

Issue

Dairy Farmers in NSW are eligible for a \$1 rebate on all NLIS devices purchased to be used in dairy cows. The rebate is provided from the Dairy Contingency reserve administered by the NSW Dairy Industry Conference.

Background

- The NSW NLIS Dairy Rebate Scheme was established in November 2003.
- DICon received approval from the Minister to access \$500,000 from the Dairy Contingency reserve to support the scheme. The original scheme provided a rebate for producers to ensure they paid no more than \$2.50 per tag. The producer rebate was altered to a \$1 rebate in May 2005 when the State Government announced the subsidised price of tags at \$2.60
- Herd recording companies were involved to act as an auditing process and ensure that all tags that applied for the rebate were inserted and working correctly in the ears of cattle.
- The rebate was also targeted to promote NLIS as a herd management tool. Herd recording companies and the Australian Dairy Herd Improvement Scheme were involved to record cow identification to a national dairy database.
- Following representations from the Dairy Committee, the NSW Dairy Industry Conference agreed to change the program to make it more accessible to dairy farmers. The Minister for Primary Industries agreed to this change in February 2007.

What can I claim for?

The new arrangements allow dairy farmers in NSW to claim \$1 rebate for every NLIS device (ear tag or bolus) purchased and used in NSW dairy cows pastured in NSW.

How do I claim my rebate?

1. Purchase the NLIS devices through your regular supplier and keep a copy of the supplier invoice.
2. Complete an application form available from the NSW Farmers' Association website (http://www.nswfarmers.org.au/ag_update/dairy) under the Dairy Section. On your application form you will need to provide your contact details, Property Identification Code, size of dairy herd and number of devices purchased.
3. Complete the statutory declaration available from the NSW Farmers' Association website under the Dairy Section.
4. Send application, statutory declaration and copy of supplier invoice to:

Secretary
NSW Dairy Industry Conference
PO Box 833
Mudgee, NSW 2850

The rebate for tags will be allocated on a first come, first served basis (**Important note: You do not need to be involved in herd recording to be eligible for the rebate.**)

For more information, contact:

NSW Farmers' Association Member Service Centre – 1300 794 000.