



NEW ZEALAND

**DAIRY INDUSTRY**  
· AWARDS ·

GREEN  
TO  
**GOLD**

AWARDS PROGRAMME

*Central  
Plateau*

TE PUIA, ROTORUA  
12<sup>TH</sup> 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

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

Sherly Haitana

### GENERAL MANAGER

Robin Congdon

### 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

## COMMITTEE

### SPONSORSHIP MANAGER

Rebecca O'Brien

### TREASURER

Kelly O'Reilly-Ward

### SKILLS DAY CO-ORDINATOR

Libby Clement

### EVENTS MANAGER

Renee Halliday

### MEDIA

Tash Bol

# PRESENTATIONS

## MERIT AWARD PRESENTATIONS

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DairyNZ Practical Skills Award  
Perrin Ag Emerging Talent Award  
Vetora B.O.P. Farming Knowledge Award  
BlackmanSpargo Rural Law Ltd Communication & Industry Involvement Award

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CowManager Livestock Management Award  
Fonterra Dairy Management Award  
DeLaval Pasture & Feed Management Award  
MPI Sustainable Farming Environment Award  
Dairy Training Limited People & Leadership Award  
Strettons & Co Ltd Personal Planning & Financial Management Award  
Pāmu Emerging Talent Award

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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  
Dickie Direct Environmental Sustainability Award  
Trelleborg Sustainable Pasture Award  
ASB Business Performance Award  
CTL Transport/Eco Gas Emerging Talent Award

# PRESENTATIONS

## PLACING PRESENTATIONS

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### **WINNER**

Phil Badger Property Brokers

### **RUNNER UP**

T H Enterprises Ltd

### **THIRD**

NZ Farmers Livestock Ltd

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### **WINNER**

The Hoofman

### **RUNNER UP**

Novonesis

### **THIRD**

I.S. Dam Lining Ltd

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### **WINNER**

NZDIA Trust / National Committee

### **RUNNER UP**

Power Farming

### **THIRD**

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# JUDGES

## DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

<b>Josh Collier</b> - Rural Professional	Skills Day
<b>Jack Fordyce</b> - Rural Professional	Skills Day
<b>Donna Hines</b> - Rural Professional	Skills Day
<b>Jessie Pope</b> - Farmer	Skills Day
<b>Ben Schnackenburg</b> - Rural Professional	Skills Day
<b>Leanne Sinclair</b> - Rural Professional	Skills Day
<b>Brad Snowdon</b> - Farmer	Skills Day
<b>Emily Woods</b> - Rural Professional	Skills Day
<b>Trevor Hamilton</b> - Farmer	Finals
<b>Kylie Leonard</b> - Rural Professional	Finals
<b>Kelly O'Reilly-Ward</b> - Rural Professional	Finals

## DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR

<b>Scott O'Brien</b> - Farmer	Prelims
<b>Gene Roberts</b> - Farmer	Prelims
<b>Bec Simmonds</b> - Farmer	Prelims
<b>Marin Walmsley</b> - Farmer	Prelims
<b>Derek Gibson</b> - Rural Professional	Finals
<b>Brett Grindrod</b> - Farmer	Finals
<b>Jody Malcolm</b> - Rural Professional	Finals

## SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR

<b>Jo Back</b> - Farmer	Prelims
<b>Carlos Delos Santos</b> - Farmer	Prelims
<b>Richard Fowler</b> - Farmer	Prelims
<b>Todd Halliday</b> - Farmer	Prelims
<b>Stephanie Gudgeon</b> - DairyNZ	Finals
<b>Greg Malcolm</b> - Farmer	Finals
<b>Grace Waldon</b> - ASB	Finals



# ENTRANTS

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**DEVLIN ANDERSON** - Reporoa

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**EMMA BENNETT** - Horohoro

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**MAX COWLEY** - Rerewhakaaitu

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**TERRY GIELEN** - Tokoroa

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**SHANE JOHNSON** - Rerewhakaaitu

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**MITCHELL JULIAN** - Ātiamuri

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**SOPHIE KORS** - Rerewhakaaitu

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**ELISE POWELL** - Reporoa

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**ADAM READER** - Mangakino

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**CLAIRE SWINDELLS** - Reporoa

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**DAIRY MANAGER**  
OF THE YEAR

# ENTRANTS

<b>LEON BERRY - Mangakino</b>	
<b>Herd Size</b>	450
<b>Farm Size</b>	170 ha
<b>Anticipated Production</b>	165,000 kgMS
<b>Farm Owner</b>	Stone Country Dairies Ltd
<b>SHAUN BRAITHWAITE - Upper Ātiamuri</b>	
<b>Herd Size</b>	496
<b>Farm Size</b>	194 ha
<b>Anticipated Production</b>	205,000 kgMS
<b>Farm Owner</b>	FAMJAM Farming
<b>JAVAHN CHRISTIE - Reporoa</b>	
<b>Herd Size</b>	520
<b>Farm Size</b>	175 ha
<b>Anticipated Production</b>	240,000 kgMS
<b>Farm Owner</b>	Weren Farms Ltd
<b>CHRIS DWYER - Rerewhakaaitu</b>	
<b>Herd Size</b>	1250
<b>Farm Size</b>	286 ha
<b>Anticipated Production</b>	480,000 kgMS
<b>Farm Owner</b>	Rerewhakaaitu Farms Ltd



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**DAIRY MANAGER**  
· OF THE YEAR ·

## ENTRANTS

### **ABHISHEK SHARMA - Reporoa**

<b>Herd Size</b>	615
<b>Farm Size</b>	267 ha
<b>Anticipated Production</b>	233,000 kgMS
<b>Farm Owner</b>	Pāmu Landcorp Farming Ltd - Halls Dairy Unit

### **LOVEPREET SINGH - Taupō**

<b>Herd Size</b>	670
<b>Farm Size</b>	281 ha
<b>Anticipated Production</b>	230,000 kgMS
<b>Farm Owner</b>	Pāmu Landcorp Farming Ltd - Hirst Dairy Unit

### **HEIDI TARBOTTON - Rerewhakaaitu**

<b>Herd Size</b>	275
<b>Farm Size</b>	100 ha
<b>Anticipated Production</b>	115,000 kgMS
<b>Farm Owner</b>	The Macdonald Family Trust

### **ABRAHAM THERON - Reporoa**

<b>Herd Size</b>	700
<b>Farm Size</b>	294 ha
<b>Anticipated Production</b>	231,220 kgMS
<b>Farm Owner</b>	Pāmu Landcorp Farming Ltd - Mayflower Dairy Organic Unit



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**SHARE FARMER**  
OF THE YEAR

# ENTRANTS

## **BENJAMIN & SHERIE HAYES - Taumarunui**

<b>Contract Type</b>	50% Sharemilkers
<b>Herd Size</b>	350
<b>Farm Size</b>	144 ha
<b>Anticipated Production</b>	110,000 kgMS
<b>Farm Owner</b>	CB & MF Dempsey Partnership

## **RICKY McCARTHY - Rerewhakaaitu**

<b>Contract Type</b>	Contract Milker
<b>Herd Size</b>	330
<b>Farm Size</b>	115 ha
<b>Anticipated Production</b>	165,000 kgMS
<b>Farm Owner</b>	Alpha Dairy Limited

## **NAVDEEP SINGH & JOBANPREET KAUR - Ātiamuri**

<b>Contract Type</b>	25% Sharemilker (12.5% equity)
<b>Herd Size</b>	1209
<b>Farm Size</b>	390 ha
<b>Anticipated Production</b>	515,000 kgMS
<b>Farm Owner</b>	Mark & Donna Keaney Family Trust

## **VICK SINGH - Mangakino**

<b>Contract Type</b>	Contract Milker
<b>Herd Size</b>	2420
<b>Farm Size</b>	797 ha
<b>Anticipated Production</b>	594,000 kgMS
<b>Farm Owner</b>	Armer Farms

## **HUSNEIN VAN DER STRUIK & MANON HULSHOF - Waikite Valley**

<b>Contract Type</b>	50% Sharemilkers
<b>Herd Size</b>	335
<b>Farm Size</b>	100 ha
<b>Anticipated Production</b>	165,000 kgMS
<b>Farm Owner</b>	Will Holmes



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# NOMINEES

**WAIONEHU FARM LIMITED**

## 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 2025, National Awards titles are announced as well as National Merit Awards.

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