



Dairy NSW Snapshot – December 2016

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Project 20:20 – Be inspired by five NSW dairy farmers featured on our website using electronic and interactive books. [Click here to learn more about these feature farms.](#)

For further information on Dairy NSW sponsored events, click on the following link and advance to the date on the calendar to view further details: [Dairy NSW Event Calendar](#). Contact details for our staff is found on our [Website](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Hunter Dairy Development Group lunch & AGM – Singleton, 2 December

The Hunter Dairy Development Groups Christmas lunch and AGM will be held at the Singleton Heights Diggers Club on Friday 2nd December from 10.30am. Come along and have a chat and catch up with your fellow farmers. Learn about our new Young Dairy Network program and other exciting developments/activities in the local area. **Please RSVP to [Sheena](#) or call 0427 434 412.**

Dairy NSW Members' Council – Camden, 6 December

Tuesday will be Dairy NSW Members' Council meeting in Camden from 8.30am to 12.30pm. Regional dairy group and other key industry leaders will gather to discuss issues and needs. A priority setting workshop will inform next year's annual operating plan for research, development and extension. If you are interested in attending, contact **Roxanne** at info@dairynsw.com.au

Dairy Farm Monitor Project 2016 results – 8, 9 and 13 December

DPI will present the Dairy Farm Monitor Project 2016 results. Service providers and farmers are welcome to attend. Note the new times and locations below.

Breakfast and networking
9:30am-10.30am
Presentation 10.30-12noon
Thursday 8 December 2016

Manning Valley Visitor Information Centre
21 Manning River Drive, Taree NSW
with catering by Bent on Food, Wingham

Breakfast and networking
9.30am – 10.30am
Presentation 10.30-12noon
Friday 9 December 2016

Norfolk Room
Mercure Maitland Monte Pio
Dwyer Street, Maitland NSW

Brunch 10.00am – 12.00noon
Tuesday 13 December 2016

Jacaranda Room at the Shoalhaven
Ex Servicemen's Sports Club
131 Greenwell Point Rd, Worrigee NSW

[Register here for catering](#)

PROFarm Course: Safe Tractor Operation and Maintenance – Dubbo, 8 & 9 December

Steve and Erika Chesworth, Dubbo dairy farmers, will host a course in safe tractor operations and maintenance on 8 and 9 December. **RSVP Chesworths' (02) 6887 3302**

Animal Welfare Standards in the dairy industry webinar – 13 December

An Animal Welfare Standards webinar will held on Tuesday 13th December between 1-2pm.

[To register, click HERE](#)

[For more information on the regulations and recorded webinars, click HERE](#)

Far South Coast Dairy Development Group AGM – Bega, 14 December

All farmers and providers interested in being part of the Far South Coast dairy group are urged to attend this year's AGM on 14 December at the Plumb Motors Building, Bega at 10:30am.

For more information and to **RSVP**, contact **Di Shipton** shipton@dcsi.net.au

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NCDE National All Breeds Dairy Youth Camp – Tatura Park, 3-8 January

This 5-day program is open to participants between 16 and 20 years of age and aims to support young people as they develop their leadership and teamwork skills, plus foster a passion for the dairy industry. No dairy experience necessary.

"Participants will develop their confidence in handling dairy Heifers, discuss breeding and new technology. Each participant is supplied with a Heifer and will learn how to care for the animal in the lead up to competition day," explains event organiser Lucy Galt.

Register today at www.gotafe.vic.edu.au/youthcamp or call Lucy Galt on 0488 144 999.

Australia's Legendairy Capital 2017

Nominations are open on Monday 20 February 2017 for Australia's Legendairy capital. We're looking for the nation's most inspired, progressive and passionate Legendairy community.

For more information, visit: www.legendairy.com.au/capital

OPPORTUNITIES

Complimentary [Taking Stock support](#)

The Taking Stock tool is used in conjunction with an advisor. Trained advisors help farmers assess the current financial and physical health of their farm businesses. Dairy NSW has trained advisors available for 1:1 support. **Register your interest to have an advisor support your farm business. Enquire: info@dairynsw.com.au**

Complimentary [DairyBase Coaching](#)

DairyBase is an online business management tool to measure and compare farm performance over time. Dairy NSW is offering 1:1 coaching to farmers to input their farm business information. The DairyBase coaches have been trained to coach farmers on entering their farm physical and financial information into the database and generating reports that benchmark individual farm performance. **Register your interest to have a coach support your farm business. Enquire info@dairynsw.com.au**

Smarter Irrigation for Profit farm tour – from Tamworth, 8-9 February

The *Smarter Irrigation for Profit – Tamworth Optimised Dairy Irrigation Farm Project* is organising a farm tour for farmers, irrigators and non- irrigators, to experience first-hand some of the water saving and energy efficiency technologies now being used in the Cotton industry.

The tour leaves Tamworth at 8.30am on February 8th & returns by 3pm on February 9th.

Email you name, phone number and email to the Project Manager, Marguerite White:
mwhite@icdprojectservices.com.au or phone 0447 500 415.

RESOURCES

Managing people over Christmas and the public holidays

As Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, some states have declared an additional day as a public holiday. Dairy Australia pulled together some key information, which includes:

-)] public holidays for NSW
-)] entitlements for working (and not working) on a public holiday
-)] Can you require employees to work on a public holiday?

To read more, Click [Upcoming public holidays](#)

Dairy Australia's Seasonal advice and checklists

While some dairy farms in NSW are experiencing a dry November, others are recovering from wet weather. [For seasonal advice and checklists, click HERE.](#)

HAVE YOUR SAY

Calf management practices and associations with morbidity and mortality on Australian dairy farms – Survey

The Graham Centre for Agricultural Innovation is seeking the collaboration of Australian dairy farmers to complete a questionnaire on how calves are managed. The questionnaire will take about 20 minutes to complete and it will give the centre an opportunity to explore what the current level of calf diseases and associated deaths are present in Australian dairy farms and will help to identify risk factors for calf health relevant to Australian dairy farms. They will draw four \$50 Woolworth's gift cards among all the questionnaire respondents.

[Click HERE for a link to the survey](#)

ACCC Dairy Inquiry

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission released their issues paper on competition in the dairy industry. There will be a consultative process and the ACCC will release dates and locations in January 2017. To access information and details, [click HERE](#)

NEWS

People with digestive problems and lactose intolerance do not need to limit dairy foods

Dairy Australia has been working with our health/nutrition and consumer team and released this week an article for consumers, health professionals and the media to new science which says Australians do not need to cut out or limit dairy foods from their diet if they suffer from digestive problems or lactose intolerance. This has come about from research by US expert Professor Dennis Savaiano, which Dairy Australia is leveraging.

This is a great opportunity for the dairy industry to show consumers and health professionals that dairy foods can still be enjoyed when it comes to digestive health and support the local industry.

Supportive materials such as fact sheets and infographics will be hosted on the gut foundation website www.gutfoundation.com.au
