The benefits of live dairy cattle exports

Australia exports a significant number of dairy cattle each year, predominantly from southern states to markets such as Japan and China. These are usually high-value animals with specific pedigree and pregnancy status requirements.





VALUE OF THE TRADE

In 2020-21 the trade was valued at \$258 million.



RETAINING VALUE

70% of the value from live dairy cattle exports is retained by dairy farmers. Exporters retain 5% of the value.



EXPORT VOLUMES

Australia exports an average of 80,000 dairy cattle each year.



INCOME GENERATION

Exporting farms made more money than non-exporting farms in all states, apart from South Australia.



EMPLOYMENT

Around 830 full-time equivalent jobs were supported from the rearing of dairy cattle for live export.



ALTERNATIVE INCOME STREAM

The livestock export industry provides an important market for surplus livestock.

Australian dairy cattle are favoured in-market because of our:



Good genetic pool



Stringent health protocols



Disease-free status



Resilient animals able to adapt to variable climates



Proximity to markets



Good animal welfare and occupational health and safety practices

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