



Dairy Support Grant Program



Program Guidelines

TFGA has received an allocation of \$200,000 from the Tasmanian Government to provide support to dairy farmers undergoing difficulties in the present circumstances.

Grants of up to \$5,000 per farming business will be available for a variety of purposes to support on-ground measures such as:

- pasture improvement
- access to fodder
- access to agistment
- transport of livestock or fodder
- other similar approved purposes

Eligibility Criteria

- applicants must be dairy farmers and derive the majority of their income from the dairy enterprise;
- the grants must be used for on-ground measures such as those listed above;
- applicants must be already in receipt of an individual or family support payment from Centrelink;
- applicants must have recently completed (or be in the process of undertaking) financial advice or planning from an approved source, including:
 - the Taking Stock program (run by Dairy Tas) , or
 - the Rural Financial Counselling Service, or
 - other private financial planning services.

Application Process

1. An Application Form needs to be completed and lodged with TFGA. Applications can be lodged at any time. All applications must be received before 30th March 2010.
2. All applicants will be notified by phone, and successful applicants will be required to submit a Tax Invoice to TFGA to receive the support funds. Payments will be deposited directly into nominated bank accounts.
3. Any applicant ruled as ineligible can lodge an appeal in writing to the Dairy Support Program Appeal Panel. Appeals should be lodged within 30 days of a ruling. The Appeal Panel will be chaired by the CEO of TFGA, plus one representative each from Rural Services Network Tasmania and the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment.

Please note:

Grants received through this support program will be exempt from GST, but will count as income for taxation purposes and may affect other entitlements from Centrelink. As each applicant is different, please check with Centrelink and/or your financial adviser before lodging your application for assistance with TFGA.