

# A PROUD HISTORY



**1840**

Most dairy products consumed by a family and their neighbours. Any more than four cows was a full time job

**1882**

Refrigeration became available. This meant dairy products could be transported around the country and overseas

**1893**

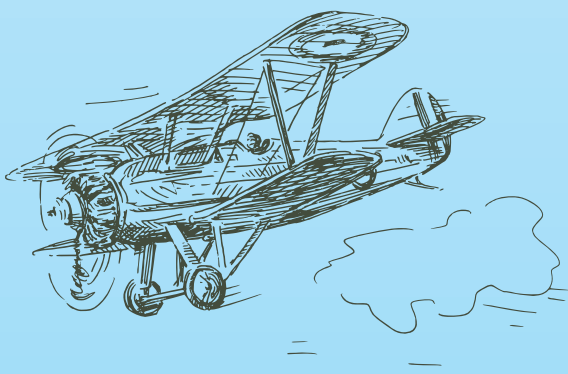
The first milking machine arrived in New Zealand. Workers could now milk more cows and so herds increased

**1928**

The Plant Research Station was set up in New Zealand. Scientists now worked to find the best grass for New Zealand Farms

**1930**

Aerial top dressing was invented by New Zealand Farmers. This allowed superphosphate fertiliser to be spread quickly and cheaply



## 1880s

- 1814** First cows to New Zealand
- 1846** First export of cheese from New Zealand
- 1871** First dairy cooperative formed in Otago
- 1882** The first refrigerated shipment of meat and butter left Dunedin for London
- 1884** The first Holstein-Friesian cow was imported to the South Island by Canterbury farmer John Grigg
- 1886** The Anchor brand was born
- 1888** Anchor butter was first exported to Australia and Hong Kong and won a prestigious award at Melbourne's Centennial International Exhibition
- 1893** A Scottish mechanical milking machine was trialled in Mangere



## 1900s

- Early 1900s** First milking machines in use
- 1909** Organised herd testing began at the Dalefield Dairy Company, Wairarapa – testing the fat content of milk to stop unscrupulous farmers adding water
  - 1913** The country's first lactose factory is built at Edendale, Southland for the New Zealand Sugar of Milk and Casein Company. A growing market for casein develops, and within a few years 22 factories are producing curd for cheese manufacturing
  - 1915** The government begins a programme under its Discharge Soldiers Settlement Act to provide potential farming land for 9,500 soldiers returning from World War 1
  - 1918** By the end of World War 1, 7,600 milking machines had been installed around New Zealand
  - 1923** New Zealand Dairy Control Board was created to market dairy products overseas
  - 1927** Dairy Research Institute established, the first of New Zealand's specialised research institutions
  - 1930** The number of cooperative dairy companies grows to more than 400
  - 1934** Keeping records of the production from offspring of a cow (progeny testing), and relating this to the bull parent (sire surveying) begins.
  - 1937** Bill Gallagher Senior makes his first electric fence
  - 1939** Ruakura and Wallaceville research stations set up to help increase animal productivity