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Tassie Milk Production Results

The 2016/17 milk production figures showed that Tasmania finished the year strongly with June production 10.2% up on last year. The total for 2016/17 was 835.4ML which is down 5.4% on last year but is a better result than the 6.9% drop nationally. Tasmania's share of national milk production has now risen to 9.3%, the highest ever.

DairyTas Executive Officer Mark Smith says that in the circumstances this is a very strong result in what has been one of the most challenging seasons ever with the combined milk price drop and winter floods then spring wet putting farmers under severe pressure. We have held our farm numbers and finished the year strongly which all goes well for a good result in 2017/18.

Tasmanian dairy farmers have weathered the storm well and are now looking to consolidate their businesses with the higher milk price. We expect to see more cows being milked and some pickup in per cow production through the coming season.

DairyTas is estimating a bounce back in milk production for 2017/18 with better seasonal conditions, improved milk prices and a more confident approach from our farmers. We expect to see a new record in Tasmanian milk production reaching over 900ML and taking the state closer to NSW as the second largest milk producing state of Australia.

DairyTas and Dairy Australia will continue to offer Taking Stock business management support for farmers to help them focus on better budgeting and business improvement in the coming season.

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