register was carried out in August 2010.

There were no incidents during the year requiring notification to Workplace Services, and there were no Work Cover claims.

The Authority is an equal opportunity employer. No equity complaints were received during the year.

The Authority has a Freedom of Information Policy and Whistleblowers Policy.

The Authority has in place its own Records Disposal Schedule.

### **Energy Efficiency**

The Authority is committed to operating in an energy efficient manner. The Authority premises has a solar hot water system, all air conditioners have been replaced with split system inverter units and efficient window furnishings have been installed.

### **External Consultants**

No external consultants were engaged by the Authority during the year.

### **Freedom of Information Statement**

The Dairy Authority of South Australia has an information policy prepared under the Freedom of Information Act 1991, and the Freedom of Information (General) Regulations 2002. The Authority's Freedom of Information Statement, is included as Appendix 1 to this report.

No freedom of information requests were received during the year.

### **Acknowledgements**

The Authority wishes to thank all employees for their dedication and support during the year.

The Authority wishes to thank the Minister, the Hon Michael O'Brien MP, and his staff, for their support during the year.

The Authority wishes to thank industry organisations and representatives from industry for their support and co-operation during the year.

For and on behalf of the Dairy Authority of South Australia



Catherine Cooper  
Chair  
Dairy Authority of South Australia



Trevor Keele  
Member  
Dairy Authority of South Australia



Joan Russell  
Member  
Dairy Authority of South Australia

Dated 28 September 2011

**TABLE 1: REGIONAL DAIRY FARM STATISTICS as at 30 June (1)**

<b>REGION</b>	<b>2011 FARMS No.</b>	<b>2010 FARMS No.</b>	<b>CHANGE %</b>	<b>2011 COWS No.</b>	<b>2010 COWS No.</b>	<b>CHANGE %</b>
Central-Adelaide Hills	28	28	-	4,329	4,000	8.2
Fleurieu Peninsula	71	78	-9.0	16,083	17,246	-6.7
Upper South East	11	13	-15.4	4,759	5,572	-14.6
Lower South East	98	100	-2.0	41,701	41,005	1.7
Murray Swamps	32	37	-13.5	8,598	9,005	-4.5
Meningie Lakes	18	21	-14.3	7,404	8,612	-14.0
Mid North	28	30	-6.7	5,984	6,123	-2.3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>88,858</b>	<b>91,563</b>	<b>-2.9</b>

**TABLE 2: STATISTICS: (1)**

	<b>THIS YR 2010-11</b>	<b>LAST YR 2009-10</b>	<b>CHANGE %</b>
<b>ACCREDITATIONS CURRENT AS AT 30 JUNE:</b>			
Total number of accredited cow dairy farms (2)	286	307	-6.8
Total number of accredited sheep and goat dairy farms	5	5	-
Total number of accredited dairy processors	46	43	7.0
Total number of accredited dairy transport businesses	18	17	5.9
<b>STOCK STATISTICS AS AT 30 JUNE: (2)</b>			
Total number of milk cows (excluding heifers)	88,858	91,563	-2.9
Total number of heifers	35,809	31,662	13.1
Average number of milking cows (excluding heifers) per farm	311	299	4.0
Average number of heifers per farm	125	103	-21.4
<b>ANNUAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS – TOTALS: (p) (2)</b>			
Annual production of milk – litres	603,459,060	609,796,019	-1.0
Annual production of milk – kg butterfat	23,267,004	23,949,394	-2.8
Annual production of milk – kg protein	19,751,931	19,851,805	-0.5
<b>ANNUAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS - PER FARM: (2)(3)</b>			
Average number of accredited dairy farms during the year	296	312	-5.1
Average annual production per farm – litres	2,038,713	1,954,474	4.3
Average annual production per farm – kg butterfat	78,605	76,761	2.4
Average annual production per farm – kg protein	66,729	63,628	4.9
<b>ANNUAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS - PER COW: (2)(3)</b>			
Average number of milk cows (excluding heifers) during the year	90,210	95,323	-5.4
Average annual production per cow – litres	6,690	6,397	4.6
Average annual production per cow – kg butterfat	257.9	251.2	2.7
Average annual production per cow – kg protein	219.0	208.3	5.1
<b>PRODUCTION STATISTICS – PER DAY: (2)</b>			
Average production of milk per day – litres	1,653,312	1,670,674	-1.0
Average production of milk per day – kg butterfat	63,745	65,615	-2.8
Average production of milk per day – kg protein	54,115	54,389	-0.5
Average production of milk per farm per day – litres	5,586	5,355	4.3
Average production of milk per cow – per day - 300 day lactation – litres	22.3	21.3	4.7

**(p) = Provisional**

**(1) Statistics are based on figures returned by dairy farmers, and major dairy processors for cows milk only**

**(2) Dairy farmer and processor statistics represent suppliers of cows milk only**

**(3) Averages calculated by taking 30 June figures for 2011 and 2010, and dividing by 2**

**TABLE 3****ACCOUNT PAYMENT PERFORMANCE**

The Table below reports the number and value of creditor's accounts paid, and the extent to which those accounts have been paid in accordance with the Treasurer's Instruction.

Particulars	Number of Accounts Paid		Value in \$A of Accounts Paid	
	Number	%	Value	%
<b>Paid by the due date *</b>				
<b>Paid 30 days or less from due date</b>	214	100%	\$169,419	100%
<b>Paid more than 30 days from due date</b>	0	-	0	-

*\*Note: The due date is as defined in TI 11.2 of Treasurer's Instruction 11 Payment of Accounts. Unless there is a discount or a written agreement between the Authority and the creditor, payment should be within thirty days of the date of the invoice or claim.*

**TABLE 4****EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (JUNE 2010)**

<u>Classification Level</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Gender</u>
ExA	1.00	M
ASO8	0.60	M
TGO3	0.80	F
PSO1	1.00	M
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>3.40</u></b>	

  

<u>Employment Status</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
Permanent full time employees	2.00
Permanent part time employees	0.80
Temporary part time employees	<u>0.60</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>3.40</u></b>

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT  
INFORMATION STATEMENT OF THE  
DAIRY AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Introduction

This Statement is published in accordance with Section 9(2) of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 1991.

The Freedom of Information Act gives any member of the general public right of access to information held by the Dairy Authority of South Australia.

Agency's Structure and Function

The Dairy Authority of South Australia was established under the Dairy Industry Act 1992 on 1 July 1993. On 1 August 2005 the Dairy Industry Act 1992 was repealed and replaced by the Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) Act 2004 and Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) (Dairy Industry) Regulations 2005. The Dairy Authority of South Australia was continued as a body corporate under Schedule 1, Clause 5, of the Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) Act 2004.

The Authority consists of three members appointed by the Governor, one of whom is appointed to preside at meetings of the Authority.

Sections 7(2) (a) and (d) and 7(5) of the Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) (Dairy Industry) Regulations 2005 state:

“7(2) The Authority –

- (a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and
- (d) has the functions and powers assigned or conferred by or under these Regulations”

“7(5) In the performance and exercise of its functions and powers, the Authority is subject to the direction of the Minister except in relation to the making of a recommendation or report to the Minister”

The functions of the Authority as defined in Section 12 of the Primary Produce (Food Safety Schemes) (Dairy Industry) Regulations 2005 are:-

“12 Functions of Authority

- (1) The Authority is the accreditation body for the classes of activities to which the dairy industry food safety scheme applies.
- (2) The Authority has the following functions:
  - (a) to administer the dairy industry food safety scheme;
  - (b) to establish, maintain and improve, for incorporation in the Dairy Industry Food Safety Code –
    - (i) food safety standards for dairy produce; and
    - (ii) food safety standards for the construction, maintenance and hygiene of dairy farms or dairy manufacturing premises and plant and equipment on dairy farms or dairy manufacturing premises; and



- (iii) food safety standards for the construction, maintenance and hygiene of dairy transport vehicles and dairy distributor vehicles;
- (c) to monitor the extent of compliance by accredited producers with the Dairy Industry Food Safety Code and to review and enforce the Code;
- (d) to approve food safety arrangements to be adopted by accredited producers and monitor the implementation of such arrangements;
- (e) to advise the Minister on matters relating to the administration of the dairy industry food safety scheme;
- (f) to carry out other functions assigned to the Authority by these regulations or the Minister.”

#### Effect of the Agency’s Functions on Members of the Public

The Authority has a direct effect on the dairy industry and the public through:-

- a) Ensuring dairy food safety schemes are implemented by dairy farmers, dairy manufacturers, dairy distributors and dairy produce carriers;
- b) Ensuring businesses are accredited and that milk and dairy product food safety standards are maintained.

#### Arrangements for Public Participation in Policy Formulation

Policy formulation is influenced by Government Policy and meetings with representatives from the South Australian Dairyfarmers Association, the Milk Vendors Association of SA Inc, dairy company representatives, and representatives of the milk transport industry.

#### Description of the Kinds of Documents Held by the Agency

The following documents have been prepared by the Authority:-

- Annual Reports
- Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Policy
- Corporate Plan
- Code of Practice for Dairy Food Safety
- Guidelines for Raw or Unpasteurised Goat Milk
- Freedom of Information Policy
- Sexual Harassment Policy
- Whistleblowers Policy
- Guidelines for Food Safety – Dairy Farms
- Guidelines for the Development of a Food Safety Program for Dairy Food Transportation

The following files are held by the Authority:-

- a) Dairy Farmer Files

Specific files are held on all dairy farmers selling raw milk previously licensed and currently accredited by the Dairy Authority of South Australia, and any past dairy farmers who were licensed by the Authority to sell unpasteurised milk since 1 July 1993. These files include licence/accreditation applications, annual licence/accreditation renewals, reports of inspections, test results and correspondence.

Authority records include licence/accreditation applications from all dairy farmers, and copies of annual licence/accreditation renewals for all dairy farmers licensed by the Dairy Authority since 1 July 1993. Copies of any inspections, test results and correspondence from specific dairy farmers are kept on file.

b) Dairy Processor/Manufacturer Files

Specific files are held on all dairy processors/manufacturers currently licensed/accredited by the Dairy Authority of South Australia and any past dairy processor/manufacturers that were licensed/accredited by the Authority since 1 July 1993. Authority files include licence/accreditation applications, annual licence/accreditation renewals, and reports of inspections, test results and correspondence on all licensed/accredited dairy processors/manufacturers.

c) Milk Vendor/Dairy Distributor Files

Individual milk vendor/dairy distributor files are not kept by the Authority. Records include licence/accreditation applications and annual licence/accreditation renewals for all milk vendors/dairy distributors licensed/accredited by the Authority since 1 July 1993, and copies of any correspondence or inspection reports.

d) Dairy Produce Carriers

Information on dairy produce carrier's accreditation has been held by the Authority since 1 August 2005

e) Administration Files

These files contain all documents concerned with the day to day management of the Authority, including Authority minutes, financial information, correspondence, reports and policy documents.

All of these documents are located at the Authority's offices at 33 Hutt Street, Adelaide.

Access Arrangements, Procedures and Points of Contact

To access documents it is necessary to apply in writing under the Freedom of Information Act to:

The Chief Executive Officer  
Dairy Authority of South Australia  
33 Hutt Street  
Adelaide SA 5000  
Telephone: (08) 8223 2277  
Facsimile: (08) 8232 2463  
email: [dasa@sa.chariot.net.au](mailto:dasa@sa.chariot.net.au)

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