

DAIRY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE

The Tasmanian Government is providing support to dairy farmers through a number of programs across the state.

This leaflet outlines each program, the eligibility criteria, and how to apply.

The package is being co-ordinated by the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association.

INFORMATION AND FORMS AVAILABLE FROM TFGA:

- Phone Margo on **6332 1820**
- Email: admin@tfga.com.au
- www.tfga.com.au

ALSO FROM FARMPOINT WEBSITE:

- www.farmpoint.tas.gov.au

Dairy Support Grants

Grants of up to \$5000 per dairy business to assist with the costs of pasture improvement or access to fodder, agistment or transport of fodder/livestock.

To be eligible you must

- Be a dairy farmer
- Be in receipt of a Centrelink payment, or hold a Health Care Card
- Be undertaking, or have undertaken, financial planning or advice

Administered by TFGA – Program Outline and Application Forms are available
Telephone - 6332 1820



Professional Veterinary Advice Subsidy

50% subsidy available on eligible veterinary expenses.

To be eligible

- The vet visit must be made between 6th October and 30th November
- The vet visit must be to provide advice about
 - Maintaining good animal welfare
 - Treatment to address an animal welfare issue
 - An animal welfare-related health issue

The subsidy will not cover over-the-counter drugs or farm visits related to market assurance programs or export testing.

Administered by DPIPW – Application Forms available
Telephone - Chief Veterinary Officer 1300 368 550



Farm Family Relief Program

Grants of up to \$2000 per dairy farming family are available to assist with general household expenses.

To be eligible

- Applicant must be a dairy farmer
- Grant must be used for household expenses

Administered by the CWA - Application Forms available
Telephone – 6231 3706



Social and Community Events grants

Grants of up to \$3000 available to community groups to support social and community events in dairy areas

To be eligible

- Events must be run in a dairy community – including King Island; Circular Head and the north-west coast; Scottsdale area; Meander Valley
- Events must be held before 30th March 2010
- Events must have a community focus and provide access to support services or information
- Applicants must have an ABN
- Applications close on 30th November 2009

Administered by TFGA – Program Outline and Application Forms are available
Telephone - 6332 1820



Taking Stock Program

An additional 100 places are available for the Taking Stock Program, which provides dairy farmers with on-farm budgeting and business survival strategies.

To be eligible

- Applicant must be a dairy farmer

Administered by DairyTas – Application Form available
Telephone – 6432 2233



Expansion of Dairy Extension

Additional extension services are available including discussion groups and field days.

To be eligible

- Applicant must be a dairy farmer

Administered by the Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research Dairy Centre
Telephone – 6430 4901



Animal Welfare Helpline – 6421 7601

Support and advice on animal welfare issues for dairy farmers

Administered by Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research Dairy Centre



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