

PASTURE SUMMIT

SPRING EVENTS 2026



Hosted by farmers for farmers, with input from dairy sector specialists, Pasture Summit events are for sharing ideas and developments on achieving profitable dairy food production and showcasing outstanding dairy farmers and farm businesses.

We're in the business of turning grass to milk to cash - it's our key competitive advantage. Our host farmers have a passion for learning and for upskilling themselves and their staff. They are focused on and are achieving very strong bottom-line financial performance and growth. They will present their costs and returns and discuss their farm management strategy to drive profit now and into the future.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

THEME:	<i>View from the Summit – Progression, Pasture, Profit</i>	
REGION:	BAY OF PLENTY / WAIKATO	CANTERBURY
DATE:	Tuesday, 24th November 2026	Thursday, 26th November 2026
LOCATION:	Hosted by Todd & Renee Halliday 1014 Rawhiti Road, Reporoa	Hosted by James & Laura Bawden 190 Frisbys Rd, Hinds
TIMING	SESSION DETAILS	
9:30 to 10:00	Arrival, registration, and morning tea	
10:00 to 10:15 (15 mins)	Welcome, introductions and why we are on this farm – <i>Pasture Summit Representative</i> Orientation and H&S Briefing – <i>DairyNZ Representative</i> Opening Comments – <i>ASB Bank Representative</i>	
10:15 to 11:15 (60 mins)	SESSION 1: Business Goals & Financial Results	
	BOP / Waikato: Presenters: <i>Todd & Renee Halliday (host farmers)</i> Facilitator: <i>Aleisha Broomfield, DairyNZ</i>	Canterbury: Presenters: <i>James & Laura Bawden (host farmers)</i> Facilitator to be confirmed
11:30 to 12:10 (40 mins)	SESSION 2: Pasture (topic to be confirmed)	
	BOP / Waikato: Presenters: <i>Todd & Renee Halliday (host farmers)</i> Facilitator: <i>Mark Williams, DairyNZ</i> Additional presenters to be confirmed	Canterbury: Presenters: <i>James & Laura Bawden (host farmers)</i> Additional presenters and facilitator to be confirmed
12:10 to 12:50 (40 mins)	SESSION 3: Cows (topic to be confirmed)	
	BOP / Waikato: Presenters: <i>Todd & Renee Halliday (host farmers)</i> Facilitator: <i>Mark Williams, DairyNZ</i> Additional presenters to be confirmed	Canterbury: Presenters: <i>James & Laura Bawden (host farmers)</i> Additional presenters and facilitator to be confirmed
12:50 to 13:00 (10 mins)	Key messages & wrap up – <i>Pasture Summit Representative</i>	
13:00 to 13:45 (45 mins)	LUNCH & NETWORKING	
13:45 to 14:45 (45 mins)	SESSION 4: Progression & Equity Growth Pathways	
	Panel discussion and open Q&A exploring progression and equity growth pathways for young farmers wanting to progress in dairying.	
	BOP / Waikato: Panel facilitator: <i>Nick Costar, No8HR</i> Panel participants to be confirmed	Canterbury: Panel facilitator and panel participants to be confirmed
14:45	Close of Event – <i>Pasture Summit Representative</i>	