



NEW ZEALAND

DAIRY INDUSTRY
· AWARDS ·

GREEN
TO
GOLD

AWARDS PROGRAMME

*Southland/
Otago*

ASCOT HOTEL
24TH 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

Andy Muir

GENERAL MANAGER

Robin Congdon

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

COMMITTEE

SPONSORSHIP MANAGER

Bryden Rufford

TREASURER

Nicole Barber

SKILLS DAY CO-ORDINATOR

Netta Wilton

MEDIA

Emily Rauber

SUPPORT

Emma Blom

Tracey Murray

Keely Buckingham

Jeremy Raines

Rochelle Cleary

Kass Rauber

Andy Hazlett

Rob Neeley

PRESENTATIONS

MERIT AWARD PRESENTATIONS



DairyNZ Practical Skills Award
Regional Ford Emerging Talent Award
Dairy Holdings Ltd Farming Knowledge Award
Forsyth Barr 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
Milestone Group Personal Planning & Financial Management Award
Fortuna Group Ltd 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
Landpro Environmental Sustainability Award
Trelleborg Sustainable Pasture Award
ASB Business Performance Award
McIntyre Dick Emerging Talent Award

PRESENTATIONS

PLACING PRESENTATIONS



WINNER

NZDIA Trust / National Committee

RUNNER UP

FarmRight

THIRD

VetSouth



WINNER

NZDIA Trust / National Committee

RUNNER UP

Novonosis

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

Keegan Buchan - Rural Professional	Skills Day
Lars De Kruif - Rural Professional	Skills Day
Tessa Geddes - Rural Professional	Skills Day
Desiree Giles - Farmer	Skills Day
Alicia Keown - Rural Professional	Skills Day
Casey McEwan - Farmer	Skills Day
Robert Reyes - Farmer	Skills Day
Shari Whyte - Rural Professional	Skills Day
Pauline Aitken - Rural Professional	Finals
Liam Carey - Rural Professional	Finals
Richard Smith - Rural Professional	Finals

DAIRY MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Blair Hamill - Rural Professional	Prelims
Sarah Hopkins - Rural Professional	Prelims
Craig McGregor - Farmer	Prelims
Kass Rauber - Farmer	Prelims
Dan Laming - Rural Professional	Finals
Richard Pearse - Rural Professional	Finals
Andrew Slater - Farmer	Finals

SHARE FARMER OF THE YEAR

Peter Bruce - Farmer	Prelims
Megan Clark - Rural Professional	Prelims
Scott Henderson - Farmer	Prelims
Cameron Smith - Farmer	Prelims
Mattes Groenendijk - DairyNZ	Finals
Rhys Roberts - Farmer	Finals
Andrew Trolove - ASB	Finals



ENTRANTS

JESEREL ALONZO - Winton

TAYLOR ALTY - Winton

BAILEY BENNETT - Otautau

RUBY EARWAKER - Invercargill

RHEINMART JADE GALON - Riversdale

AMY GOULDTHORPE - Waipahi

ERIN HARLAND CHRISTIE - Winton

SAMANTHA HENDERSON - Mosgiel

JAMES HILL - Winton

JAYDEN LACKNER - Hedgehope

MICHAEL REMOLAZO - Invercargill

HAYLEY ROONEY - Invercargill

CHARLOTTE ROSS BAIN - Gore

GEOFF SIMCOX - Wanaka

HARJOT SINGH - Winton

BLADE WALKER - Gorge Road

SAMANTHA WITHERS - Southland



NEW ZEALAND

DAIRY MANAGER
OF THE YEAR

ENTRANTS

UDITHA BANDU AMARATUNGA - Clinton

Herd Size	1600
Farm Size	635 ha
Anticipated Production	996,273 kgMS
Farm Owner	Clarke Agri

LAN BARIUAD - Edendale

Herd Size	595
Farm Size	211 ha
Anticipated Production	265,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Fortuna Group

HUSANDEEP BRAR - Riversdale

Herd Size	540
Farm Size	228 ha
Anticipated Production	215,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Mourne Grove Milk Ltd

TORIA CUMMINGS - Lochiel

Herd Size	671
Farm Size	212 ha
Anticipated Production	359,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Driscoll Dairies Ltd

EDITA MACAKOVA - Riverton

Herd Size	155
Farm Size	49 ha
Anticipated Production	80,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Charlie Reijnen

CALLUM PILSWORTH - Lumsden

Herd Size	1200
Farm Size	466 ha
Anticipated Production	430,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	North South Farms Dairy



ENTRANTS

JACK POW - Gore	
Herd Size	736
Farm Size	230 ha
Anticipated Production	430,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	JC Beattie Trust Ltd
BRADLEY RAY - Invercargill	
Herd Size	1200
Farm Size	445 ha
Anticipated Production	710,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Paul Roberts
WADE RIDDICK - Invercargill	
Herd Size	668
Farm Size	252 ha
Anticipated Production	320,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Sanddale 1
Farm Employer	Windy Hills Farms
KASUN SENADHEERA - Wyndham	
Herd Size	300
Farm Size	120 ha
Anticipated Production	120,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Greg Deal
GURJEET SINGH - Tuatapere	
Herd Size	599
Farm Size	218 ha
Anticipated Production	220,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Farm Right
REGAN TAYLOR - Gladfield	
Herd Size	800
Farm Size	280.33 ha
Anticipated Production	400,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Fairbank Farms Ltd



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SHARE FARMER
OF THE YEAR

ENTRANTS

CHRIS HENDERSON - Brydone	
Contract Type	Contract Milker
Herd Size	870
Farm Size	360 ha
Anticipated Production	430,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Claymore Dairies Ltd
BASIL RANJITH KURUNDUWA HEWAGE - Tapanui	
Contract Type	Contract Milker
Herd Size	594
Farm Size	175 ha
Anticipated Production	192,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Dairy Holdings Ltd
SCOTT & STACEY MACKERETH - Edendale	
Contract Type	Contract Milker
Herd Size	1324
Farm Size	464 ha
Anticipated Production	620,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Fortuna Group
DILPREET SINGH - Winton	
Contract Type	Contract Milker
Herd Size	614
Farm Size	199 ha
Anticipated Production	270,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	New Zealand Super Fund
GURPREET SINGH - Winton	
Contract Type	Contract Milker
Herd Size	714
Farm Size	238 ha
Anticipated Production	295,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	NZSF Farmright
CHATHURA VIDYARATHNA - Clinton	
Contract Type	22% Sharemilker
Herd Size	540
Farm Size	181 ha
Anticipated Production	215,000 kgMS
Farm Owner	Barry & Rosemary Cowley



NEW ZEALAND

RESPONSIBLE DAIRYING
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NOMINEES

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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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