

Operating Profit Adjustments

The following adjustments are used in DairyBase when calculating operating profit, as described in the DairyBase report description handbook. These values are reviewed annually.

Feed Inventory adjustments

Season	\$ per kg DM
2021-22	.39c
2022-23	.42c
2023-24	.39c

Note: These values reflect an average cost for feed that tends to be stored and fed out over different seasons, and also a combination of feed purchased and made.

Labour Adjustments – Management

Season	Number of cows	Basic rate (\$)	Per cow rate (\$)
2021-22	<900	\$54,000	63
	900-1199	\$57,000	60
	>=1200	\$130,000	N/A
2022-23	<900	\$58,000	64
	900-1199	\$60,000	62
	>=1200	\$135,000	N/A
2023-24	<900	\$62,000	64
	900-1199	\$64,000	62
	>=1200	\$139,000	N/A

e.g. herd size 300 in 2023-24 = (300 cows * \$64) + \$62,000 = \$81,200

Note: This adjustment applies to 1.0 management FTE at 2400 hours annually. Surplus hours up to 0.5FTE are calculated at family unpaid rate (see below).

Labour Adjustments – Unpaid family

Region	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Rest of NZ	\$55,000	\$60,000	\$63,000
Otago/Southland	\$61,000	\$62,000	\$63,000

Note: \$Unpaid family labour = \$Adjustment * (annual hours worked / 2400).

Support block Adjustment - \$ per ha

Region	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Northland	650	700	700
Waikato	950	1050	1075
Bay of Plenty	900	950	950
Taranaki	1100	1200	1225
Lower North Island	900	950	950
West Coast – Top of the South	750	775	775
Canterbury	950	1050	1150
Otago – Southland	970	980	980