



Dairy NSW Snapshot – March 2016

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Read about how Dairy NSW invests your levy and get acquainted with people who are working to support successful dairy farming in NSW in the [February edition of The Milk Flow](#).

Enjoy the Easter holidays,

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Dairy Farm Monitor Project & Dairy Base information – Camden 2 March

The Camden Dairy Discussion Group and DPI will run a workshop at the Camden Valley Inn at 7pm to unpack the 2015 Dairy Farm Monitor Project (DFMP) results and introduce Dairy Base. The DFMP provides profitability and productivity data for a range of farms across New South Wales. It allows farmers to compare their performance against other farms and identify areas for improvement. RSVP info@dairynsw.com.au

Interviewing and Selecting Staff - understanding the complete hiring process – online webinar 7 March

At 12 noon, logon to a live webinar with Cameron Smith who will prepare you for interviewing and making an offer to prospective farm staff. You will learn ways to communicate and engage with potential employees during the selection process and he will provide practical tips you can apply to your existing hiring processes. This webinar will cover:

-) Preparing for interviews
-) Shortlisting
-) Conducting interviews
-) Checking references
-) Making the offer

To register click: [HERE](#)

Excursion to the University of New England, Armidale – 15 March

The NSW Dairy Innovation Group has organised an excursion to seek inspiration from other agricultural sectors and projects involving partnerships with other industries and research

institutions. This excursion is aimed at stimulating ideas for the dairy sector that are currently being explored in the cropping, cotton and meat sectors.

For more information, see the flyer on the Dairy NSW [Event Calendar](#)

Milk composition workshop – 7-9 April

Associate Professor Dr Adam Lock, Michigan State University ruminant nutritionist, will be presenting to farmers and industry in NSW. The first two events will start at 9.30am with networking.

Dates and locations are:

-) 7 April in the training room above the Dairy, [Leppington Pastoral Company](#)
-) 8 April at Oscars, [Muswellbrook Workers Club](#)
-) 9 April in Bega (venue and time to be confirmed)

Topics Dr Lock will discuss:

-) Milk fat depression mechanisms plus management
-) Use of supplementary fats in diets
-) Milk fat % and links to body condition impacts
-) Human nutrition impacts of milk composition

RSVP – info@dairynsw.com.au

Countdown 2020 Advisor's Training – 15 April 2016

To existing Countdown advisors and those of you who want to train as a Countdown Advisor, DA will conduct a one-day refresher workshop in Camden on 15 April 2016. The training is suitable for milk technicians, veterinarians, dairy processing companies field offers and pharmaceutical company representatives. For enquiries, contact [Mark Humphris](#).

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Dairy NSW Members' Council and NSW Dairy Industry Forum – Wagga Wagga 15 June

Dairy NSW will hold its Members Council on the Charles Sturt University campus on 15 June. Join us and learn how to talk with the media. Then afterwards, we will join the farmer associations to hold the annual Industry Forum as a lead-in event to the Dairy Research Foundation's 2016 Symposium.

OPPORTUNITIES

Nominations are open for feature farms

Dairy NSW, Dairy Australia, SubTropical Dairy and the DPI are seeking nominations from dairy farmers and industry to nominate farms you would like us to feature. Project 20:20 will feature a number of NSW dairy farms to showcase how exemplary farms manage their herd, feedbase/nutrition, NRM, business and farm staff. This project will produce field walks, webinars, short films and panel discussions to engage the wider NSW dairy industry.

For further information and a nomination form, click: [HERE](#) or contact [Jessica Micallef](#), 0428472983.

Call to young dairy scientists – before Friday 1 April

The Dairy Research Foundation's 2016 Symposium Call to young dairy scientists wishing to participate in the Symposium's Emerging dairy scientists' program. This year's symposium will be held at Charles Sturt University Campus, Wagga Wagga - June 15 and 16 and on a Dairy Farm, Wagga Wagga area - June 17.

Make initial Inquiries and submissions to Nicolas A. Lyons, phone 0401 650 073, email nicolas.lyons@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Seeking six new Regional Extension Officers in Victoria

Dairy Australia is seeking to employ six new dairy extension officers in Victoria. If you seek to make a difference and drive farm practice change to help dairy farmers succeed, read the position description, employment details and apply: [HERE](#)

RESOURCES

Launch of the Good Bulls app

The Australian Dairy Herd Improvement Scheme has released a user friendly Good Bulls App. To visit their site for a download of the app, click: [HERE](#)

***Alive and Well* – farm work safety stories and resources**

This government site contains true stories of real people working with livestock, being exposed to sun, misusing smart phones, fencing and so forth.

Watch and listen to their stories and learn ways to work safely on farm: [HERE](#)

NEWS

[Dairy Weekly Report](#)

Dairy Australia's [Dairy weekly report](#) provides a snapshot of key dairy commodity price indicators.

[Milk Production Report](#)

Dairy Australia's "milk production reports" contain a monthly update on national, state and regional milk production, fat and protein. For the latest milk production summary, click: [HERE](#)

Key points:

National January 2016 showed a 3.8% decrease on January 2015, whilst national year-to-date was down 0.6%. The volume change by state was as follows:

	Month	Litres ('000)	Year-to-date
NSW	2.1%	2,078	2.3%
VIC	-5.6%	-30,062	-1.7%
QLD	-2.3%	-822	-1.5%
SA	-3.8%	-1,672	1.4%
WA	7.3%	2,104	5.7%
TAS	-3.4%	-2,918	0.8%

HAVE YOUR SAY

[Farmer survey on depression](#)

Ashleigh Skinner is completing a Master's research thesis on depression and hopelessness in farmers. She is currently seeking participants that are full-time farmers who are over the age of 18 years. To support her research, complete an online survey by clicking: [HERE](#)
