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CHEFS TO CRACK OVER 5000 EGGS TO FEED CUP CROWD

Chefs at Flemington Racecourse will crack over 5000 eggs to cater for hungry Melbourne Cup punters during the race that stops the nation on November 7.

Corporate caterers and food marquees will use 435 dozen eggs which equates to 5220 individual eggs.

Egg Farmers of Australia CEO Melinda Hashimoto said the egg order demonstrates how the Melbourne Cup supports many Australian agricultural food industries.

"Eggs are used in a diverse range of dishes inside Flemington's main food outlets and corporate marquees and are an important Aussie-produced ingredient for the day's culinary scene," Ms Hashimoto said.

"There is a clear symbiotic relationship between the Melbourne Cup and farmers supplying raw products from around Australia."

Australia's commercial egg farmers produce 6.3 billion eggs a year to satisfy the nation's growing appetite fresh eggs.

"Many punters may not realise that eggs have one of the lowest carbon footprints out of any farmed food and are the most environmentally sustainable, and affordable, proteins that you can eat," Mrs Hashimoto said.

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