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2022 SA Dairy Awards

Nominations Close 5.00pm Friday 8 July 2022

This is an important event for the South Australian Dairy Industry and continues to strengthen relationships across the supply chain, recognising the work and products of both farmers and processors in SA. Communication and collaboration is important for the future of the industry and events such as this demonstrate that.

Below are links to our nomination forms, we invite all farmers to participate. SADA looks forward to working with the DIAA and watching the dairy industry development into the future. If you have any questions or would like to make a comment, please feel free to contact us on Phone: 8293 2399 or email: sada@sada.asn.au

[Innovative Farmer of the Year](#)

[Young Farmer of the Year](#)

[Best Relationship with a Processor](#)



Opening Prices announced

Processor's Year 2022 - 2023 Price Updates



Because of the operation of the Dairy Industry Code, all medium to large dairy processing companies have made their prices and contracts publicly available. As part of the operation of the South Australian Dairyfarmers' Association (SADA) supported Code, all medium and larger processors will have to post their milk price on their websites as well as a copy of a Milk Supply Agreement.

All processor websites checked have this year's contracts up for inspection as required by the Code. It is important to point out that comparing these prices is difficult as the minimum prices which are required by the Dairy Industry Code are dealt with differently by different processors on the basis of their associated incentive schemes.

NOTE: It would be a mistake to compare the advertised minimum prices as an accurate reflection of expected farmer earnings as the incentive schemes of different processors impact on overall payment in varied ways.

Lactalis \$8.73/kg

Saputo \$8.50/kg

Coles \$9.05/kg

Bega \$8.85/kg

Beston \$8.75/kg

UDC \$8.50/kg

Fonterra \$8.25/kg

La Casa \$8.62/kg

(Fleurieu \$9.50/kg)

SADA has welcomed our new Federal Agriculture and Fisheries Minister, Senator Murray Watt and Ministers now fulfilling the portfolios so critical to agriculture and regional Australia.

Key Ministries other than Ag include:

- **Environment & Water:** [Tanya Plibersek](#)
- **Trade:** [Don Farrell](#)
- **Climate Change & Energy:** [Chris Bowen](#)
- **Communications:** [Michelle Rowland](#)
- **Immigration:** [Andrew Giles](#)
- **Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development:** [Catherine King](#)

From a national dairy and agricultural perspective we will focus on building a trusting and constructive working rela-

tionship and highlighting agriculture's most pressing issues, including:

- Biosecurity and the major threats in FMD and LSD (and other existing incursions).
- Labour shortages and the Government's intended approach with filling the worker shortage across the board and the intentions on the Ag Visa.
- Market access – India opportunities and the need to build the relationship with China.
- Supply chain resilience and input costs.
- Sustainability, the development of the AASF and the opportunities for farmers from C+B markets.



The NFF has congratulated [the Labor Party and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese](#) on their election victory, highlighting the need for urgent dialogue on key policies. These include biosecurity funding, workforce solutions, and rewarding farmers for environmental management.



NFF's Weekly Wrap Bringing you the week's farming and political news each Friday. Now available as a weekly podcast.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

For the [@agbureausa](#) 2022 Spirit of Excellence in Agriculture Awards.



These awards provide a unique opportunity, including valuable financial support, to motivated individuals who are keen to contribute and strengthen their communities.

The Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship for Farmers sponsored by Department of Environment and Water (DEW) [Environment SA News](#) is a \$10,000 grant for a farmer aged 18-40.

The Rural Youth Bursary sponsored by [Department of Primary Industries and Regions](#) (PIRSA) is

a \$5,000 grant for rural young people aged 18-30 working in a rural community.

For more information and to apply: www.agbureau.com.au/awards.



Farm Safety Week 2022 'Recipes for Averting Disaster' 18th - 24th July

[National Farm Safety Week 2022 Recipes for Averting Disaster](#) will focus on a number of intangible risks and hazards such as fatigue, complacency, the blurred line between the home and work environment, labour shortages and the aging workforce, wellbeing and many other issues that combine to make Australian farms one of the most dangerous work environments.

A beautiful country cookbook will be released under the theme, celebrating real Australian farmers, their paddock-to-plate stories, traditional family recipes using their farmed produce, and the innovative solutions that they are employing on their farms to address WHS challenges.



Your feedback is needed!

A national research project is underway, working to showcase the diverse occupations and opportunities in the agriculture, forestry, and fishing industry. Your insights will help build a digital map of modern occupations and career pathways for use by career seekers on the YourCareer.gov.au website.

Put your job on the map, take the survey

Across every dairy community.
Throughout every continent. We are taking action.

**BE PART OF
PATHWAYS TO
DAIRY NET ZERO.**

Subscribe to our mailing list to learn more and be kept up-to-date with news and progress.

This ground-breaking initiative aims to reduce GHG emissions across the dairy sector. The entire international dairy supply chain, which produces nutritious foods for six billion people and provides livelihoods for one billion people worldwide, is called on to increase its climate ambition and unite behind this movement.

[Meet some of our champions already working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.](#)



NHVR
National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

Fees, work diaries and HVNL fines to increase from 1 July

NHVR access permit fees will increase by \$2 and the cost of a National Driver Work Diary will increase by \$1 (from \$25 to \$26) from Friday, 1 July 2022. Fees will also increase for National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme modules. These increases are in line with CPI. Heavy Vehicle National Law penalties and fines will also increase in line with CPI.
> [Click here for the new NHVR fee schedule](#)
> [Click here for the new HVNL penalty and fine schedule](#)



On 1 and 2 June 2022, SADA was represented by John Elferink at the River Reflections Conference held in Mildura.

The River Reflections Conference was organised by the Murray Darling Basin Authority which brought together parties from across the Murray Darling Basin in Mildura. The purpose of the conference was to update people who live in the Murray Darling catchment of what has been done in the past and what is proposed to do moving into the future.

The meeting included an address from the new Federal Minister for Water and the Environment, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, who had only been in the job since the previous day. She reiterated Labor’s commitment to a five-point plan, (launched from opposition), in which Labor committed to

recovery to not only the 605 gl but also the further 450 gl.

The five points are:

1. Delivering on water commitments, including the 450 gigitalitres for South Australia.
2. Increasing compliance, and improving metering and monitoring.
3. Restoring transparency, integrity and confidence in water markets and water management.
4. Increasing First Nations ownership and involvement in decision-making.
5. Updating the science.

SADA is keenly aware that when the Government rolls out these five points, part of the 450 gigitalitres which have been earmarked for recovery for the environment, will come from SA’s consumptive allocation of 1,850 gigitalitres. (The exposure is estimat-

ed to be about 39 gigitalitres from the consumptive pool). SADA will keep a close eye on any developments in this area.

The meeting was also addressed by Sir Angus Huston who took the time to outline the future of the Plan beyond the review period slated for 2026. There was substantial focus on Indigenous Water Rights as well as getting the balance correct between the environment, social and commercial water.

The overall theme of Sir Angus’ comments were aimed at a unified approach moving forward.

SADA has an audio recording of Sir Angus’ speech if any member wants a copy, we can email it to you.

You can access the full report [here](#)

SADA has also taken the opportunity to meet with the new Deputy Premier and Water and Environment Minister, the Hon Dr Susan Close MP. While discussing a number of important issues with the Minister one of the primary concerns were mixed messages which were received from the Labor Party during the lead up to the last state election. Basically, there was confusion surrounding public statements from the Labor Party regarding supporting the conclusions of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into the Murray Darling Basin Plan as well as supporting the Murray Darling Basin Plan itself. SADA accepts the reassurance of the Minister of the ongoing commitment to the plan and expresses its gratitude to the Government for the clarification on this important topic.



Australian Farm Institute

Do you have the skills to navigate the digital workplace?

Living and working in the digital era takes skill. In the past decade, your digital skills will have increased more than you realise, through application.

Digital technologies are rapidly changing the way we work, learn and live – yet in agriculture, digital capability is generally still lagging.

The AFI is undertaking research to assess Australian agriculture’s digital capability, which will help target investment where it’s most needed to build capacity for a future-fit farm sector.

If you have 5 minutes, please complete **this self-assessment survey**, which will not only provide anonymised data to paint a picture for the research, but also **help you identify your own digital strengths and opportunities for skills development**.

Give it a go – you might be surprised by your results!



Cream of the crop: SA’s top young farmers

Food production in SA is in safe hands with these 13 innovative young farmers leading the way. Read how they became leaders and why they’re at the top of their game.

For this Mount Compass-based dairy farmer, being able to share with his own family the lifestyle he was offered growing up means the world.

He wants to educate future generations about the sustainability approaches to agriculture, as well as “everyday living”.

Nick, of Roslyn Amdena dairy and stud, describes “AgTech” as being front and centre of the future of agriculture.

However, he says, it is key those outside the industry recognise the effort that goes into producing a significant food staple.

“(We’ve got to address) the mindset of people not understanding the importance of what it is that producers do every day,” he says.

“This includes the animal welfare aspects, as well as the health and economic benefits of locally-produced products ... the world needs food – and the world needs agriculture.”



Australian Dairy Sustainability Framework

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

AUSTRALIAN DAIRY SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

Australian dairy is serious about being sustainable. Learn about our internationally recognised Sustainability Framework and our commitments to our people, animals, the community and planet.



DAIRY SITUATION AND OUTLOOK

MAY 2022



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Around the grounds

A week of Ministerial visits;

SADA wishes to indicate to their members that the new Government listened attentively to the dairy industry's issues and time will bear out the level of commitment by Government to the dairy industry. So far so good.

John and Andrew met with Hon Nicola Centofanti MLC, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, Shadow Minister for Regional South Australia, Shadow Minister for Primary Industries, Shadow Minister for Water Resources and the River Murray. Items discussed included the SA Dairy Industry Action Plan, health benefits of dairy, SADA's traceability trial and the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

Hunt/Curtis/Elf met with the Deputy Premier, Susan Close and the Minister for Primary Industries in the new Labor Government. Matters raised with the Deputy Premier included the clarification of the SA Government's position on the Murray Darling Plan, (clarification was provided), the work being done by SADA on emissions policy and the work being done by SADA on Traceability in SA.

John, Andrew and Ash met with Hon Clare Scriven MLC Minister for Primary Industries and Minister for Regional Development. Topics for discussion included the refresh of the Dairy Industry Action Plan, the Livestock Underpass Grants Scheme, the dairy falls and fractures trials and workforce development.

Elf had a meeting with the Member for Finnis, David Basham. Topics included the Murray Darling Basin Plan, the current status of the dairy industry in South Australia and primary industry matters in SA more generally. Mr Basham remains a focussed and passionate supporter of the dairy industry in SA.

John, Andrew and Ash met virtually with Hon Blair Boyer, Minister for Education, Training and Skills. This meeting had been rescheduled due to COVID matters. Items discussed included support and funding in the development of Micro-credentials for critical skill sets required in the dairy industry; pathways for access the Skills Shortage Funding; inclusion of agriculture into the school curriculum; and recognition and in-

clusion of agricultural apprenticeships and vocational pathways in the five new technical colleges to be established.

Elf/Hunt attended community cabinet in Mount Gambier. This included a ministerial visit to a farm in the Southeast. Community cabinet was well attended, and the Government presented well. The challenges which have to be attended to with the passage of time will demonstrate the quality of the Government's commitment to the primary sector in the Southeast.

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- John H and Andrew met with Beston Global Foods CEO, Fabrizio Jorge to discuss the SA dairy industry and opportunities to support its development
 - John and Andrew met with NSW Farmers Dairy Committee Chair, Colin Thompson and Manager, Dan Brear to provide an update on "goings on" in each state and discuss a number of opportunities for collaboration.
 - Ash attended an impromptu NGTAG (National GS1 Traceability Advisory Group) session where the steering committee wrote a submission to DAWE. Key themes were a response to the outcomes of the National Traceability Summit as well as some other recommendations missed by this event.
 - Elf continued to communicate with the EPA regarding a specific member issue as well as the EPA's interest in the management of effluent more generally including a review of effluent management plans and codes.
 - Jacobs/Elf attended the NFF water committee meeting regarding the issues of national water policy given the changes in the government.
 - Andrew, Melissa Hunter and Geoff Raven held their fortnightly catch up. Key items for discussion included the upcoming Dairy Innovation Day, dairy audits and recent SADA meetings with Ministers.
 - Andrew and Ash participated in a Dairy Safe initiated online forum for processors entitled "Training options and opportunities"
 - Andrew participated in the PPSA WHS Committee commencement workshop. The need to work collaboratively in promoting and supporting WHS extension

and adoption across Primary Production workplaces.

- Andrew met with Melissa Hunter and Geoff Raven. A key outcome of the discussion was the opportunity to convene an innovation forum for the dairy industry in South Australia

John, Andrew and Alison attended the Dairy Innovation Day.

The 3 most pressing issues were;

1. Workforce

- What's the process for overseas workers to come to Australia now?
- How can I get word out that I'm looking for workers?
- Is there anything available for training happening, now that the new government is in place?

2. Input Costs

- Water trading when selling property?
- Selling off farming properties to corporate or residential enterprises.

3. How can I access the Dairy Industry Fund

Education

- Ash along with Belinda (Ag Communicators) spent the day with Spalding Primary School at the Golden North Ice Cream factory in Laura as part of the Educating Kids About Agriculture project. Children learnt about seeds and what plants cows eat, how cows are milk and how to make butter as well as a look at the ice cream factory and how milk is value added. Tastings were also included.
- Ash along with Belinda (Ag Communicators) took a group of Year 11 Urrbrae students on a Field Trip to visit the Connor's robotic dairy, Harvest The Fleurieu and a rotary dairy beef operation. The day was very informative for the students, some of which are now considering dairy as a career option.
- Here are some of the highlights;
 - * the history of Golden North and how ice cream was packaged.
 - * how the factory works - we saw ice cream being made and packaged
 - * where the milk comes from that is used to make Golden North ice cream
 - * how germs and bacteria are controlled, how the ice cream is checked for quality
 - * the importance of PPE and hand washing
 - * dairy farming in SA - did you know robots are used to milk cows?
 - * we made butter! Then lots of us made butter at home.