

2025 – Building a thriving future for Australian Dairy Farming



\$399 Million

The Australian dairy industry is at a turning point—one that presents an opportunity to grow dairy production, modernise farm operations and strengthen the regional communities and services they support. By investing in the next generation of dairy farmers and on-farm development, we can ensure long-term industry prosperity, boost local economies, support regional communities, and strengthen Australia's food security.

Dairy farming is more than just milk production—it drives jobs, supports service industries, and fosters innovation through new technologies and modern workforce practices. Attracting new farmers and encouraging reinvestment in the sector will lead to greater productivity, enhanced sustainability, and stronger regional economies. As dairy production prospers, so do the towns, businesses, and services that rely on it.

To make this vision a reality, the 2025 Australian Dairy Farmers' (ADF) priorities focus on key areas of investment:

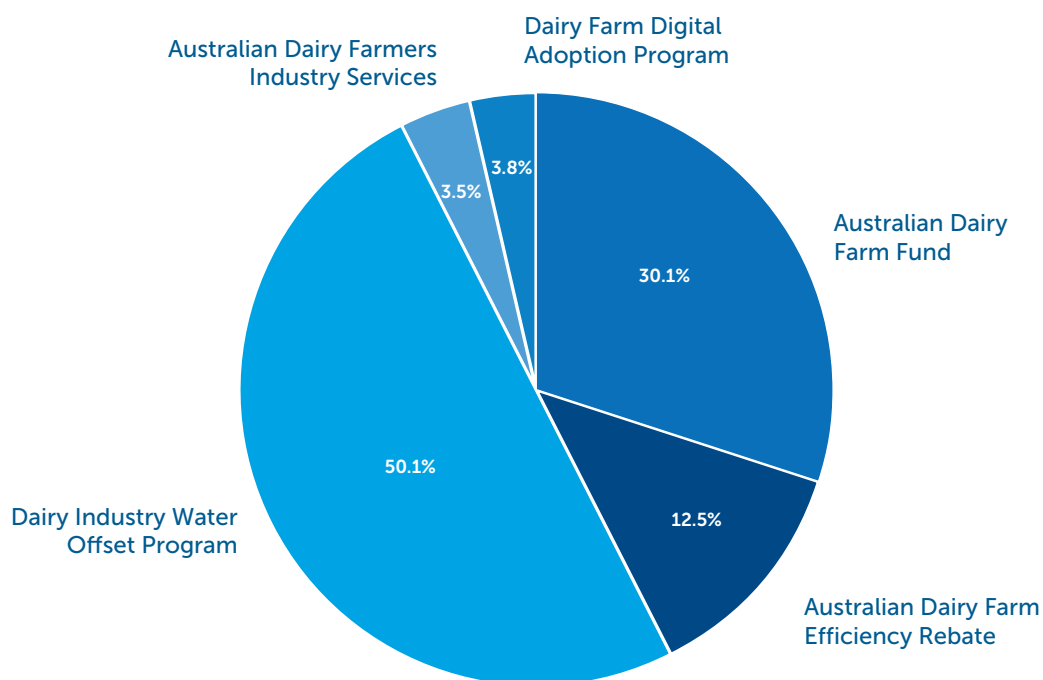
- **First farm ownership and family succession support** – Ensuring new and young farmers can enter and grow within the industry
- **Reinvestment in on-farm productivity and efficiency** – Supporting modernisation through advanced technology and sustainability measures
- **Water security for dairy farms** – Providing long-term solutions for managing scarce water resources
- **Workforce development and digital adoption** – Equipping dairy operations with skilled workers and the latest farm automation technologies
- **Ongoing industry support through ADF** – Strengthening the services and support farmers need to build and sustain a thriving dairy sector.

This package is about building confidence in dairy's future—a future where reinvestment leads to prosperity, innovation drives growth, and regional communities benefit from a strong, sustainable industry. With targeted government support, dairy can continue to be a pillar of Australia's food security and rural economy for generations to come.

Funding priorities budget breakdown

Program	Year 1 (\$M)	Year 2 (\$M)	Year 3 (\$M)	Total (\$M)
Australian Dairy Farm Fund	30	40	50	120
Australian Dairy Farm Efficiency Rebate	20	20	10	50
Dairy Industry Water Offset Program	50	70	80	200
Dairy Farm Digital Adoption Program	5	5	5	15
Australian Dairy Farmers Industry Services	6	5	3	14
Total	111	140	148	399

Funding Distribution Across Dairy Programs (Total: \$399 Million)



About Australian Dairy Farmers

Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) is the national policy and advocacy body working to improve the sustainability and profitability of Australian dairy farming. Since 1942, ADF has represented farmers across six dairying states on key issues like trade, water, environment, milk pricing, workforce, biosecurity and animal welfare. ADF provides industry-good functions and serves as a strong collective voice to government, industry, and the community. Australian dairy provides crucial high-quality nutritional products, ensures food security, and strengthens the economy. The industry's viability and productivity is essential for a strong reliable dairy supply that supports communities and Australians' health.

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