



Lianne Pokere, personal assistant to City Dairy Ltd manager Colin Banks, with three of the new containers in the company's factory.

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New milk cartons on the way

North Taranaki residents will soon be buying milk in two litre containers.

Big demand for the containers in other areas has prompted City Dairy Ltd to introduce them as soon as it gets a suitable filling machine.

The two litre containers will cost \$1.85.

Managing director Colin Banks says the company has two machines to choose from.

If a \$65,000 Australian machine is bought, the cartons will be out in three months.

Mr Banks says the alternative is a \$90,000 filler from the United States

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which will see the cartons delayed until August or September because of delivery holdups.

Both machines have the capacity to fill 70 containers per minute.

On top of that City Dairy Ltd will have to provide \$25,000 for a labelling machine.

City Dairy Ltd this week announced price rises to cover increased production costs and charges from New Plymouth County Council. It will also allow a catch-up on the 7% wage increase settled in January.

Mr Banks says the company also has plans to introduce flavoured milk in one litre cartons, but not until next summer.

A 600ml bottle of milk goes up 2c to 50c. A 300ml bottle of cream will cost 85c while litre cartons will cost 90c. The increases start from Friday.