



2023 National Fodder Conference – Future-proofing fodder

Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 August 2023
(All Seasons Resort Hotel, Bendigo)

NATIONAL FODDER CONFERENCE

Welcome - Tuesday 15 August 2023

6.30-8.30pm	Welcome Function Exhibition hall
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Day one - Wednesday 16 August 2023

8.00-9.00am	Registration and visit trade and machinery exhibit
SESSION CHAIR: Suzanne Woods, AFIA Director	
9.00-9.10am	Official welcome Brad Griffiths, Chairman, Australian Fodder Industry Association (AFIA)
9.10-9.50am	Keynote address: Australian agriculture economy outlook Stefan Vogel, General Manager, RaboResearch
9.50-10.10am	Major conference sponsor address: John Deere Stephanie Gersekowski, Production Systems Manager – Australia and New Zealand, John Deere
10.10-10.30am	“Our Place” Leigh O’Sullivan, O’Sullivan Farms, Echuca, Victoria
10.30-11.20am	Morning tea (<i>Outdoors - weather permitting</i>)
SESSION CHAIR: Alex Peacock, AFIA Director	
11.25am-12.05pm	Presentation: A low carbon future Louise Brown, Chief Executive Officer, HydGENE
12.10-12.40pm	Presentation: National Hay Agronomy Program outcomes Alison Frischke, Project Manager – Research, Birchip Cropping Group
12.40-1.00pm	Product Launch (Machinery exhibit area) Henning Felschen, Agricultural Engineer, Kuhn
1.00-2.00pm	Lunch - Exhibition Hall
SESSION CHAIR: Frank McRae, AFIA Director	
2.00-2.15pm	Feed Central National Hay Awards Tim Ford and the Feed Central Team
2.15-2.55pm	Keynote address: a US fodder perspective Jon Paul Driver, Hay Kings <i>(Jon Paul’s conference participation is facilitated and sponsored by Feed Central)</i>
2.55-3.10pm	“Our Place” Russel Thomson, Big Bale Pty Ltd, Kenmare, Western Australia
3.10-3.45pm	DAIRY UPDATE • Dairy Situation and Outlook - Eliza Redfern, Industry Analyst, Dairy Australia
3.45-4.30pm	Afternoon tea – Exhibition Hall
6.30-7.00pm	Pre-dinner drinks
7.00-11.30pm	Gala dinner Dinner sponsor address: Bruce Healy, General Manager Agriculture and Construction, New Holland Entertainment by: Alli and Andrew

NATIONAL FODDER CONFERENCE Day two - Thursday 17 August 2023	
9.00-9.10am	Welcome back Paula Fitzgerald, Chief Executive Officer, AFIA
SESSION CHAIR: Louis Kelly, AFIA Director	
9.10-9.50am	Keynote address: Future Protein – opportunity or threat? Crispin Howitt, Future Protein Mission Lead, CSIRO
10.00-10.30am	AFIA 2023 AGM Chairman - Brad Griffiths Secretary - Susanne Woods Treasurer – Frank McRae Vice Chairman – Jason Palmer Directors - Louis Kelly, Alex Peacock, Phil Snowden CEO - Paula Fitzgerald
10.30-11.00am	AFIA Member Forum A forum to provide members with the opportunity to share their ideas and provide input into AFIA's activities for the year ahead.
11.00-11.25am	Morning tea – Exhibition hall
SESSION CHAIR: Phil Snowden, AFIA Director	
11.30am-12.00pm	Regulatory update: National Heavy Vehicle Regular Simone Reinertsen, Stakeholder Engagement Officer, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
12.00-12.45pm	Panel discussion: A fodder stocktake? Would the fodder industry and its customers benefit from having accurate data regarding available fodder supply? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashley Williams, AR & TH Williams • Roberto Scheidt, John Deere • Patrick Yates, NSW Department of Primary Industries
12.45-1.00pm	Product Launch – Staheli West McKay Ashdown, Director of Sales and Distribution – International Sales
1.00-1.30pm	Presentation: Succession Planning Bryony Fitzgerald, Dairy Industry Specialist, Meridian Ag
1.30-2.25pm	Lunch – Exhibition hall
SESSION CHAIR: Jason Palmer, AFIA Director	
2.30-4.30pm	R&D UPDATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New generation NIRS calibrations to improve feed evaluation and animal growth – Hayley Norman, Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO • Oat breeding – Allan Rattey, National Oat Breeder, InterGrain • A national silage wrap recycling program – Ian Olmstead, Program Manager – Manufacturing Innovation and Sustainability, Dairy Australia • Australian Trade and Market Access Cooperation (ATMAC) project outline – Mark Heaslip, Chairman, AEXCO
4.30-4.45pm	Official Close

*Program accurate at 10 August 2023 but subject to change

CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS		
TRADE HALL		MACHINERY DISPLAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berrima Engineering • Biostart • CLAAS • DLF Seeds • DPI NSW • Entegra • Feed Central • Grevillia Ag • Hay Australia • InterGrain • JCB CEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Deere • JUTA • Krone • Kuhn • New Holland • O'Connors • PSC Griffiths • Goodall • Staheli West • Unipak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Deere – 6R Tractor • New Holland – Discmower Conditioner 310 Plus T5.140 Tractor • Kuhn - FC 13640 RA + FC 3525 DF: new triple mower and VBP 7190: new round baler combination • CLAAS – Jaguar 960 Forage Harvester • Krone - Kubota M7 & BP1290HDP Gen 5 Sq Baler ECTC500CRSM w/- Transport Kit ECF400CRS • Berrima Engineering – V Roller Bar Hay rake • JCB CEA – Fastrac Tractor & 4T Telehandler