



NEW ZEALAND

DAIRY INDUSTRY
· AWARDS ·

GREEN
TO
GOLD

AWARDS PROGRAMME

Manawatu

DISTINCTION HOTEL
27TH FEBRUARY 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

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

Gareth Pringle

GENERAL MANAGER

Robin Congdon

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

COMMITTEE

SPONSORSHIP MANAGERS

Holli Twentyman & Linda McKnight

TREASURER

Tegan Pope

SUPPORT

Luke Ackerman

Alysha Brick

Corina Hakaraia

Holly Mackey

PRESENTATIONS

MERIT AWARD PRESENTATIONS



DairyNZ Practical Skills Award
Manawatū DIA Committee Emerging Talent Award
McIntosh Bros Engineering Farming Knowledge Award
Guthrie Agwork Ltd 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
Naylor Lawrence & Associates Personal Planning & Financial Management Award
Hopkins Farming Group 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
Totally Vets Ltd Environmental Sustainability Award
Trelleborg Sustainable Pasture Award
ASB Business Performance Award
Manawatū DIA Committee Emerging Talent Award

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.

See more at www.dairyindustryawards.co.nz

PRESENTATIONS

PLACING PRESENTATIONS

WINNER

NZDIA Trust / National Committee

RUNNER UP

Manawatū DIA Committee

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Power Farming

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JUDGES

DAIRY TRAINEE OF THE YEAR

Sarah Ackerman - Farmer	Skills Day
Brad Beatson - Rural Professional	Skills Day
Kathy Crow - Farmer	Skills Day
Dani Donovan - Rural Professional	Skills Day
Luke Harding - Rural Professional	Skills Day
Paul Mercer - Rural Professional	Skills Day
Christine Sinclair - Rural Professional	Skills Day
Samantha Woodhouse - Rural Professional	Skills Day
Bruce McGarvey - Farmer	Finals
Linda Sievwright - Farmer	Finals
Wendy Ridd - Farmer	Finals

DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Rachel Cvitanovich - Farmer	Prelims
Karen Dawson - Farmer	Prelims
Adam Duker - Rural Professional	Prelims
Ross Gordon - Farmer	Prelims
Cam Brown - Farmer	Finals
Steve Holdaway - Rural Professional	Finals
Julenne Nguyen - Rural Professional	Finals

JUDGES

SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR

Tony Dowman - Farmer	Prelims
Owen Greig - Farmer	Prelims
Wendy Clough - ASB	Finals
Svetlana Dumanovskaya - Farmer	Finals
Leah Prankerd - DairyNZ	Finals



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RESPONSIBLE DAIRYING
AWARD

NOMINEES

GREG & AMY GEMMELL

HASTINGS GROUP



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DAIRY TRAINEE
OF THE YEAR

ENTRANTS

ELISA BERLE - Palmerston North

LUKE BERRY - Rongotea

ANNABELLE CONNOR - Shannon

CHARLIE COWIE - Himitungi

BRAX EVANS - Bunnythorpe

MORGAN LEIGH FALCONER - Foxton

HARRISON FERGUS - Feilding

JACK FOSTER - Palmerston North

JADE HILLS BROWN - Colyton

JAYDEN HURIA - Foxton

FINN MACDONALD - Feilding

MARY GRACE MASON - Ashhurst

NYKMARQ OMEGA - Kairanga

RYAN TOOTELL - Cheltenham



ENTRANTS

SIMON DEAN - Feilding	
Herd Size	475
Farm Size	160 ha
Anticipated Production	180,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	JR WJ McVitty Partnership
ALEX HOFMANN - Tokomaru	
Herd Size	331
Farm Size	145 ha
Anticipated Production	190,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Lightburn Ltd
THOMAS HOWARD - Opiki	
Herd Size	650
Farm Size	220 ha
Anticipated Production	305,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Hopkins Farming Group
STEVE LU - Kiwitea	
Herd Size	950
Farm Size	330 ha
Anticipated Production	418,500 kgMS
Farm Owner	Hopkins Farming Group
ALEX MEADS - Marton	
Herd Size	355
Farm Size	119 ha
Anticipated Production	178,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Tutu Totara Dairy Ltd
CRAIG PATON - Foxton	
Herd Size	330
Farm Size	154 ha
Anticipated Production	130,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Pāmu Farms
NICHOLAS REID - Whanganui	
Herd Size	580
Farm Size	310 ha
Anticipated Production	230,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Gudsell Farms Ltd
Farm Employer	RB Contract Milking



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DAIRY MANAGER
OF THE YEAR

ENTRANTS

JORJA SIEBELINK - Rongotea

Herd Size	178
Farm Size	73.3 ha
Anticipated Production	75,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Hill Bros
Farm Employer	HBB Farming

ADRIAN WAUGH - Āpiti

Herd Size	962
Farm Size	336 ha
Anticipated Production	470,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Hopkins Farming Group

KRISTIN WILSON - Feilding

Herd Size	460
Farm Size	194 ha
Anticipated Production	193,200 kgMS
Farm Owner	Pāmu Farms



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SHARE FARMER
OF THE YEAR

ENTRANTS

NICOLA BOSCH & KIERAN SCANNELL - Feilding

Contract Type	25% Sharemilker
Herd Size	578
Farm Size	195 ha
Anticipated Production	220,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Abbey Cellars
Farm Employer	Shelby Finance Co Ltd

ZAYN JONES & NATALIE AHLBORN - Opiki

Contract Type	Contract Milker
Herd Size	530
Farm Size	163 ha
Anticipated Production	230,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Rangeview Agri Ltd

KARL & JESS WOOD - Shannon

Contract Type	50% Sharemilker
Herd Size	231
Farm Size	85 ha
Anticipated Production	105,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Wyke Partnership

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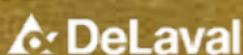
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