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Tasmanian farmers leading the way with robotic technology

Farmers and industry professionals from around Tasmania were today given an up-close look at the benefits of technology, as Gala Farm at Quamby Brook demonstrated how iPhones and robots play a central role in the property's farming operations.

Part of 'A Day in the Dairy', run by Primary Employers Tasmania, it was a great example of how state-of-the-art technology can benefit the agricultural industry.

From using robotic milk stations as part of its voluntary grazing system, to using an iPhone to train fresh cows, robotic technology has given Gala Farm more flexibility in its operations and improved cow comfort, which leads to better production.

Dairy is one of the powerhouses of the Tasmanian economy, worth over \$450 million at the farm gate and over \$700 million when processed.

Our Government is a strong supporter of our producers and we have stood shoulder to shoulder with our agriculture sector during the challenges of the past year.

Government initiatives such as our AgriGrowth Loan Scheme and our significant support of the dairy sector including the \$80,000 AI technicians training program in partnership with DairyTas, underpin our commitment to supporting our primary industries to grow and innovate.

Events such as this demonstrate the expertise and world-leading practices employed throughout Tasmania's agricultural industry, and highlight the innovation that will help grow the farm gate value of Tasmanian agricultural to \$10 billion per year by 2050.