

SESSION 6 3.10 to 4.30pm
LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Chairperson – Andrew Wylie

Jim Wade, Animal Nutritionist

Getting the most from your Feed Plan

In order to evaluate the response to a diet change we have to be able to recognise the signs associated with poor feed digestion associated with an imbalance.

Some of the following areas will be covered in the presentation

- Can you grow enough forage on your farm?
- Principles of maximising feed digestion and drymatter intake
- Balancing starch and fibre for optimum digestion
- Indicators of poor starch and fibre digestion or excessive diet fermentability

Some of the indicators that you can look for on the farm will show you if the dairy diet needs to be reviewed or balanced.

Jim will also present some examples of diets that utilize locally grown grain and forages to produce the most profitable result.

Rachel Brown, Agricultural Resource Management

The Carbon story for Dairy in Tasmania and on farm actions

Rachel's presentation will overview outcomes of technical work done with 3 focus farms. She will highlight parts of the farm carbon cycle where farmers can achieve on-farm actions for climate change eg. farm energy efficiency. She will share ideas raised by farmers as positive climate change actions. Her presentation will also identify some of the issues in relation to soil carbon and vegetation offsets and what the practical implications are for farmers. Also included will be comparisons of dairy farm emissions to everyday society activities.

Malcolm White, The Skills Institute

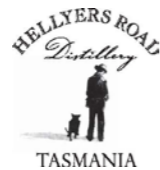
Delivering better Training Outcomes for the Tasmanian Dairy Industry

Skills training is vocational, applied and closely tied to the world of work. When done well, skills training is done in partnership with employers and industry. It sees the workplace as a reference point and in many cases the primary learning centre.

Industry has, and should have, the role of specifying competencies and skill levels. Individual enterprises and business should have the opportunity of tailoring training to meet business goals and workplace production requirements. The work of the Skills Institute in meeting the needs of the Dairy Industry should be ultimately judged by its ability to meet the productivity and quality levels of competitive farm businesses. In doing this farmers are the Skills Institute's partners playing a vital role in the training process as mentors and advisors.

Equally, the work of the Skills Institute should be judged by its ability to provide individuals with skills that are valuable to employers and recognised nationally.

Finish 4.30pm
Lucky Door Prize Draws



Hellyer Road Distillery Whisky sampling and purchasing available from 2.30pm onwards

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SESSION 1 9am to 9.50am

LEADING THE INDUSTRY FORWARD

Chairperson – David Squibb

Ian Halliday, Managing Director, Dairy Australia

Working together to meet the challenges of the industry

Ian will provide his insights into the role Dairy Australia plays in the dairy industry and an overview on how dairy farmer levies are being utilised in addressing the current and future challenges to the industry.

Wes Judd, President, Australian Dairy Farmers

Our connections in the Dairy Industry - Community, Markets and Government

Wes is President of the national dairy farmer representative body, Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) and a dairy farmer in Queensland. He will look at what is looming ahead for dairy and how the dairy industry is dealing with community and market expectations. A review of the state and national representative bodies is currently underway.

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SESSION 2 9.50am to 10.40am

INDUSTRY AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Chairperson – David Johnston

Frank Drum, NAB Analyst Consumer Sectors

International Economic and Dairy Outlook

Frank Drum's presentation will focus on providing an overview of the current global and domestic economic outlook and the likely impacts on the global dairy market.

Jo Bills, Dairy Australia

Dairy Situation and Outlook Report

According to Dairy Australia's Situation & Outlook report the low milk price, last season's rain, re-sowing pastures and lower equity rates have all contributed to the lack of profits for Tasmanian dairy farmers. However Tasmanian dairy farmers remain amongst the most positive in the country. The report suggests milk price is the current main challenge being faced by 60 per cent of Tasmanian farmers. There are 1000 farmers surveyed in the annual National Dairy Farmer Survey (NDFS), which examines farmer attitudes and intentions and provides key inputs for the Situation and Outlook report, the annual barometer of the industry. The Situation and Outlook report is just one of many examples of the dairy services levy at work.

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Morning Tea 10.45am

SESSION 3 11.15am to 12.30pm

INNOVATION (Keynote theme with 3 concurrent sessions)

Jurgen Steen, Lely Aust/Craig Stokes Dairy Maintenance & Installation (outside location)

Chairperson – Cheryl McCartie

Pasture based application of Robotic milking

Lely Australia and Dairy Maintenance & Installation will demonstrate the function of the robotic milking machine, explain some of its features and how it can be used on a typical Australian dairy farm.

Allister Moorhead, Agricom (Leven Theatre)

Chairperson – Bob Bush

Perennial Ryegrass, persistence and changing goal posts

Perennial ryegrass is simplistic, the backbone, the raw energy of intensive and productive temperate farm systems.

Is it failing us or are expectations and changing goal posts exceeding this valuable temperate species natural abilities?

This presentation looks at what perennial ryegrass is and just how many factors combine to impact upon pasture persistence.

It focuses on the poorly understood role of endophyte in plant survival and looks at the changing goal posts of modern farming and how these influence ryegrass survival

Ian Sawyer, Ruminant Nutritionist, Feedworks (Gawler Room)

Chairperson – Rhys Palmer

3 challenges (and opportunities) in feeding cows in Tasmania

Ian will talk about ruminant nutrition and in particular focus on 3 challenges of grass based dairy systems. This includes sub acute ruminal acidosis (SARA), the great mystery of seasonal depression of fat yield and integrating slow starch feeds in to the cow's diet.

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SESSION 4 12.30pm

DAIRY IN THE SCHOOLS

Chairperson – MaryAnn Hortle

Mooin Transfer presentation from St Brendan-Shaw College

You have seen the Gruen Transfer, here is the Mooin Transfer. St Brendan's Shaw College from Devonport will share their highly acclaimed presentation to the 2010 Australian Dairy Conference, 'Which path will you take?'

Lunch 12.45pm

SESSION 5 1.30 to 2.50pm

FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Chairperson – Guy Miller

Penny Williams

Farm health check and lessons from the Taking Stock Project

The Taking Stock program was developed some years ago by Dairy Australia as a means for farmers to sit down with a trained advisor and do a quick financial and physical review of their business. Taking Stock is a program that helps with the evaluation of where the farm is at. Since late 2009 over 140 Tasmanian dairy farms have participated in the program. Mark Smith from DairyTas will provide a summary of the main farm information from Taking Stock.

Penny Williams and Basil Doonan have been the main dairy consultants involved in delivering Taking Stock for DairyTas. Penny will give a perspective on the results and implications for the industry and interview one of our Taking Stock farmers.

Andrew Carter & Stuart Burr

Dairy Farm profiles

Dairy farmers Andrew Carter and Stuart Burr from Ringarooma in the North East region will discuss their farm performance and plans with Chris Haynes from the TIAR Dairy Centre.



Steve Little, Grains2Milk program leader for Dairy Australia

Production system performance and managing risk-Insights from the TasMilk-60 project

In this presentation, Grains2Milk program leader for Dairy Australia, Dr. Steve Little, will look at the performance of a set of 60 Tasmanian dairy farms studied over three very different years (2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09) in the TasMilk-60 project. Steve will then share some insights from this project into farm production / feeding system performance and managing risk.

Afternoon Tea Break 2.50pm
Whisky sampling with Hellyer Road Distillery

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