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## Cluster Farms Scoping Proposal-Murray Dairy Region

The Gardiner Foundation and Murray Dairy are funding the Cluster Farms Scoping Proposal. The project addresses issues specific to the irrigated dairy industry in the Murray Dairy region and aims to facilitate the formation of Cluster Farms.

### What is a Cluster Farm?

A Cluster farm is any vehicle that brings together land and/or water and/or livestock and/or machinery and/or human resources from more than one farm to increase the resources available for the production of milk in the Murray Dairy region.

### In Practice

At its most complex a Cluster Farm may bring together the various resources (land, water, livestock, machinery and human resources) from a number of properties under one management umbrella.

At its simplest a Cluster Farm may be one neighbour who is committed to continuing in the dairy industry leasing the farm next door that is currently being underutilised.

Participants in the Cluster Farm -:

1. Receive dividends on the capital that they have invested in the Cluster
2. Receive payment for the labour they contribute to the Cluster
3. Achieve capital gains over time
4. Maintain (or return) the farm in a working state

### More Information

**If you are interested in obtaining more information please contact Murray Dairy's Project Co-ordinator, Cameron Smith on 0437 073 843 or [farmanco@iinet.net.au](mailto:farmanco@iinet.net.au).**

