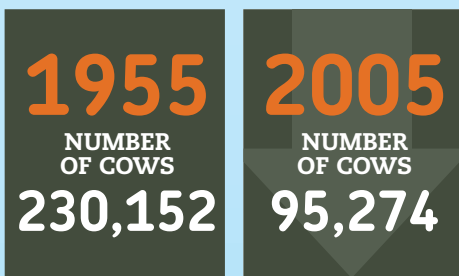


WELLINGTON/ WAIRARAPA REGION

START YOUR
RESEARCH
WITH THESE
HISTORIC SITES:

**Ballance Co-op,
Dalefield, Featherston,
Farmers Co-op Dairy
Company, Dairy Farmers
Union, Otaki - Manukau
and Parkvale**



HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT DAIRYING IN THE WELLINGTON/WAIRARAPA REGION

In the Wairarapa, dairying began in the 19th century with the Small Farms Association and bush settlements. These set up budding farmers on small blocks of forested land. Grass replaced trees and farmers ran herds of 20-25 cows.

In Wellington, Brooklyn, two kilometres uphill from the city centre, was originally known as Fitchett, after John Fitchett, whose dairy farm supplied the town milk.

For much of the 19th and part of the 20th century, Wellington's town belt was home to a number of dairy farms which provided the city with milk.

By the 1920s refrigerated transport had improved and cows were no longer needed so close to town. The farms, which had been stripped of foliage by grazing cows and horses, were replanted by the Wellington City Council.



THE ITALIANS

Early migrants from Florence and Tuscany began dairy farming and market gardening in Levin and the Horowhenua District. As late as 1968 there were 20 small family farms in this region.

Have been sourced from www.teara.govt.nz

Regional museums that might be able to help you with your research: **Aratoi - Wairarapa Museum of Art and History, Cobblestones Wairarapa Regional Settlers Museum and Carterton Districts Historical Society.** 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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