



NEW ZEALAND

**DAIRY INDUSTRY**  
· AWARDS ·

# NATIONAL AWARDS

**2026 PROGRAMME**

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**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

**ROTORUA**



# NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIR'S ADDRESS

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the National Committee, to welcome you to the 2026 National Dairy Industry Awards dinner.

Tonight, we celebrate the people who continue to drive our industry forward — resilient, practical, and always looking for better ways to farm and lead.

The past year has brought its challenges and has tested us all. But it has also shown the strength of our farmers, their ability to adapt, make good decisions, and keep moving forward.

We've also seen the upside of strong pasture growth at times and opportunities to capitalise when conditions allow. That balance is part of farming, and it's what makes this industry both challenging and rewarding.

To our entrants and finalists, congratulations! Your commitment to improving, learning, and stepping up sets you apart. You represent the future of our industry, and it's a strong one.

Thank you to our national sponsors, your ongoing commitment to this awards programme and to the dairy industry makes evenings like this possible. To our judges and volunteers, your time, effort, and commitment to the programme is hugely appreciated.

Finally, a massive thank you to the NZDIA Trust, Management Team, and National Committee for the work that goes into delivering this programme each year.

Enjoy the evening and take the time to celebrate your achievements and each other.

Have a great night!

**Maegan Legg**

**NZDIA National Committee Chair**

# ORDER OF CEREMONY

Finalist Introductions  
Minister of Agriculture  
NZDIA National Committee Chair  
Dairy Trainee of the Year Head Judge  
Dairy Trainee of the Year Merit Awards

## DINNER

Dairy Manager of the Year Head Judge  
Dairy Manager of the Year Merit Awards  
Golden Gumboot Award  
Share Farmer of the Year Head Judge  
Share Farmer of the Year Merit Awards  
CowManager Experience Award  
Services to the Dairy Industry Award

## DESSERT

NZDIA Trust Chair  
Fonterra Responsible Dairying Award  
ASB Alumni of the Year Award  
Fonterra & ASB First Farm Award  
2025 Dairy Trainee of the Year  
Dairy Trainee of the Year Placings  
2025 Dairy Manager of the Year  
Dairy Manager of the Year Placings  
2025 Share Farmer of the Year  
Share Farmer of the Year Placings  
All winners on stage

# MERIT AWARD

## PRESENTATIONS



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**DAIRY TRAINEE**  
· OF THE YEAR ·

Best Video Award

DairyNZ Practical Skills Award

The Country Communication & Industry

Involvement Award

Federated Farmers Farming Knowledge Award

Ecolab Personal Growth & Development Award

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**DAIRY MANAGER**  
· OF THE YEAR ·

DairyNZ People & Leadership Award

CowManager Livestock Management Award

Fonterra Dairy Management Award

LIC Interview Award

Craigmore Farming & Safer Farms

Health & Safety Award

Ecolab Environmental Sustainability Award

DeLaval Sustainable Pasture Award

Personal Planning & Financial Management Award

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**SHARE FARMER**  
· OF THE YEAR ·

DairyNZ People & Culture Award

Ecolab Total Farm Hygiene & Innovation Award

Federated Farmers Leadership Award

Honda Farm Safety, Health & Biosecurity Award

LIC Animal Wellbeing, Recording &

Productivity Award

Power Farming Environmental Sustainability Award

Trelleborg Sustainable Pasture Award

ASB Business Performance Award

Novonesis Excellence

Interview & Communication Award

# NORTHLAND



**DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR**

## Hayden Lupton

**Wellsford | 400 cows | Farm Owners: Greg & Ingrid McCracken**

Winning the Northland Dairy Trainee of the Year has given me amazing opportunities and confidence to back myself in any task. This journey is just the start of an amazing career ahead and the stepping stone to eventually becoming a farm owner.

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**DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

## Cole Henwood

**Matarau | 650 cows | Farm Owners: Ken & Mary Finlayson**

Winning the Northland Dairy Manager of the Year is a proud milestone for my wife Jessie and I. We are passionate about building a strong future for our family through dairying. I am committed to growing as a leader, developing people, and creating positive environments where teams can thrive, while contributing to the future of New Zealand agriculture.

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**SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR**

## Daniel & Zara Colgan

**Kaiwaka | 400 cows | Farm Owners: Dan & Jen Colgan**

We have enjoyed the opportunity to show our passion for the dairy industry. We are proud to have a high-performing dairy farm that prioritises animal wellbeing, staff happiness, and environmental sustainability, while maintaining profitability. This journey has given us the chance to learn, connect, grow and focus on what we wanted to achieve.

# AUCKLAND / HAURAKI



**DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR**

## Wil Wilkie

**Paeroa | 600 cows | Farm Owners: B & T Hopson**

I have loved being involved in the dairy industry for the past three years, and learning such a wide variety of new skills. Winning Dairy Trainee of the Year has given me new confidence in my abilities and knowledge, which I will take forward with me in to the future of my farming career.

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**DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

## Owen Clifford

**Waerenga | 470 cows | Farm Owners: Ross & Tracey Laing**

Entering the Dairy Industry Awards isn't just about the win, it's about opening up new opportunities. My wife Sarah and I see farm ownership as a future goal for us, to enjoy the family farm life with our son.

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**SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR**

## Olivia Sutton & Craig Dobbe

**Waerenga | 480 cows | Farm Owner: JRC Farm Limited**

Dairy farming is a big part of our lives, and we take a long-term view in everything we do. It's about making good decisions and continuing to improve, while caring for the land and the future of the farm. We don't take for granted that we get to do it together.

# WAIKATO



**DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR**

## Levi Wesford

**Te Miro | 210 cows | Farm Owners: Matt & Amelia Weatherhead**

The Dairy Industry Awards has given me an invaluable opportunity to connect with rural professionals and leading farmers in the industry. It has boosted my confidence in my abilities while highlighting key areas for growth, helping me continue developing my knowledge, skills and experience as I progress further in my career.

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**DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

## Annie Gill

**Ōtorohanga | 140 cows | Farm Owners: Doug & Lorraine Courtman**

Driven by a passion for dairy farming, I'm proud to represent the next generation of farmers. I am focused on breeding quality livestock and encouraging young people into the industry. The Dairy Industry Awards programme has provided a valuable platform to measure my progress, build confidence, and continue developing new skills and ideas for my future goals.

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**SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR**

## Glenn & Georgie van Heuven

**Matamata | 400 cows | Farm Owners: Sid & Dellas Anderton**

We are passionate dairy farmers who believe dairy brings huge opportunities. Committed to excellence and continual growth, we aim to inspire others, lead with integrity, and create a lasting impact for our communities and the next generation. We are deeply grateful to those who have shaped our journey so far and are excited for what lies ahead.

# BAY OF PLENTY



**DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR**

## Breiton Tuwairua

**Waimana | 465 cows | Farm Owner: Te Uru Taumatua**

Winning the Dairy Industry Awards has been a huge milestone for me, recognising the hard work, growth, and dedication I've put into my farming journey. It has given me confidence in my ability, opened new opportunities, and strengthened my belief in what I can achieve. My goal is to continue progressing through the ranks, build strong leadership skills, and one day step into farm ownership.

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**DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

## Reno Moses

**Galatea | 700 cows | Farm Owners: Rory & Susan Gordon**

My passion for farming has given me the opportunity to further my career and continue to grow more in the dairy industry. Having success in the Dairy Industry Awards has given me the confidence to pursue my goal to contract milking within the next three years.

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**SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR**

## Stefan & Rachel Grobecker

**Waimana | 255 cows | Farm Owner: Mary Allen Farm**

The dairy industry allows us to grow equity, enjoy meaningful work, and prioritize family time. Through compassionate care for our cows and environmentally mindful farming, we strive to create a thriving, sustainable business that benefits our staff, our community, and our family.

# CENTRAL PLATEAU



**DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR**

## Claire Swindells

**Reporoa | 350 cows | Farm Owners: Robin & Annette Broderson**

Winning the Central Plateau Dairy Trainee of the Year has given me confidence in my abilities and reinforces my passion for the dairy industry. It has helped me recognise my strengths, build connections, and continue developing my skills while working towards my first major goal of progressing into a 50/50 sharemilking position in the future.

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**DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

## Abishek (Jordie) Sharma

**Taupō | 625 cows | Farm Owner: Pāmu Farms of New Zealand (Halls Dairy Unit)**

I am passionate about dairy farming and am driven to improve farm performance through strong leadership, data-driven decisions, and high-quality feed management. I focus on animal welfare and consistency to maximise production. This award reinforces my goal of progressing into farm ownership and continuing to lift standards within the dairy industry.

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**SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR**

## Navdeep Singh & Jobanpreet Kaur

**Rotorua | 1200 cows | Farm Owners: Mark & Donna Keaney**

We have loved the journey dairy farming has taken our family on. Winning this award is a significant milestone in both our personal and professional goals. Together, we are focused on building a profitable and environmentally sustainable farming business while working toward the long-term goal of farm ownership.

# TARANAKI



## DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

### Shicaela Kane

Otakeho | 300 cows | Farm Owner: Dom Schuler

Entering the Dairy Industry Awards has been an amazing experience. It has given me the confidence I needed to take steps towards 50/50 sharemilking, and it has broadened my skill set. It has helped to put me in touch with rural professionals as well as other farmers, to help develop my knowledge and career.

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## DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR

### Miriam Lauridsen

Warea | 371 cows | Farm Owner: Liam O'Sullivan

I have always had a strong interest in farming and enjoy the lifestyle and opportunities it brings. Working in the dairy industry allows me to continue building my skills and knowledge. I am motivated to continue progressing in the sector, with the long-term goal of land ownership.

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## SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR

### Tom & Samantha Lumsden

Waverley | 330 cows | Farm Owner: Tom Lance Trust

Winning the Taranaki Share Farmer of the Year award means a great deal to us. It reflects the long hours, challenges overcome, and pride in doing things well. We're focused on building a business that supports our family, grows good people, and cares for the land and animals. This award confirms that we're heading in the right direction.

# MANAWATŪ



**DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR**

## Jack Foster

**Longburn | 850 cows | Farm Owner: Fonterra**

Becoming a regional winner has strengthened my confidence and confirmed that hard work and commitment on farm make a real difference. It has encouraged me to keep growing my professional and practical skills, as well as encouraging others, and taking the next steps towards my long-term goals.

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**DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

## Adrian Waugh

**Āpiti | 950 cows | Farm Owner: Hopkins Farming Group  
(Grandbend Farm)**

Winning the Manawatū Dairy Industry Awards has pushed me beyond my comfort zone and strengthened my determination to build a long-term career in the dairy industry. My fiancé and I are both highly driven and ambitious, and we plan to progress into lower-order sharemilking next year as we continue working towards our goals.

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**SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR**

## Karl & Jess Wood

**Shannon | 230 cows | Farm Owner: Wyke Partnership**

We have an honest passion for dairy cows and this industry. We're loving our journey towards breeding the best type and highest producing cows we can. We are proud of who we are, what we do and how we do it.

# HAWKES BAY/ WAIRARAPA



**DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR**

## Conor Attrill-Mundt

**Napier | 845 cows | Farm Owners: Greg & Gail Mitchell**

Winning the Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa Dairy Trainee of the Year has given me confidence that I am on the right path toward my five-year goal of purchasing my first dairy herd. It has helped me understand my career progression while developing key skills and expanding my professional network.

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**DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

## Sam Cooper

**Pahiatua | 550 cows | Farm Owner: Dairy Farm Investments Ruawhata**

I have a huge passion for the dairy industry and the opportunities it provides me for personal and business growth through different pathways. The Dairy Industry Awards has created a space for me to not only challenge myself and my processes, but to also measure and share my passion at a competitive level.

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**SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR**

## Tony Hudson & Rachel Jones

**Kumeroa | 189 cows | Farm Owners: Duncan & Michelle Brown**

We strive to be leaders in the dairy industry, building a strong farming future, making a positive impact in our community, caring for our animals whilst looking after the land and environment.

# WEST COAST / TOP OF THE SOUTH



**DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR**

## Mark Ready

**Maruia | 250 cows | Farm Owner: Hebron Farming**

Winning the West Coast/Top of the South Dairy Trainee of the Year is a huge accomplishment for me, and has given me the confidence that I can achieve my goal of farm ownership. I really love the dairy industry and the massive opportunities it offers to excel and better yourself. I'm excited to be a part of this industry and help others see the endless possibilities.

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**DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

## Preet Singh

**Westport | 920 cows | Farm Owner: Pāmu Farms of New Zealand**

My favourite quote is 'if we give our cows 100% they will give us 100%'. Since childhood I've learned that we should look after things that we are blessed with. As farmers, our most important job is to make sure we're taking care of our animals, taking care of the environment, and providing a great product for our consumers. We should all get better at it every day.

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**SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR**

## Abbi Ayre & Frikkie Terblanche

**Reefton | 494 cows | Farm Owners: Victor & Karen Kirsten and Aaron Silcock**

We combine a strong focus on business performance with people, pasture and animal efficiency. We are passionate about building a sustainable farming future through smart decision-making, continuous improvement, and a system that supports profitability, good people, and long-term care for the land.

# CANTERBURY / NORTH OTAGO



**DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR**

## Sam O'Neill

**Methven | 850 cows | Farm Owners: Trevor & Stacey Monson**

Winning the Canterbury/North Otago Dairy Trainee of the Year has boosted my confidence and motivation to progress within the dairy industry to achieve my long-term goal of farm ownership. Through entering the awards I now have a greater understanding of my strengths and weaknesses and how I can improve in these areas in future.

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**DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

## Lauren McConnachie

**Hororata | 2180 cows | Farm Owners: The Land Farm Group  
Farm Employers: Rob & Jenine Screen**

Winning the Canterbury/North Otago Dairy Manager of the Year award has been beneficial for my career progression and development. Next season, I will step into a contract milking role near Hinds. My long-term goal is to build equity and create diverse income streams and long-term financial security with my partner.

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**SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR**

## Marc & Megan Lalich

**Darfield | 680 cows | Farm Owners: Peter & Susan Lalich**

We are both passionate about dairy farming and the rewards it presents, especially the lifestyle that it brings. We are driven by our love of cows and being able to set higher targets every season, both in production and profitability. We appreciate the opportunities and knowledge the Dairy Industry Awards have made possible.

# SOUTHLAND / OTAGO



**DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR**

## Taylor Alty

**Winton | 460 cows | Farm Owners: Caleb & Paula Hamill**

I feel privileged to be named Southland/Otago Dairy Trainee of the Year, recognising the work behind my journey. My goals are to become a contract milker with my partner within five years and to continue growing and achieving as a netball player outside of work.

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**DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

## Lan Bariuad

**Edendale | 595 cows | Farm Owner: Fortuna Group Limited**

Winning in the Dairy Industry Awards is a proud milestone that reflects my dedication, my team work and my passion for the dairy industry. It inspires me to keep improving my skills, my knowledge and strengthen team performance. My goal is to build a sustainable and efficient operation, while growing into a respected leader who contributes positively to the future of New Zealand's dairy industry.

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**SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR**

## Scott & Stacey Mackereth

**Edendale | 1325 cows | Farm Owner: Fortuna Group Limited**

We are deeply passionate about dairy farming and the opportunities it creates for our family and our people. We strive to build a high-performing, profitable, and sustainable business while developing our team, backing their growth, and creating pathways for success. We are driven every day to leave our farm, people and industry stronger for the future.

# FONTERRA RESPONSIBLE DAIRYING AWARD NATIONAL NOMINEES



## Tony Dodunski

**CANTERBURY / NORTH OTAGO**

**Lincoln | 610 cows | Farm Owner: Beaumaris Dairies Ltd**

Tony Dodunski leads Beaumaris Dairies with disciplined environmental systems, strong performance, and a commitment to developing people. Alongside three A-grade environmental audits and long-term water monitoring, he contributes to the wider dairy sector through governance roles and founding Ag Assist, strengthening rural communities nationwide.

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## Greg & Amy Gemmell

**MANAWATŪ**

**Bunnythorpe | 161 cows | Farm Owners: B & M Schnell and  
G & A Gemmell**

We own The Milk Barn selling A2 milk from our certified organic farm. We've welcomed thousands of visitors, sharing our farming story of organic, robotic farming and showcasing New Zealand dairy. Focusing on soil health, technology, biodiversity, animal wellbeing and work/life balance. We are committed to transparency, provenance, and community connection - while striving to leave the land better for the next generation.

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## Waionehu Farm Ltd

**CENTRAL PLATEAU**

**Waimangu | 400 cows | Farm Owners: Shane & June Birchall**

We farm with a focus on building resilient soils, improving pasture diversity, and supporting animal health through better mineral balance and biological function. By working with natural processes and refining our system over time, we aim to grow high-quality feed, lift farm performance, and create a resilient, efficient system for the future.

# ASB ALUMNI OF THE YEAR NATIONAL FINALISTS



## Danielle Hovmand & Harry Phipps

**WAIKATO**

**Morrinsville | 250 cows | Farm Owners: Jim & Judy Barrett**

We are passionate about dairy farming and proud of what we have built together. Through hard work, teamwork and a commitment to continual improvement, we have achieved strong farm performance while supporting our community and those around us. We enjoy helping others in the industry and are excited to keep learning, growing and contributing.

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## Alvaro Luzardo & Ximena Puig

**HAWKES BAY / WAIRARAPA**

**Eketāhuna | 465 cows | Farm Owners: Geoff Arends & Ester Romp**

Originally from Uruguay, we're deeply grateful for the opportunities dairy farming has given us in New Zealand. From entry-level roles to sharemilking, our journey is built on hard work, support and teamwork. We're driven to create a sustainable, profitable business and achieve our dream of owning our own farm.

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## Robert & Krystal Whitaker

**WAIKATO**

**Te Awamutu | 238 cows | Farm Owner: Whitaker Dairy Limited**

We are committed to building a thriving, sustainable dairy business that balances strong profitability with environmental sustainability, ensuring long-term security and enjoyment for future generations. Through dedication, innovation, and the support of an exceptional team, we have already begun to see the rewards of our efforts. Dairy remains central to our future vision.

# FONTERRA & ASB FIRST FARM AWARD NATIONAL FINALISTS



## Brett & Emily Bradshaw

**WAIKATO**

**Te Aroha | 1030 cows | Farm Owners: Ada Steverson & Theresa Manning**

We are a dedicated, forward-focused couple, who follow a simple pasture-based dairy farming system, achieving sustainably profitable results. Our vision is to achieve farm ownership and provide a secure future for our family, while participating in and contributing to the industry. Consideration for the First Farm Award is another step towards that dream.

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## Johno & Tania Burrows

**CANTERBURY / NORTH OTAGO**

**Kirwee | 718 cows | Farm Owner: Bealey Farming**

We grew up in the Waikato before moving south for many dairy farming adventures with our three daughters. We currently 50/50 sharemilk in Canterbury. We farm with integrity for our stock, people and planet. We value quality, efficiency and learning every day. Living and working our own land will be a highlight.

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## Jonathon & Stacey Hoets

**CANTERBURY / NORTH OTAGO**

**Ashburton | 755 cows | Farm Owner: John Nicholls**

We are passionate about being involved in the farming sector and the opportunities it presents to us. We love to meet people doing awesome things in the dairy industry, challenge our mindset, while always continuing to grow and develop our knowledge and skill sets.

# FONTERRA & ASB FIRST FARM AWARD NATIONAL FINALISTS



## Marc & Nia Jones

### WAIKATO

**Te Kowhai | 1080 cows | Farm Owners: Te Kowhai East LP,  
Wan Family Trust & Waikoha Limited**

We are in our tenth season here in New Zealand after moving from Wales in 2016. We have been fortunate to follow the career pathway starting as Farm Assistants, owning our own cows and now leasing three farms in the Waikato. Our next goal is to purchase our own dairy farm.

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## Aaron Mills & Sophia Clark

### CENTRAL PLATEAU

**Taumarunui | 760 cows | Farm Owner: Waitea Farms Ltd**

We are in our second season 50/50 sharemilking 760 Jersey cows in Taumarunui. Prior to this we sharemilked 500 cows in Paengaroa and 270 cows in Waharoa. We have two daughters; Jane and Claire. Our farming philosophy is 'Grass Fed, Well Bred'.

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## Danny & Megan Wynyard

### CENTRAL PLATEAU

**Marotiri | 800 cows | Farm Owner: Rostov Dairies**

We are deeply honoured to receive this recognition. For 19 years, dairy farming has been our life - fuelling our passion for the animals, the land, and the industry that sustains our community. We love the challenges that it brings and the lessons it teaches us each day. This prize will not only set us up for the next three years but will help shape our vision and work for the next thirty. Thank you for believing in our family and in the future of dairy.

# NATIONAL JUDGES

## DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

PRACTICAL		INTERVIEW	
Grant Booth	Honda	Enda Hawe	Farmer
Paul Koopal	Farmer	Raewyn Hills	Farmer
Peter Mark	Farmer	Frank Portegys	DairyNZ
Willie McKnight	DairyNZ		
Gene Roberts	Farmer		
Peter Rust	Power Farming		

## DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Mike Bramley	DairyNZ
Kenneth Short	Farmer
Darren Smith	DairyNZ
Carlos Delos Santos - Interview Judge	Farmer

## SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR

Duncan Bayes	ASB
Robert Ervine	Farmer
Ron Pellow	DairyNZ
Kelly O'Reilly-Ward - Interview Judge	Rural Professional

## COWMANAGER EXPERIENCE AWARD

Suzanne Alexander	Farmer
Jared Bekhuis	CowManager
Tim Parsons	Farmer

## FONTERRA RESPONSIBLE DAIRYING AWARD

Chris Appleby	Fonterra
Karl Dean	Federated Farmers
Adam Duker	DEL & DairyNZ
Pete Morgan	Farmer
Steve Veix	DairyNZ

## ASB ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mark Kilmister	ASB
Michael Woodward	Farmer

## FONTERRA & ASB FIRST FARM AWARD

Lisa Payne	Fonterra
Matthew Richards	Farmer
Craig Young	ASB

# NATIONAL TEAM

## NZDIA Management Team

**Robin Congdon**

General Manager

**Stacey Hoets**

Administration Manager

**Jennifer Read**

Regional Support Manager

**Sheryl Haitana**

National Communications Manager

**Jo Rankin**

Finance Manager

## NZDIA Trust

**Paulette Johns - Chair**

**David Burger**

**Sam Ebbett**

**Brendon Stent**

**Gaynor Tierney**

**Tony Wilding**

## NZDIA National Committee

**Maegan Legg - Chair**

**Nia Jones**

**Andrew Macky**

**Murray Perks**

**Nikki Purua**

**Susie Woodward**

# REGIONAL TEAMS

## **NORTHLAND**

Regional Manager	Susanna Booth
Share Farmer of the Year Team Leaders	Jesse & Sharon Bagley
Dairy Manager of the Year Team Leaders	Colin Beazley & Courtney West
Dairy Trainee of the Year Team Leader	Saffrin Sutcliffe

## **AUCKLAND / HAURAKI**

Regional Managers	Kylie Brewer & Teagan Gray
Share Farmer of the Year Team Leaders	Brad & Courtney Edwards
Dairy Manager of the Year Team Leader	Steven Pratt
Dairy Trainee of the Year Team Leader	Caitlin Snodgrass

## **WAIKATO**

Regional Manager	Tyla Ireland
Share Farmer of the Year Team Leaders	Thomas & Fiona Langford
Dairy Manager of the Year Team Leader	Tyla Ireland
Dairy Trainee of the Year Team Leader	Alex Diprose

## **BAY OF PLENTY**

Regional Managers	Rachel Nash & Daniella Sunshine-Tervit
Share Farmer of the Year Team Leaders	Andre & Natalie Meier
Dairy Manager of the Year Team Leader	Thomas Lundman
Dairy Trainee of the Year Team Leader	Rachel Nash

## **CENTRAL PLATEAU**

Regional Managers	Paul & Sarah Koopal
Share Farmer of the Year Team Leaders	Paul & Sarah Koopal and Rebecca O'Brien
Dairy Manager of the Year Team Leader	Jas Singh Mander
Dairy Trainee of the Year Team Leader	Cameron George

## **TARANAKI**

Regional Managers	Hayden & Bridget Goble
Share Farmer of the Year Team Leaders	Kate, Ryan & Scott Anderson
Dairy Manager of the Year Team Leader	Martin Keegan
Dairy Trainee of the Year Team Leader	Saffron Astwood

## **MANAWATŪ**

Regional Manager	Danielle Harvey
Share Farmer of the Year Team Leader	Kate Dawson
Dairy Manager of the Year Team Leader	Jai Spalding
Dairy Trainee of the Year Team Leader	Eva Wooller

## **HAWKES BAY / WAIRARAPA**

Regional Manager	Ximena Puig
Share Farmer of the Year Team Leader	Amy Hillier
Dairy Manager of the Year Team Leader	Grace Te Kahika
Dairy Trainee of the Year Team Leader	Pieter Van Beek

## **WEST COAST / TOP OF THE SOUTH**

Regional Manager	Cheryl Shearer
Share Farmer of the Year Team Leader	Alan Da Veiga
Dairy Manager of the Year Team Leader	Trinity Jackson
Dairy Trainee of the Year Team Leader	Rachel Johnson

## **CANTERBURY / NORTH OTAGO**

Regional Manager	Georgie Sinclair
Share Farmer of the Year Team Leaders	Richard & Nikita Grabham
Dairy Manager of the Year Team Leader	George Dodson
Dairy Trainee of the Year Team Leader	Kate Schuurmans

## **SOUTHLAND / OTAGO**

Regional Manager	Hannah Hazlett
Share Farmer of the Year Team Leaders	Isla Pringle & Hayden Smith
Dairy Manager of the Year Team Leader	Leah Murray
Dairy Trainee of the Year Team Leader	Shannon Neeley

# HONOURS BOARD

## NEW ZEALAND SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR

2024/25	Thomas & Fiona Langford, Waikato
2023/24	William Hinton & Kali Rangiawha, Manawatū
2022/23	Hayden & Bridget Goble, Taranaki
2021/22	Will Green, Canterbury/North Otago
2020/21	Manoj Kumar & Sumit Kamboj, Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa
2019/20	Sarah & Aidan Stevenson, Waikato
2018/19	Colin & Isabella Beazley, Northland
2017/18	Daniel & Gina Duncan, Northland
2016/17	Christopher & Siobhan O'Malley, Canterbury/North Otago
2015/16	Mark & Jaime Arnold, Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa

## NEW ZEALAND SHAREMILKER/EQUITY FARMER OF THE YEAR

2014/15	Justin & Melissa Slattery, Canterbury/North Otago
2013/14	Charlie & Jody McCaig, Taranaki
2012/13	Don & Jess Moore, Southland
2011/12	Enda & Sarah Hawe, Canterbury/North Otago
2010/11	Jason & Lisa Suisted, Waikato

## NEW ZEALAND SHAREMILKER OF THE YEAR

2009/10	Stefan & Annalize du Plessis, Southland
2008/09	Chris & Teresa Moore, Central Plateau
2007/08	Ben & Nicky Allomes, Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa
2006/07	Matt & Julie Ross, Canterbury
2005/06	Wayne & Elaine Cook, Southland
2004/05	Leo & Kathryn van den Beuken, Canterbury
2003/04	Hugh Candy & Kerry Lucas-Candy, Waikato
2002/03	Andrew & Alison Watters, Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa
2001/02	Paul & Judy Clark, Auckland/North Waikato
2000/01	Dave & Julie Davis, Waikato
1999/00	Mark & Donna Keaney, Central Plateau
1998/99	Dylan & Sheree Ditchfield, Southland
1997/98	Shane Boccock, Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa
1996/97	Ian & Karyn Brown, Waikato
1995/96	Bruce & Julie Paton, Northland
1994/95	Lawrence Field & Marcella Mumm, West Coast
1993/94	Bryn & Marise James, Taranaki
1992/93	Geoff & Lynn Walker, Oamaru
1991/92	Laurie & Kate Phipps, Rotorua/Taupo
1990/91	Clem & Patricia Captein, Waikato
1989/90	Kevin & Diane Goble, Taranaki

## NEW ZEALAND DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR

2024/25	Martin Keegan, Taranaki
2023/24	Kieran McCahon, Northland
2022/23	Jack Symes, Canterbury/North Otago
2021/22	Jaspal Singh, Canterbury/North Otago
2020/21	Christopher Vila, Waikato
2019/20	Andre Meier, Bay of Plenty
2018/19	Matt Redmond, Canterbury
2017/18	Gerard Boerjan, Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa
2016/17	Hayley Hoogendyk, Manawatū
2015/16	Thomas Chatfield, Bay of Plenty

# HONOURS BOARD

## NEW ZEALAND FARM MANAGER OF THE YEAR

2014/15	James Foote, Auckland/Hauraki
2013/14	Nick Bertram, Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa
2012/13	Richard Pearce, Canterbury/North Otago
2011/12	Mick O'Connor, Canterbury/North Otago
2010/11	Jason Halford, Manawatu/Rangitikei/Horowhenua
2009/10	Carwyn Monteith, Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa
2008/09	Shane Kelly, West Coast/Top of the South
2007/08	Olin Greenan, Waikato
2006/07	Daniel Woolsey & Emily Fraser, Southland
2005/06	David & Shirlene Cochrane, Canterbury
2004/05	Craig & Rebecca Sturgeon, Taranaki
2003/04	Carl & Shey Kowalewski, Taranaki
2002/03	Shannon Wadsworth, Bay of Plenty

## NEW ZEALAND DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

2024/25	Pieter Van Beek, Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa
2023/24	Kirwyn Ellis, Waikato
2022/23	Bill Hamilton, Northland
2021/22	Peter O'Connor, Canterbury/North Otago
2020/21	Ruth Connolly, Waikato
2019/20	Grace Gibberd, Waikato
2018/19	Nicola Blowey, Canterbury
2017/18	Simone Smail, Southland/Otago
2016/17	Clay Paton, West Coast/Top of the South
2015/16	Nicholas Bailey, Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa
2014/15	James Davidson, Canterbury/North Otago
2013/14	Ruth Hone, Central Plateau
2012/13	James Warren, Southland
2011/12	Nathan Christian, Canterbury/North Otago
2010/11	Ben Smith, Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa
2009/10	Blake Korteweg, Otago
2008/09	Mark Nicholas, Bay of Plenty
2007/08	Cameron Mitchell, Northland

## FONTERRA RESPONSIBLE DAIRYING AWARD

2025	Waka Dairies
2024	James & Debbie Stewart
2023	Cameron Henderson
2022	Craigmore Farming Services
2021	Pete Morgan & Ann Bouma
2020	Nick & Nicky Dawson
2019	Damian & Jane Roper
2018	Wynn & Tracy Brown

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

2023	Tim Mackle - Services to the Dairy Industry
2021	Jeff Bolstad - Lifetime Contribution Award
2016	Hon John Luxton - NZDIA Lifetime Achiever Award
2011	Sir William Gallagher - NZDIA Lifetime Achiever Award
2019	Professor Colin Holmes - NZDIA Lifetime Achiever Award



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