

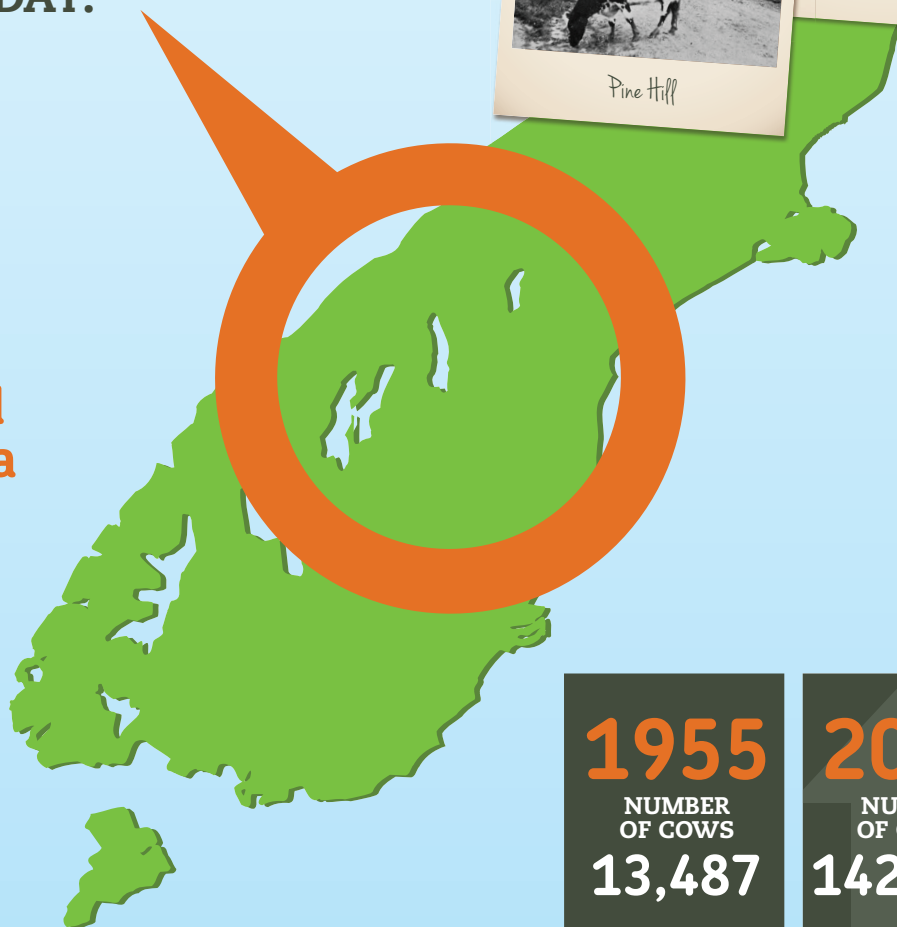
OTAGO REGION

DAIRY FACTORIES IN
THIS REGION TODAY:

Stirling

START YOUR
RESEARCH
WITH THESE
HISTORIC SITES:

**Bruce, Stirling,
Springfield, and
Otago Peninsula**



1955

NUMBER
OF COWS

13,487

2005

NUMBER
OF COWS

142,370

HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT DAIRYING IN THE OTAGO REGION

In 1871 John Mathieson and neighbouring farmers at Springfield formed the Otago Peninsula Co-operative Cheese Factory Company. After a move to Highcliff in 1875, they had the first factory-style dairy processing operation in New Zealand, supplying Dunedin and exporting to Australia.

In the interwar years, Otago's population and settlement did not expand as it did in the North Island dairying regions. Rural economies have been reinvigorated in the 1990s and 2000s.

In Clutha district, farms have been converted from sheep to more lucrative dairying, and vineyards and wineries have been developed in parts of Central Otago.



THE SCOTS

Scots were also successful farmers.

In 1882 they owned about half the farms of more than 40 hectares. Some succeeded spectacularly well. In 1892, 40% of those owning more than 4,000 hectares were Scots. TC Brash saw the Dairy Board through its formative years.

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Regional museums that might be able to help you with your research: **Harbour & Tyne Historic Precinct, Hocken Collections Uare Taoka o Hakena and Maniototo Early Settlers Museum**. For more museums that may be able to assist, visit www.nz museums.co.nz

Historypin DairyNZ Time Capsule Project <http://bit.ly/12VV8Au>

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