PASTURE SUMMIT

SPRING EVENT – CANTERBURY

Hosted by James & Laura Bawden, 190 Frisbys Rd, Hinds



VIEW FROM THE SUMMIT

PROGRESSION PASTURE PROFIT

THURSDAY 26TH NOV 2026

DairyNZ

ON FARM SUPPORT TEAM
a service of the Ministry for Primary Industries

ASB ONE STEP AHEAD

RAY MAYNE HOSE AND FITTINGS 2023

Reinke IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

cropx

CFA FEED ASSESSMENT AND LABORATORY

ravensdown

dairy holdings

Fonterra Dairy for life

FARM SOURCE Fonterra Dairy for life

COUNTRYWIDE CONNECTING FARMERS & GROWERS

SILVER FERN FARMS

CANTERBURY

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

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 into milk, and milk into 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.

Thursday, 26th November 2026 I 9:30am - 2:45pm

09:30 - 10:00	**ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION & MORNING TEA**
10:00 - 10:05	**Welcome, Introductions and why we are on this farm** *Al Rayne, Pasture Summit*
10:05 - 10:10	**Orientation & H&S Briefing** *Virginia Serra, DairyNZ*
10:10 - 10:15	**Opening Comments** *Aidan Gent, General Manager Rural Banking, ASB Bank*
10:15 - 11:15	**SESSION 1: BACKGROUND, GOALS & FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE** *Presented by James & Laura Bawden (host farmers)* *Facilitated by Virginia Serra, DairyNZ*
11:30 - 11:50	**SESSION 2A: THE JOURNEY TO HARVESTING 18 TONNES PER HECTARE** *Presented by James Bawden (host farmer)* *Facilitated by Matt Benton, Pasture Summit*
11:50 - 12:10	**SESSION 2B: WINTERING ON PLATFORM** *Presented by James Bawden (host farmer) and Charlotte Glass, Agri Magic Ltd* *Facilitated by Matt Benton, Pasture Summit*
12:17 - 12:20	**Sponsor Comments** *Kiel Wakeham, Regional Manager Canterbury, MPI On Farm Support*
12:20 - 12:50	**SESSION 3: THE VALUE OF HERD OWNING SHAREMILKING** *Presented by James Bawden (host farmer) and Ian Thornton (farm owner)* *Facilitated by Will Grayling, Pasture Summit*
12:50 - 13:00	**Key messages & wrap up of morning sessions** *Will Green, Pasture Summit*
13:00 - 13:45	**LUNCH**
13:45 - 14:45	**SESSION 4: PROGRESSION & EQUITY GROWTH PATHWAYS** Panel discussion and open Q&A exploring progression and equity. *Panelists:* • *John O'Connell* • *John Verney & Anthea Williams* *Session facilitated by Mark Grenside, Forsyth Barr*
14:45	**CLOSE OF EVENT** *John Gregan, Pasture Summit*

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