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## FIRE RECOVERY

The recent severe bushfires, storms and power outages have affected a significant number of our southwest Victorian suppliers, employees and communities. Our thoughts are with everyone during this time and we encourage those affected to keep in touch with their Field Officer so we can continue to provide appropriate assistance.

Since these events, we have been heavily involved in assisting farmers with recovery. We continue to work closely with government and industry stakeholders to ensure there is a coordinated response to meet immediate needs and to assist farmers in the recovery process. Saputo's Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer Lino Saputo Jr and Saputo's President and Chief Operation Officer Kai Bockmann also visited several affected suppliers in the week after the fires.

The support from around the region has, as always, been fantastic. Suppliers wanting to assist affected farmers are encouraged to contact Blaze Aid on 0418 745 994 or email [blazeaid.cobden@gmail.com](mailto:blazeaid.cobden@gmail.com). Information on how to make financial or fodder donations or offers of agistment can be found at [vff.org.au/support](http://vff.org.au/support) or by calling 1300 882 833.

In the coming weeks and months, we encourage you to keep in touch with friends and neighbours affected by these events as the recovery process progresses. The impacts will be felt for a long time to come.

WCB has an employee assistance program that offers confidential counselling through an independent third-party organisation. We have now extended this program to suppliers impacted by these events. Suppliers can phone 1300 360 364 to speak to a counsellor (WCB will not be notified about your call).

Further information on support services for fire recovery is available from WestVic Dairy. Contact details are below:

WestVic Dairy  
Phone: 5557 1000  
Email: [admin@westvicdairy.com.au](mailto:admin@westvicdairy.com.au)  
Website: [www.dairyaustralia.com.au/westvic-dairy](http://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/westvic-dairy)

## QUALITY MATTERS

*By Anne Prince, Farm QA Manager*

Cows affected by the recent bushfires will need to be monitored closely. We can test individual cow cell counts to help you follow their progress. Consult your vet or Field Officer if you have any concerns.

The start of the new season is the best time to ensure milk in the vat is premium quality. Good lead-feeding is essential, along with maintaining the quality and quantity of feed and water for fresh cows.

Consider best practice when you have fresh cows with clinical mastitis or cows that have had three or more cases of mastitis in the last season or cows that just always have high cell counts. Is it more effective to keep treating them or to cull them? Do you have good heifers ready to bring into the herd? Your Field Officer can help with a cost-benefit analysis.

Dry-cow therapy (DCT) is designed to be used when the cow is giving a prescribed amount of milk. If you have cows that were dried off when giving fewer litres of milk per day than your chosen treatment is designed for, you may find that the cow retains the DCT longer than the withholding period stated on the product label. Remember, milk from early calving cows must also still be kept out of the vat until the withholding period expires and for eight milkings thereafter. Also check the meat withholding period for your cows and bobby calves. The abattoir will be testing for antibiotic residues. Your Field Officer has information on the withholding periods for meat and milk on DCT products. WCB will test milk from fresh cows for antibiotic residues so you can be sure when it is safe to put milk into the vat.

Always remember that if you have used teat sealant in your dry cows, this must be stripped out before the milk can go into the vat.

## BULK MILK CELL COUNTS

The Top 25 recognises the efforts of suppliers in keeping their average monthly BMCC to low levels.

### Top 25 February 2018

1	Peter & Joy O'Keeffe	56,000
2	Gerard & Jo McNamara (Nathan)	57,000
3	Carl Walder	58,000
4	Cyril & Marjo Nijskens	60,000
5	Hans & Susanne Vogel	61,000
6	Craig & Annette Smart	63,000
7	Trevor & Carolyn Beasley	65,000
8	Paringa View Park	69,000
8	Craig & Andrea Duro	69,000
9	Darren & Kaylene Jewell	70,000
9	Powell Dairy Farms	70,000
10	Lance & Lynette Greenwood	71,000
11	Michael & Nicole Uebergang	74,000
12	Howard Partnership	75,000
13	Triple T Farms	76,000
14	Robinfield Farm, Nathan Collins	77,000
15	John & Mary Meade	81,000
15	Ian & Jenny Rhode	81,000
16	Lyndon & Joyce Cleggett	83,000
17	Glenmead Pty Ltd (I,V & N Smith)	84,000
18	Andrew Buckley	86,000
19	Mary, Robert & Helen Grieve	87,000
19	Robby & Sue Methven	87,000
19	John & Jennifer Inglis	87,000
20	Alta Vista Enterprises P/L	91,000
21	Tim Taylor	92,000
22	The Claine Farm Trust	93,000
22	HW & BE Elliott	93,000
22	GF & RL Lloyd	93,000
22	Stephen & Anne Watson	93,000
22	Corey Baulch	93,000
23	Richard & Christine Humphris	94,000
24	Russell & Mary Hussey	95,000
24	DJ & FA Fiebig	95,000
24	Kippers Family Trust	95,000
24	Mary & Simon Brown	95,000
25	P & M Ackerley & Keirl	96,000

Factory Average BMCC February: 191,000

## CLASSIFIEDS

### TO PLACE OR CHANGE AN AD IN THE CLASSIFIEDS:

Please contact your Field Officer before the 24th of the month to place an advertisement or to advise if your ad is still required for the following month. Each ad will run for a maximum of two editions.

### EMPLOYMENT:

Dairy farm hand required for 20-40 hrs per week on 220-cow farm in Heywood. 22-unit herringbone. Hours flexible with no weekends required. Looking for a long-term worker, some experience preferred but not necessary. Please email a cover letter and any experience to rachel.alexander@saputo.com.

### FOR SALE:

Red Friesian bulls, AI bred, very quiet, well grown and ready to work. 3 avail. Cobden. \$1760-\$2200 each inc GST. Ph Owen 0409 339 532.

22 Milkaware Maxi Claw sets, \$70 each or \$1600 the lot inc GST. 41 Milkaware High Flow cluster sets with brand new inflations fitted, \$75 inc GST each or \$3000 the lot inc GST. Located Camperdown SW Vic, Ph Owen 0409 339 532.

32 AI Friesian heifers 5-6 months of age. All genomic tested. Average BPI of 129 (highest BPI 166). \$1000 each plus GST. Ph Jacqui 0438 876 339.

12-month-old 10 t Schurmbuilt pellet silo, Warrnambool. \$2,000 plus GST. Ph John on 0409 382 579.

40 Ayrshire and Ayrshire x cows, calving at the start of March onward \$1250 each; 5 2yr-old Ayrshire x heifers \$1200 each; 10 2yr-old Ayrshire heifers \$1200 each; 10 Ayrshire calves just weaned \$500 each. Prices ex GST. Ph Rob 0420 401 432.

800 rolls of oaten hay 9.7% protein, 7.6 MJ ME \$120/t plus GST. Cartage from Woorndoo not included. Ph Jason 0427 886 727.

GEA TCool 12,000L Milk Vat (12 months old) \$75,000+GST ono; Nelson Silo 4 tonne \$4,000+GST ono; various other dairy items including Wilson 700 L hot water service, Pencil auger, Cablevey Feed System, Dairy King machine - cups/washer system, pulsators, gates etc. Prices negotiable. Ph Dave (Mt Gambier, SA) 0400 587 699.

2008 Packo Vat 10,000 L with Bitzer Compressor & Auto Wash HWS \$25,000; 33-a-side Herringbone, Westfalia pulsators & cups and Milka-Ware cup removers, 12-month-old Utile vacuum pump, \$30,000; Hot water service 1,000 L, Edmonds, \$3,000; prices include GST. Ph Mark 0427 663 277.

Hay for sale, sourced from Nhill. Large squares of new & old season's vetch; new season oaten hay & new & old season's oat & vetch hay. Can deliver. Ph Matt Curran 0437 538 360.

### WANTED:

Roller mill. Ph Anthony 0400 856 467.

Wanted to lease: 100-200 acres for dairy heifers & cows. Prefer Koroit area or 30km radius. Ph Matt Curran 0437 538 360.

