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### **SA Dairy Industry Receives a Boost.**

The Dairy Farmers Milk Co-operative (DFMC), as a major supplier of milk to Lion, were advised that United Dairy Power (UDP) has successfully acquired the Murray Bridge and Jervois factories in South Australia.

DFMC Chairman, Ian Zandstra, said the Lions' (formally called National Foods) decision, in March this year, to sell the Murray Bridge and Jervois factories was originally of concern as more than 120 DFMC farmer members faced the prospect of uncertainty regarding a home for their milk and the price and terms of milk supplied.

"I welcome the news that negotiations have resulted in UDP entering into South Australia. To have the factories retained as operating processing plants is a good outcome for the South Australia Dairy Industry and a good outcome for DFMC Suppliers," said Mr Zandstra

"DFMC looks forward to seeing the future milk growth plans of UDP as a result of the buyout and developing a relationship with UDP in the months to come. Our farmers in SA supply more than 200 million litres of the milk per annum and it's our role to represent them as a collective to ensure the best possible milk price and trading terms are reached," said Mr Zandstra.

DFMC represents 1,220 farmer members from 780 dairy farms that produce one billion litres of milk per annum. Since the sale of the Dairy Farmers business (including the Simpson, Jervois and Murray Bridge sites) to National Foods in 2008, DFMC supplies its milk to National Foods.

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*Dairy Farmers Milk Co-operative (DFMC) represents 1,220 members from 780 dairy farms in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia. DFMC is a true farmer Co-operative that for more than a century has worked to maximise the value of the milk produced by its members. Collectively, DFMC members produce over one billion litres of milk per annum and DFMC is the largest single supplier to the Australian fresh dairy market.*