



## Dairy NSW Snapshot – February 2016

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## ***FebruDAIRY – the Heros in your fridge***

Welcome to the start of a very busy month of consumer marketing activities launching with the inaugural **FebruDAIRY** – a consumer push to put the spotlight on dairy foods and encourage all Australians to rediscover milk, cheese and yoghurt.

Key highlights include:

- ) Recipes, tips and feature articles will be appearing throughout Australia's most popular magazines such as Australian Women's Weekly and Good Health
- ) A major giveaway for a chance to win \$5,000 is available through the [Australian Women's Weekly](#) website which is asking readers to show us: "How do you do dairy?"



We are encouraging the broader dairy industry to take up the **FebruDAIRY** concept and help make it an annual event, taking place every year throughout the month of February.

Regards,

Roxanne Cooley  
Regional Manager, Dairy NSW

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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### **Attracting staff – an online webinar 10 February 12 noon**

Learn practical tips to recruit the right people for your farm business. Whether you are an experienced or a first time employer, this webinar will provide you with practical tips to attract the right staff on your farm. [RSVP your interest to attend online](#)

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### **Quad Bike Course – Bega 11-12 February**

Bega TAFE is offering a FREE 2-day quad bike course on 11-12 February at their campus. To enrol, click: [HERE](#)

If you need assistance, contact Bega TAFE 02 6492 9700 or Roger Went 0427 260 314.

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### **Raelands Focus Farm Open Field Day – Barrington 15 February**

Learn about the McRae family farm located at 345 Barrington East Rd on 15 February from 10am. Fert\$mart test results and effluent survey results and challenges will be discussed. A DPI representative will provide a farm performance update and an effluent system design expert will discuss the pros and cons of different effluent systems.

RSVP Caroline Hayes, 0427 813 336 or email [carolinehayes08@gmail.com](mailto:carolinehayes08@gmail.com)

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### **Far South Coast Dairy Development Group AGM – Bega 16 February**

Meet at the Old Plumb Motors Building, Auckland Street at 10.30am.

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### **Fresh Agenda presents Growing the NSW Dairying Industry – Bomaderry 16 February**

Authors of the "Growing the NSW Dairy Industry Report" (Sept 2014) commissioned by NSW Government, will provide a presentation from 10am to producers that includes:

- J national and international trends in dairy production/demand for dairy product types
- J competitive advantages of the NSW South Coast
- J options for dairy producers in the short, medium and longer term
- J options for entity types
- J experiences of other dairy regions including relevant case studies

RSVP [Marilyn Owen](#) or phone 02 4424 4900

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### **The Australian Dairy Conference – Shepparton Victoria 16-18 February**

Register to attend the 2016 ADC at the Eastbank Centre, Shepparton Victoria. To find out more and to register, click: [HERE](#)

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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](mailto:info@dairynsw.com.au)

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### **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:

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

Topics Dr Lock will discuss:

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

RSVP – [info@dairynsw.com.au](mailto:info@dairynsw.com.au)

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### **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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## DATE CLAIMERS

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### Dairy Australia's Situation and Outlook – 10 February

The February Situation and Outlook will be released on 10 February. This report focuses on global market drivers. I should have a copy of the executive summary a few days before the launch date so I will send this through to you so you have an idea of what will be in the report in case media call you early on the day of release.

For this release and previous copies, click: [HERE](#)

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### Dairy NSW Members' Council and 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.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

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### 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.

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### Australian Agriculture Scholarship

Sponsored by Coca-Cola and the Australian Council of Agricultural Societies, \$2,000 scholarships are now open for applications from young farmers to pursue further education in an agriculture related field at University or TAFE. The purpose of these scholarships is to support rural youth to complete tertiary studies in courses that will benefit regional Australia. NSW closing date is 29 February 2016. To apply, click: [HERE](#)

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## RESOURCES

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### Mastitis smart phone app plus ...

Dairy Australia Countdown 2020 has invested a large number of resources to mastitis management and milk quality control. The website explains what mastitis is, provides case studies and [YouTube videos under DairyOz](#), lists trained dairy, tech and vet advisers and offers a [free shed guide for farm employees](#) and [Countdown guidelines for the farm](#).



High cell counts and clinical mastitis will not fix themselves. In wet conducts, four key steps are recommended. To download this factsheet, click: [HERE](#)

Download two apps which help farmers manage mastitis and body condition score cows more effectively. To download these for free, click on the information links below:

[Countdown mastitis toolkit app](#)

[Cow body condition scoring app](#)

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## Dairy podcasts, videos and news

The Department of Primary Industries is another source of valuable information and support for dairy farmers. On this site, you can read about NSW dairy industry facts and figures, fodder production and animal nutrition, health and disease, herd management, welfare, people on dairy farms, business management, NRM and robotic milking systems.

To locate these resources, click: [HERE](#)

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## NRM on farms, monthly newsletter

Subscribe to DPI's **NRM on Farms**, a monthly newsletter that summarises recent information about climate and natural resource management relevant to agriculture to keep farmers, agricultural and NRM advisors and researchers up to date. It is freely available to anyone interested or involved in agriculture or NRM. To subscribe, email Rebecca Lines-Kelly at [rebecca.lineskelly@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rebecca.lineskelly@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

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## Download Smart phone apps for smart farmers v2

To download the Farming Apps Book – PDF, iPhone and Android, click on the link below:

- ] [Smartphone Apps for Smart Farmers v2](#)
  - ] [Smartphone Apps for Smart Farmers v2 – Android edition](#)
  - ] [Smartphone Apps for Smart Farmers v2 – iOS edition](#)
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## Dairy Australia statistics and reports

DA produces a wealth of resources and regular reports including:

- ] [NSW milk production statistics](#)
  - ] [Drinking milk sales report by state](#)
  - ] [Dairy weekly report](#) – a snapshot of key dairy commodity price indicators.
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## Grazing dairy cattle on fodder beet

From research by UQ (Gatton) and DAF, read or watch the video to learn the main grazing management principles that need to be considered when grazing dairy cattle on fodder beet.

- ) [Download the article](#)
- ) [Watch on YouTube](#)
- ) [Facebook](#)
- ) [Twitter](#)

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## Profitable dairying in a carbon constrained future

Dairy Australia has a range of programs to assist farmers make informed decisions about natural resources. Different management practices can result in improved productivity and environmental outcomes. The [Dairying for Tomorrow](#) website contains numerous land, water and carbon resources for farmers including a newsletter and a list of consultants with technical expertise.

To access profitable dairying in a carbon constrained future, click: [HERE](#)

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## NEWS

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### Disaster declaration for flood affected areas

The state government [announced](#) support the local government areas of Dungog, Eurobodalla, Great Lakes, Maitland, Newcastle and Port Stephens following the January floods. This means that primary producers and small business can apply for low interest loans. Primary producers can also access transport subsidies for livestock relocation to agistment or fodder purchases

For the disaster declaration and transport subsidies and access to loans through Rural Assistance Authority, click [HERE](#)

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