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**Historic DairyBio partnership a win for farmers**

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Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) has welcomed a historic partnership between the Victorian State Government and Dairy Australia who will together invest \$45 million in a new research initiative, DairyBio. DairyBio will deliver innovation for pasture and herd productivity research crucial to a profitable future for the dairy industry.

ADF President, Simone Jolliffe said the investment recognises the pivotal role that dairy plays in Victoria's economy as well as rural communities across the State.

"DairyBio is a win for the dairy industry, particularly farmers. Encouraging uptake of innovative technologies is a challenge in an environment where on farm input costs continue to go up. Shared government and industry investment in research, development and extension (R, D & E) is critical to our success," Mrs Jolliffe said.

"This partnership is an exciting co-investment in forage and genomic research, development and extension crucial to a strong, profitable future for the dairy industry."

Building on dairy bioscience developments achieved by the Dairy Futures Cooperative Research Centre (CRC), this initiative ensures the excellent work being conducted by scientists at the AgriBio facility at Bundoora will continue for the benefit of the dairy industry.

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