



NEW ZEALAND

DAIRY INDUSTRY
· AWARDS ·

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AWARDS PROGRAMME

*Canterbury/
North Otago*

HOTEL ASHBURTON

26TH MARCH 2026



ORDER OF CEREMONY

Dairy Trainee of the Year Introductions

Dairy Manager of the Year Introductions

Share Farmer of the Year Introductions

Speaker: Regional Manager

Speaker: 2025 Dairy Trainee of the Year

Dairy Trainee of the Year Merit Awards

DINNER

Speaker: 2025 Dairy Manager of the Year

Dairy Manager of the Year Merit Awards

Speaker: 2025 Share Farmer of the Year

Share Farmer of the Year Merit Awards

Fonterra Responsible Dairying Award Nominees

DESSERT

Speaker: NZDIA Trust / National Committee

Dairy Trainee of the Year Placings

Dairy Manager of the Year Placings

Share Farmer of the Year Placings

All winners on stage

MEET THE TEAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Luke Howden

GENERAL MANAGER

Robin Congdon

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

COMMITTEE

SPONSORSHIP MANAGER

Dinuka Gamage

TREASURER

Pippa McKinnel

SUPPORT

Nicola Blowey

Will Green

Michael Robertson

PRESENTATIONS

MERIT AWARD PRESENTATIONS



DairyNZ Practical Skills Award
FarmRight Emerging Talent Award
Dairy Holdings Ltd Farming
Knowledge Award
Central Feeds Communication &
Industry Involvement Award



CowManager Livestock
Management Award
Fonterra Dairy Management Award
DeLaval Pasture & Feed
Management Award
MPI Sustainable Farming
Environment Award
Dairy Training Limited People &
Leadership Award
Alexanders Chartered Accountants
Personal Planning & Financial
Management Award
Vetlife Emerging Talent Award



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
Craigmore Environmental
Sustainability Award
Trelleborg Sustainable Pasture
Award
ASB Business Performance Award
JEH Grazing and Livestock Ltd
Emerging Talent Award

PRESENTATIONS

PLACING PRESENTATIONS



WINNER

Tavendale & Partners

RUNNER UP

Veehof Hoof Care Specialists

THIRD

T H Enterprises



WINNER

NZDIA Trust / National Committee

RUNNER UP

Novonesis

THIRD

I.S. Dam Lining Ltd



WINNER

NZDIA Trust / National Committee

RUNNER UP

Power Farming

THIRD

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JUDGES

DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

Ben Haley - Farmer	Skills Day
Jonny Hoets - Farmer	Skills Day
Athol New - Farmer	Skills Day
Rachel Roadley - Farmer	Skills Day
Michael Roberston - Rural Professional	Skills Day
Georgie Sinclair - Farmer	Skills Day
Haydon South - Rural Professional	Skills Day
Alan Taylor - Rural Professional	Skills Day
Susan Geddes - Rural Professional	Finals
Libby Nicholls - Rural Professional	Finals
Matt Redmond - Farmer	Finals

DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Natalia Benquet - Rural Professional	Prelims
Kerry Burt - Farmer	Prelims
Bronwyn Gilchrist - Rural Professional	Prelims
William Hinton - Farmer	Prelims
Robin Hornblow - Farmer	Prelims
Jack Symes - Farmer	Prelims
Campbell Tait - Farmer	Prelims
Kiel Wakeham - Rural Professional	Prelims
Michael Shearer - Farmer	Finals
Katrina Simpson - Rural Professional	Finals
Robert Rosser - Farmer	Finals

SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR

Graeme Blair - Rural Professional	Prelims
Vincent Lobb - Farmer	Prelims
Aidan O'Leary - Farmer	Prelims
Tracey Perkins - Rural Professional	Prelims
Mark Slee - Farmer	Prelims
Ralph Tompsett - Farmer	Prelims
Zana Berry - Farmer	Finals
Keely Buckingham - DairyNZ	Finals
Barry Dawson - ASB	Finals



ENTRANTS

KAITLYN BAGRIE - Swannanoa

BRADY BALLARD - Leeston

CALEB BARON - Darfield

ASHOK BHATTARAI - Culverden

THOMAS BROWN - Eyrewell Forest

OLIVER CARTER - Glentunnel

ANNE COOPER - Ashburton

LIAM COTTER - Swannanoa

TODD COULL - Ashburton

JONTY FLEMING - Christchurch

MATTHEW FOX - Dunsandel

ABIGAIL HORTIN - Ashburton

DURGA KHATTRI - Ashburton

REBECCA KINNEY - Southbridge

CHARLIE KNIGHT - Ashburton

MEGAN MASLIN - Ashburton

SAM McKERRAS - Ashburton

SAM O'NEILL - Highbank

ANNA PALLISTER - Ashburton

JACOB PRICE - Ashburton

KAROLINA STEINDLOVA - Southbridge

MARCUS TREACY - Christchurch

ELAIN WILLIAMS - Mount Somers

HARRY WILTSHIRE - Fairlie

MICHAEL YOUNG - Dorie



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DAIRY MANAGER
OF THE YEAR

ENTRANTS

NAYANA BARBOSA - Oamaru

Herd Size	1310
Farm Size	360 ha
Anticipated Production	720,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Westmere Farm Ltd

BHUPINDERJEET SINGH BEHNIWAL - Ashburton

Herd Size	1400
Farm Size	385 ha
Anticipated Production	600,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Jaspreet Singh

RIKI BURGESS - Springston

Herd Size	475
Farm Size	138 ha
Anticipated Production	205,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Lincoln University

NIALL GALLAGHER - Burnham

Herd Size	1000
Farm Size	263 ha
Anticipated Production	400,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Grass Gobblers Ltd

JAYAWICKRAMA IDURAGE - Ashburton

Herd Size	491
Farm Size	126 ha
Anticipated Production	250,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Mark & Andrea Schrader Family Trust

ALEXANDRA LOCKWOOD - Lauriston

Herd Size	910
Farm Size	235 ha
Anticipated Production	520,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Murray Marshall
Farm Employer	Jeremy Duckmanton

LAUREN McCONNACHIE - Hororata

Herd Size	2250
Farm Size	555 ha
Anticipated Production	858,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	The Land Group
Farm Employer	Rob & Jenine Screen

PETER O'CONNOR - Pendarves

Herd Size	1060
Farm Size	241 ha
Anticipated Production	500,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Singletree Dairies Ltd
Farm Employer	Ashpouri Ltd



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ASANKA PERERA - Oamaru	
Herd Size	860
Farm Size	274 ha
Anticipated Production	420,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Sealach Limited
GURTEJ SINGH - Ashburton	
Herd Size	725
Farm Size	232 ha
Anticipated Production	325,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	James & Lynley Proctor
GURVINDER SINGH - Oxford	
Herd Size	1130
Farm Size	360 ha
Anticipated Production	510,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Craigmore Sustainable
PRABHDEEP SINGH - Ashburton	
Herd Size	943
Farm Size	308 ha
Anticipated Production	421,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Pāmu Farms (Landcorp)
SUPINDER SINGH - Hinds Ashburton	
Herd Size	1094
Farm Size	283 ha
Anticipated Production	514,180 kgMS
Farm Owner	HAMR Farms
SUNNY SUNNY - Oxford	
Herd Size	622
Farm Size	183 ha
Anticipated Production	300,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Richard Pearse
LEWIS TRIM - Fairlie	
Herd Size	590
Farm Size	175 ha
Anticipated Production	190,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Greenwood Pastures
KEVIN ANDREW UNABIA - Ashburton	
Herd Size	962
Farm Size	260 ha
Anticipated Production	480,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Lismore Dairies
Farm Employer	K T Pastoral Ltd



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SHARE FARMER
OF THE YEAR

ENTRANTS

RAUL BENAVENTE & VANEZA ESCOBAR - Ashburton

Contract Type	Contract Milkers
Herd Size	1086
Farm Size	286 ha
Anticipated Production	500,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Deebury Pastorals Partnership

SHAE & JONNY BROWN - Rakaia

Contract Type	Contract Milkers
Herd Size	1290
Farm Size	345 ha
Anticipated Production	430,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Dairy Holdings Ltd

JASON HOYLE - Southbridge

Contract Type	Contract Milker
Herd Size	900
Farm Size	242 ha
Anticipated Production	425,900 kgMS
Farm Owner	Drumroslyn Dairies

MANDEEP HUNDAL - Ashburton

Contract Type	Contract Milker
Herd Size	660
Farm Size	195 ha
Anticipated Production	306,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Flat White Dairy

VOJTECH JELINEK & ELISKA JELINKOVA - Culverden

Contract Type	Contract Milkers
Herd Size	639
Farm Size	214 ha
Anticipated Production	320,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Hurunui Ltd Partnership

MARC & MEGAN LALICH - Christchurch

Contract Type	50% Sharemilkers
Herd Size	684
Farm Size	193 ha
Anticipated Production	375,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Pinevale Dairies Limited

GAYAN RUKMAL - Waimate

Contract Type	Contract Milker
Herd Size	775
Farm Size	273 ha
Anticipated Production	313,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Peter Rodney Williams & Kaite Williams



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NIGEL & AMY RUTHERFORD - Oxford

Contract Type	Contract Milkers
Herd Size	845
Farm Size	223 ha
Anticipated Production	280,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Dairy Holdings Ltd

GURPREET SINGH - Temuka

Contract Type	Contract Milkers (0.5% equity)
Herd Size	943
Farm Size	251 ha
Anticipated Production	405,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	NZSF Canterbury Farm Orari

NAVREET SINGH & DRISHTI RAO - Rakaia

Contract Type	Contract Milkers
Herd Size	1058
Farm Size	293 ha
Anticipated Production	530,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Rahi Partnership Limited

BRADLEY WILCOCK - Oxford

Contract Type	50% Sharemilkers
Herd Size	800
Farm Size	300 ha
Anticipated Production	400,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Neville & Linda Thompson



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NATIONAL FINALS ROTORUA 9 May 2026

All regional winners receive complimentary tickets to join us in Rotorua for Nationals Week. Culminating in the National Gala Awards Dinner on Saturday 9 May 2026, National Awards titles are announced as well as National Merit Awards.

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