



Market Announcement

3 December 2021

Fonterra provides Milk Price, earnings and Q1 update

Fonterra Co-operative Group today lifted its 2021/22 forecast Farmgate Milk Price range, reported a solid start to the 2022 financial year and revised its earnings guidance.

The Co-op has lifted and narrowed the forecast Farmgate Milk Price range to NZD \$8.40 - \$9.00 per kgMS, up from NZD \$7.90 - \$8.90 per kgMS. This increases the midpoint of the range, which farmers are paid off, to NZD \$8.70 per kgMS. The higher milk price has seen the Co-op revise its earnings guidance to 25-35 cents per share from 25-40 cents per share.

Fonterra CEO Miles Hurrell says the lift in the 2021/22 forecast Farmgate Milk Price range is good news and is an important boost to New Zealand communities. With a midpoint of \$8.70 per kgMS, it would contribute more than \$13.2 billion to the New Zealand economy.

“It’s the result of consistent strong demand for dairy at a time of constrained global supply.

“We’ve seen the impact of a number of events play out this first quarter. That includes the high price of feed in the US which has seen milk production growth stall and a lower-than-expected supply picture in Europe.

“Fonterra’s New Zealand milk supply is down around 3% on this time last season. While we expect that milk supply will be less than last season’s 1,539 million kgMS, the improving weather conditions and forecast milk collections for the balance of this season that are generally on par with last season support our current season forecast of 1,525 million kgMS.

“While we’ve seen demand soften slightly in China, global demand remains strong, and we think that will remain the case for the short to medium term.

“A higher forecast Farmgate Milk Price at this level can put pressure on our margins and therefore our earnings, which is why we’ve reduced the top end of our earnings guidance.”

First quarter business update

Fonterra has delivered a Total Group EBIT of \$190 million for the three months ending 31 October 2021. This was achieved at a time when input costs are significantly higher than the same period last year. These have been driven by a 30% increase in Whole Milk Powder prices.

Mr Hurrell says there have been a number of factors at play in the first quarter. “We’re seeing stable sales volumes in our Foodservice channel, but a milk price at these high levels has squeezed margins. Our Chilean business continues to improve but tightening margins and weaker local currency in other markets have impacted our Consumer channel overall.

“In our Ingredients channel, we’re seeing margins in our longer-term pricing contracts return to more normal levels, which has helped push Total Group gross margin up from the last quarter last year.

“We continue to see the benefit of our focus on financial discipline with lower interest expense, and operating expenditure down 2% on the same quarter last year.

“Looking at the whole picture, I’m proud of what we’ve achieved. With EBIT of \$190 million and a strong Farmgate Milk Price, we are starting to consistently deliver solid commercial outcomes.”

Outlook

While the impacts of COVID-19 continue to be felt around the world, Mr Hurrell says the Co-op is working hard to deliver for farmer owners, unit holders and customers and supporting employees.

“The resilience of our people and our supply chain means we continue to stay on top of the strong demand for our New Zealand milk.”

“However, it is concerning to hear about new variants, which are potentially more resistant to vaccines. There is also the ongoing question of whether economies can rebound from the pandemic and then sustain their financial health.

“That’s why we have a 60-cent range on our forecast Farmgate Milk Price range.”

Supporting our people

Globally, teams are starting to return to the office following extended COVID-19 lockdowns. Mr Hurrell says it’s been a challenging time for employees.

“In some of our regions, our people have spent more than 18 months working from home. We’ve supported them during this time and continue to support their safe return to the office. I want to acknowledge the extra effort from our employees that is helping us deliver good results for the Co-op.

“Here in New Zealand, we recently completed the rollout of our vaccination programme in partnership with the Ministry of Health, which saw more than 8,000 doses administered.”

Path to 2030

Fonterra set out the next phase of its long-term strategy in September, with three key strategic choices guiding the Co-op – a continued focus on New Zealand milk and to lead in sustainability and dairy innovation and science.

Mr Hurrell says the Co-op is confident in its strategy and 2030 targets and is already showing early signs of progress.

“As we continue to focus on New Zealand milk, work is underway on the divestment of our Chilean business and the ownership review of our Australian business, with the appointment of advisors to assist with both processes. Dependent on the outcome of these processes, we intend to return around \$1 billion of capital to our shareholders and unit holders by FY24.

Mr Hurrell says the focus on New Zealand milk is paying off with customers. “We recently launched our Mainland cheese range in Dubai’s largest supermarket chain. The range completely sold out, with customers using social media sites to track down the cheese in-store. Our in-region team is now looking at launching the range into other countries.

“We’re also focused on delivering innovative new solutions for our customers. Our new Ingredients ecommerce platform, myNZMP™, is being embraced by customers across China, Latin America, South East Asia and the Middle East.”

Mr Hurrell says the Co-op is also using innovative technology to make the most of the natural goodness found in our New Zealand dairy.

“A transformative dairy science collaboration with Vitakey will explore how we can further unlock the benefits of our probiotic strains. Our goal is to design dairy products that incorporate targeted and time-controlled release of specific dairy nutrients in a way that locks in the freshness for longer and allows the nutrients to be more active and beneficial in the body.”

New Zealand is already the most carbon-efficient dairy producing nation on the planet and Mr Hurrell says the Co-op is making strides in its intention to retain a significant advantage by being a leader in sustainability.

“By treating water at our Maungatūroto site using a natural wetland, we can reduce water use on site by up to 25%. On-farm, we’ve just introduced Farm Insights Reports, which give farmers a comprehensive picture of their overall farm from an environmental performance and animal health perspective. This enables them to focus on the improvements which will have the biggest impact.

“We’re also working to find a solution to the challenge of on-farm emissions and one of the exciting projects we’ve been working on is Kowbucha™, a probiotic which could switch off the bugs that create methane in cows. Initial results have been promising, showing a reduction of up to 50% in methane, and we’re now at the stage of trialling it on farm.

“This is just some of the great work underway in the Co-op that will enhance our New Zealand sustainable nutrition story.”

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Fonterra 2022 Quarter One Update

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2022 Quarter One update

2021/22 forecast Farmgate Milk Price

\$8.40 – \$9.00 per kgMS

Total Group normalised EBIT¹

\$190 million  \$60m

Forecast normalised earnings per share²

25 – 35c

1. Total Group normalised EBIT includes Continuing and Discontinued Operations
2. Attributable to equity holders of the Co-operative, excludes non-controlling interests

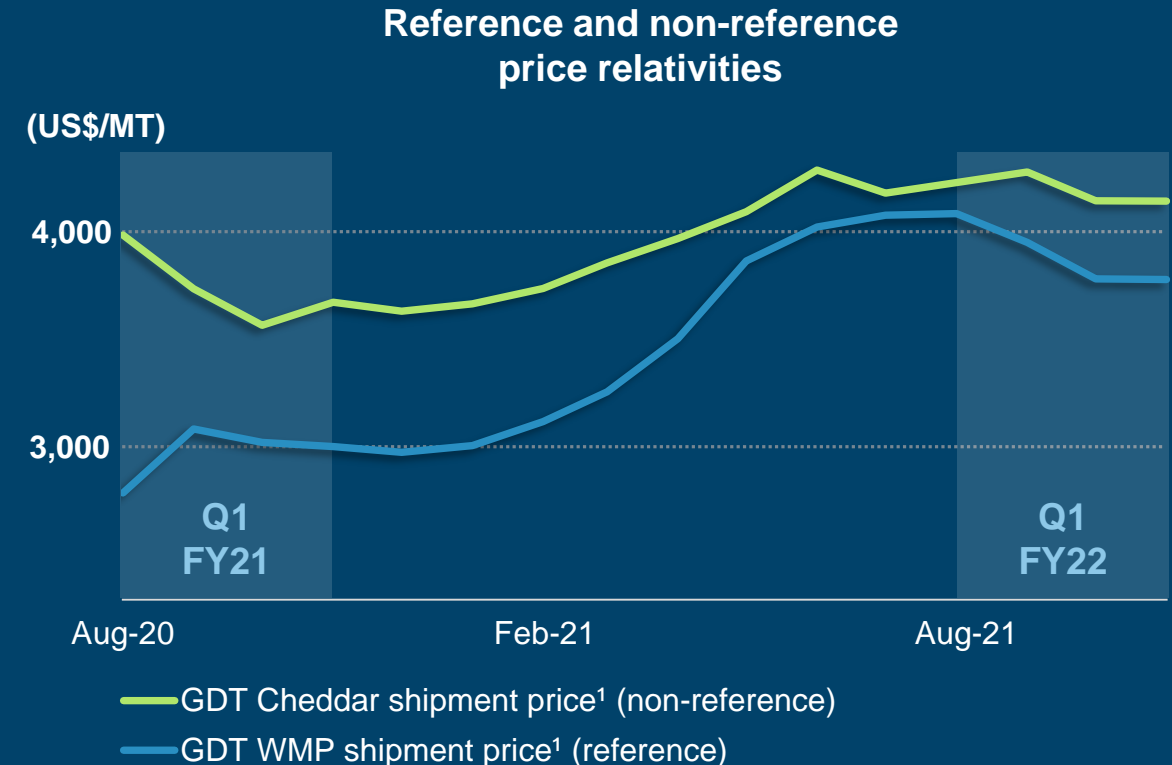


- Lifted and narrowed forecast Farmgate Milk Price range, with a midpoint of \$8.70, from \$8.40
- Lowered the top end of earnings guidance as margins tighten with increase in Farmgate Milk Price
- Supply chain continuing to deliver for customers
- Normalised EBIT of \$190 million, with tighter margins relative to strong first quarter last year
- Input costs are significantly higher than same period last year – driven by a 30% increase in WMP prices³
- Commenced divestment of Chile and ownership review of Australia

3. Percentage increase from weighted average GDT WMP shipment price from FY21 Q1 to FY22 Q1

Strong demand for dairy reflected in prices

- Continued strong demand for New Zealand dairy and global supply growth has slowed
- Operating under very different pricing conditions than this time last year
- Higher reference product prices has meant cost of milk is significantly higher than prior year Q1
 - Average GDT WMP shipment prices in Q1 were 30% higher than Q1 last year
- Favourable price relativities:
 - Reflecting strong demand for both reference and non-reference products
 - Up from last quarter (prior year's Q4) but less favourable than Q1 last year



Source: GlobalDairyTrade

1. The shipment price is a weighted average price of GDT contracts struck 1 to 5 months prior to the agreed shipment month. Shipment month is the month in which the sale would be deemed for financial reporting purposes to have been completed, and will normally be the month in which the sale is invoiced and the product is shipped

Total Group business performance



million ¹	2021 ²	2022	%Δ ³
Sales volume ('000 MT)	832	801	(4)%
Revenue (\$)	4,181	4,374	5%
Cost of good sold (\$)	(3,423)	(3,713)	(8)%
Gross profit (\$)	758	661	(13)%
Gross margin (%)	18.1%	15.1%	
Operating expenses (\$)	(523)	(513)	2%
Other ⁴ (\$)	15	42	180%
Normalised EBIT (\$)	250	190	(24)%
Reported EBIT (\$)	235	190	(19)%

- Sales volume down, mainly impacted by lower milk production early in the season
- Sales prices in-market have increased to reflect higher input costs, but partially offset by weaker local currency
- Gross profit impacted by tighter margins from increased cost of milk and also lower sales volume
- Normalised EBIT of \$190 million from our diversified portfolio:
 - Better performance in the Ingredients channel
 - Foodservice maintained stable sales volumes but tighter margins due to higher milk price
 - In Consumer continued improvement by Chile offset by lower margins in other markets

1. Total Group figures for the three months ended 31 October. This includes Continuing and Discontinued Operations and are on a normalised basis unless otherwise stated

2. FY21 performance includes Ying and Yutian China Farms and China Farms joint venture, which have subsequently been sold

3. Percentages as shown in table may not align to the calculation of percentages based on numbers in the table due to rounding of figures

4. Consists of other operating income, net foreign exchange gains/(losses) and share of equity accounted investees

Strategic choices guiding our activity



Focus on NZ milk

- Nutifood launches 100% NZ grass-fed milk into Vietnam, using our sustainability credentials
- Mainland cheese launched in Dubai, selling out in all supermarkets



Lead in sustainability

- Wetland filter allows Maungatūroto site to recycle water, reducing water use by up to 25%
- Methane-busting Kowbucha™ moves to on-farm trials after promising lab tests



Lead in innovation

- Vitakey partnership looks to further unlock the benefits of our probiotic strains
- New ecommerce platform, myNZMP™, a hit with global customers

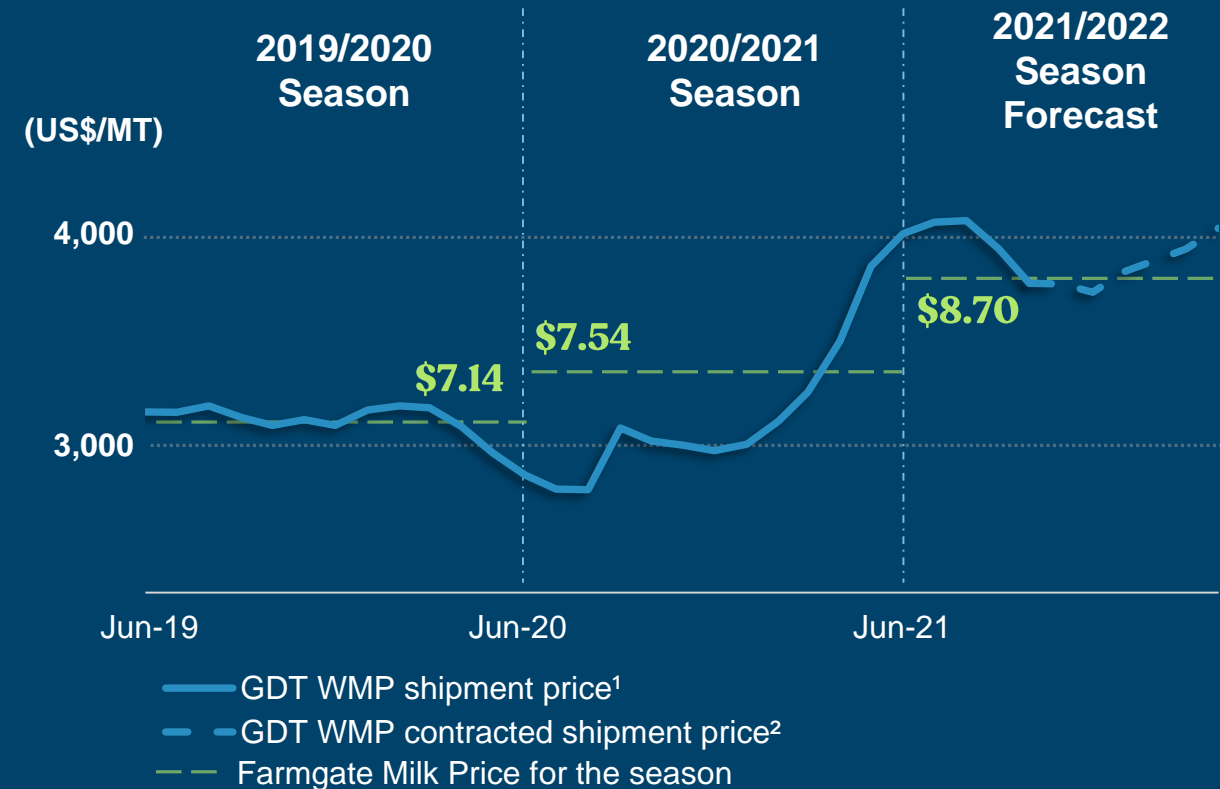
Forecast 2021/22 Season Farmgate Milk Price

Forecast Farmgate Milk Price

\$8.40 - \$9.00

per kgMS

- Lifted and narrowed range:
 - Consistent strong demand for New Zealand dairy and global supply growth has slowed
 - Range reflects ongoing uncertainties including supply chain congestion and macroeconomic risk



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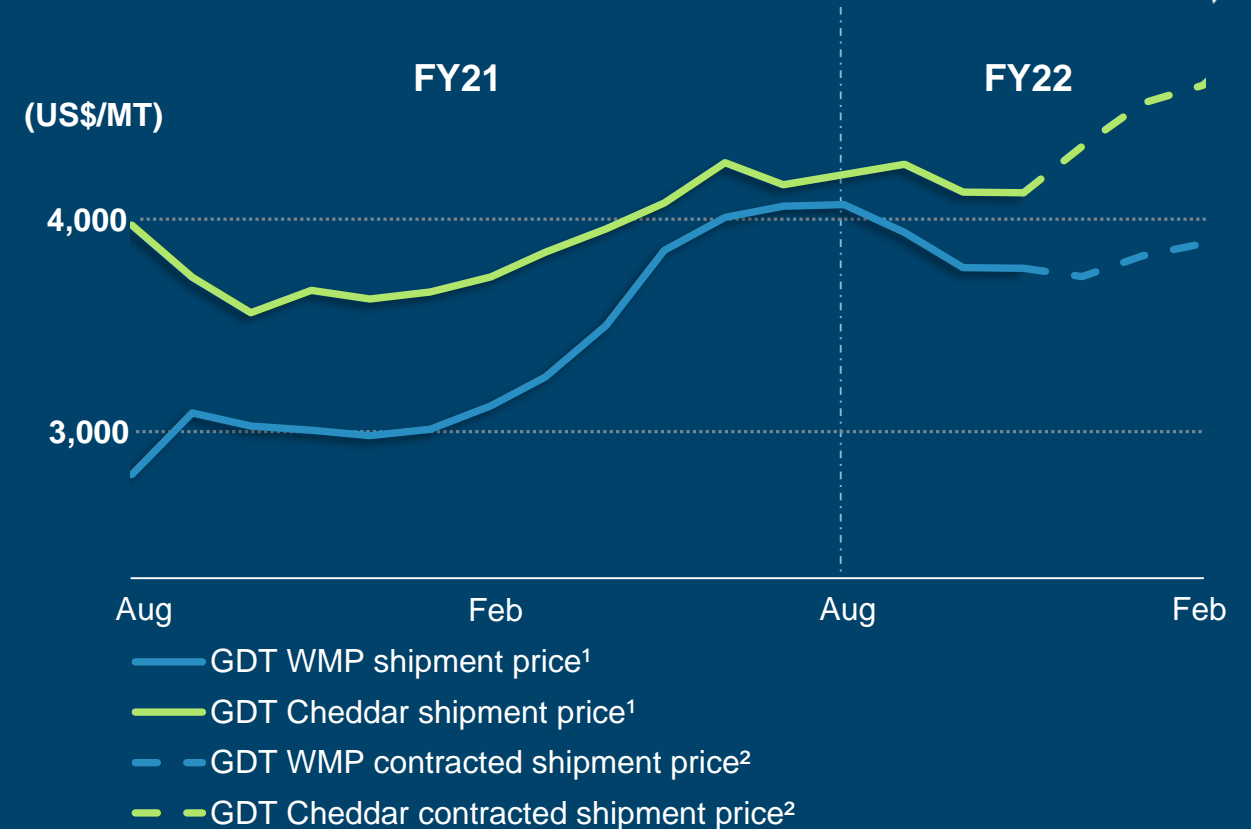
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2. The contracted shipment price is the weighted average shipment price of New Zealand WMP contracts won 1 – 5 months prior on the GlobalDairyTrade platform. These contracts are yet to be shipped or invoiced and the weighted average price will change closer to the actual shipment date as new contracts are written

2022 earnings outlook

Forecast Earnings

25 – 35c
per share

- Lowered the top end of range due to:
 - Increased pressure on Foodservice and Consumer margins due to rising input costs
 - Price relativities improving in Q2 from Q1 but not strong enough to maintain top end of range



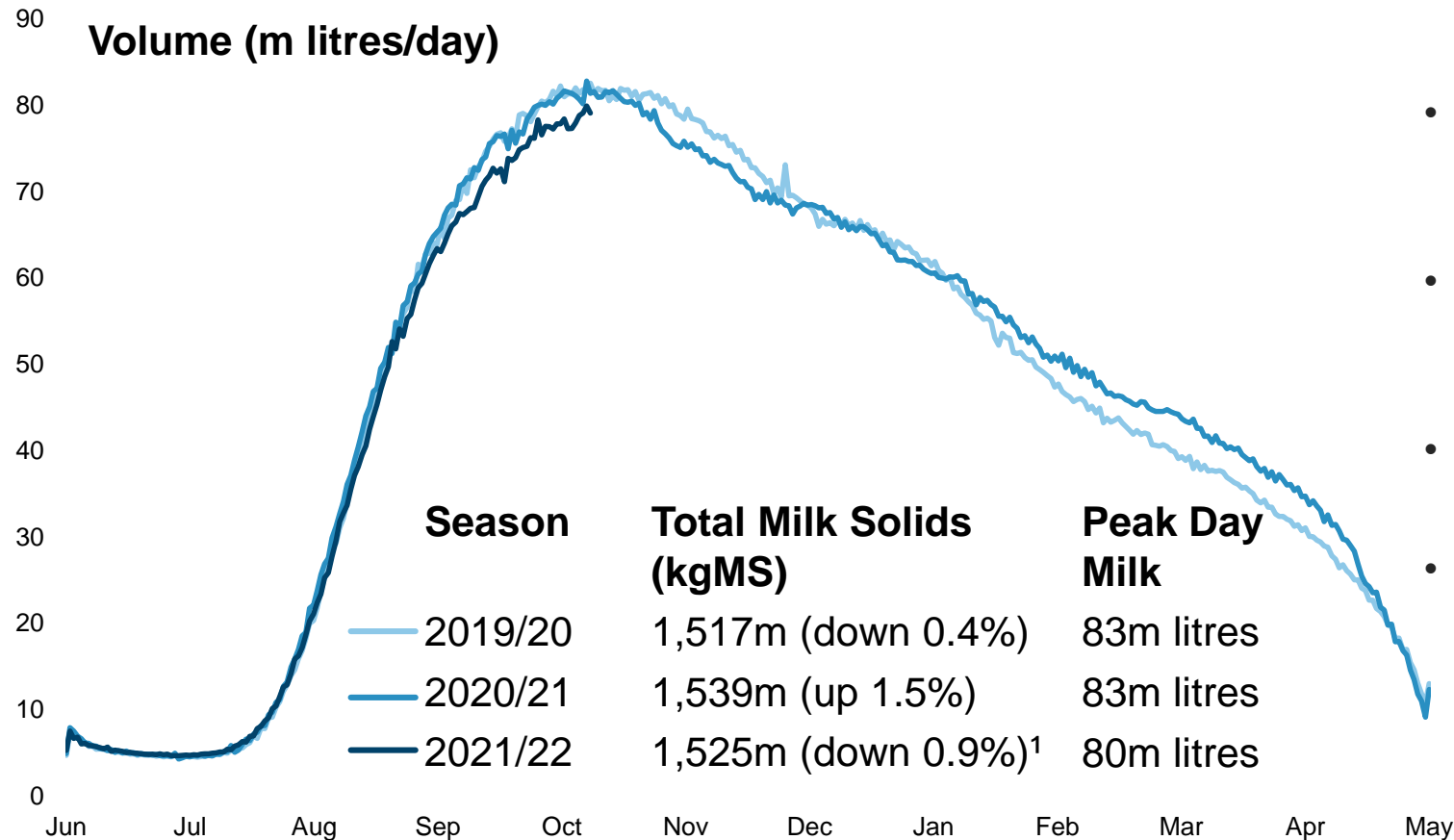
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2. The contracted shipment price is the weighted average shipment price of New Zealand WMP and Cheddar contracts won 1 – 5 months prior on the GlobalDairyTrade platform. These contracts are yet to be shipped or invoiced and the weighted average price will change closer to the actual shipment date as new contracts are written



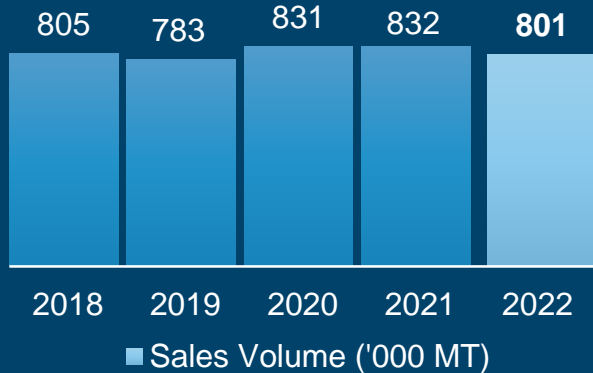
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Fonterra's New Zealand milk collections

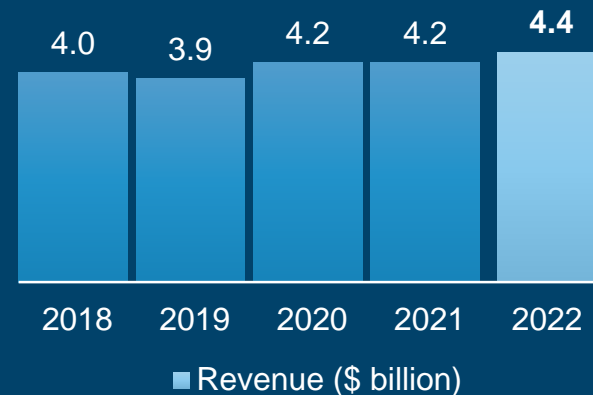


- Season to date collection, June – October, was 510.9 million kgMS, 3.2% behind last season
- Cold and wet spring with limited sunshine affecting pasture growth and collections early in the season
- Full season forecast remains at 1,525 million kgMS, down 0.9% on last season
- Improving weather conditions and expectation the balance of this season's collections are on par with last season supports current forecast

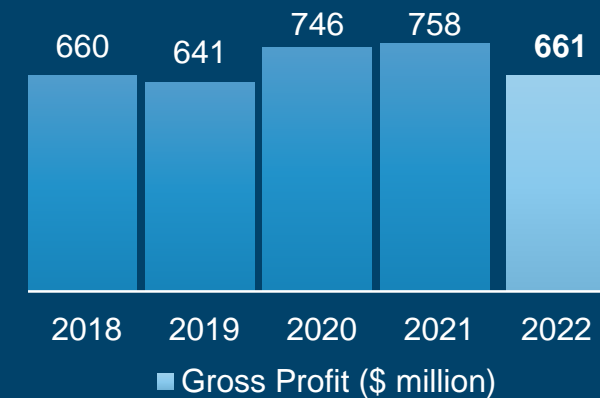
Sales Volume



Normalised Revenue

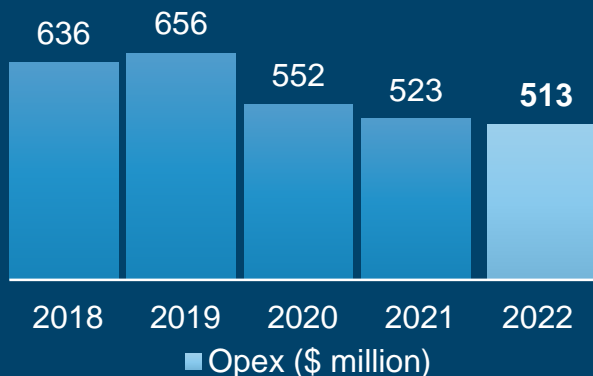


Normalised Gross Profit

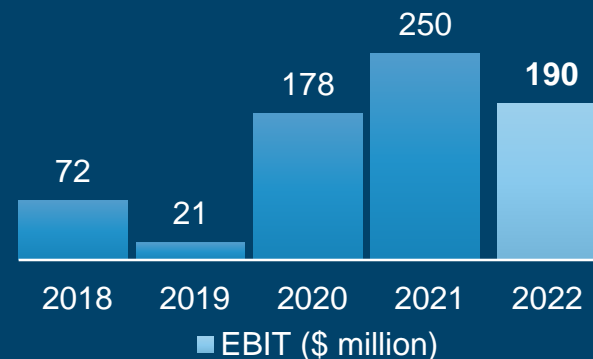


Key financial metrics for 2022 Q1¹

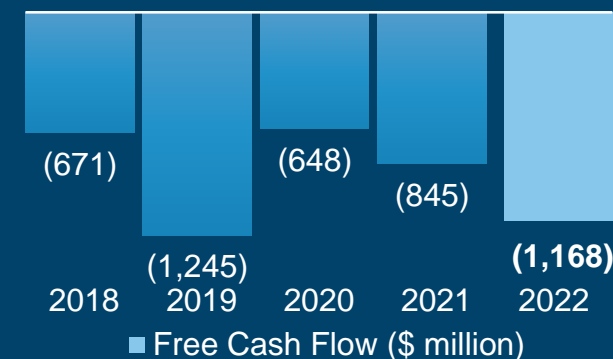
Normalised OPEX



Normalised EBIT



Free Cash Flow



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2022 Board Statement of Intentions



In accordance with the Constitution of Fonterra, the Board Statement of Intentions sets out the Board's intentions for the performance and operations of Fonterra. The table below provides an update as at 31 October 2021, of Fonterra's performance against these targets.

	FY21	FY22 Q1 YTD	FY22 FY Target
Healthy People			
Total recordable injury frequency rate (TRIFR) per million work hours ¹	5.7	6.0	5.6
Female representation in senior leadership ²	32.4%	32.7%	35.8%
Employee engagement	4.09	— ³	Top Quartile ³
Farmer sentiment (Net Promoter Score for Fonterra in New Zealand)	23	19	30
Healthy Environment			
Number of farms with Farm Environment Plans (New Zealand)	53%	57%	67%
Reduction in water used at sites in water-constrained regions versus FY18	(2.6)%	(4.8)% ⁴	(8.0)%
Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from manufacturing versus FY18	(6.5)%	(10.2)% ⁴	(6.5)%
Healthy Business			
Fonterra % kgMS of New Zealand milk collected for the season ended 31 May	79%	80.1% ⁵	79.3%
New Zealand Farmgate Milk Price (per kgMS)	\$7.54	\$8.40-\$9.00 ⁶	\$7.25-\$8.75
Return on capital	6.6%	On track ⁷	6.5% to 7.0%
Debt/EBITDA	2.7x	On track ⁷	2.4x
Adjusted Net Debt Gearing Ratio	38.5%	On track ⁷	34.5%
Normalised earnings per share	34c	On track ⁷	25c to 40c

1. Part of zero harm philosophy which also includes target 0 serious harm/0 fatalities
2. Senior leadership defined as Band 14+
3. Under ongoing management review of the provider and means of determining engagement, measurement of this metric may not be completed during the FY22 financial year
4. Calculated using a combination of actual data and estimates. FY22 GHG target flat reflecting improved efficiencies

- offset by increased volumes
5. Season to 30 September 2021. Prior comparable season to 30 September 2020: 80.0%
6. Latest publicly announced Forecast Farmgate Milk Price
7. FY22 Q1 reflects a full year forecast basis

Glossary

Debt/EBITDA

Is adjusted net debt divided by Total Group normalised earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (Total Group normalised EBITDA) excluding share of profit/loss of equity accounted investees and net foreign exchange gains/losses

Farmgate Milk Price

Means the average price paid by Fonterra for each kilogram of milk solids (kgMS) supplied by Fonterra's farmer shareholders under Fonterra's standard terms of supply. The season refers to the 12-month milk season of 1 June to 31 May. The Farmgate Milk Price is set by the Board, based on the recommendation of the Milk Price Panel. In making that recommendation, the Panel provides assurance to the Board that the Farmgate Milk Price has been calculated in accordance with the Farmgate Milk Price Manual

kgMS

Means kilograms of milk solids, the measure of the amount of fat and protein in the milk supplied to Fonterra

Adjusted net debt gearing ratio

Is adjusted net debt divided by total capital. Total capital is equity excluding hedge reserves, plus adjusted net debt. It includes net borrowings attributed to disposal groups held for sale

Normalised earnings per share (EPS)

Is normalised profit after tax attributed to equity holders of the Co-operative divided by the weighted average number of shares on issue for the period

Season

New Zealand: A period of 12 months from 1 June to 31 May

Return on capital

Is Total Group normalised EBIT including finance income on long-term advances less a notional tax charge, divided by average capital employed

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