

Please note: Times are shown in New Zealand Standard Time (NZST).

This programme is subject to change.

Sunday, November 15, 2026

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	<u>A century of New Zealand dairy science and technology innovation</u>
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Welcome Reception

Monday, November 16, 2026

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Opening Ceremony / Formalities
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Monday Morning Tea
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Dairy Leader's Forum
12:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Monday Lunch
1:15 PM - 2:45 PM	<u>World Dairy situation update and outlook</u>
2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Monday Afternoon Tea
3:15 PM - 4:45 PM	<u>IDF Forum</u>
4:45 PM - 5:30 PM	<u>Plenary - "The funny side of transformation"</u>

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	<u>a2 Milk Technical Symposium: The Science behind a2 Milk®</u>			
	Biomerieux Technical Symposium			
	<u>GEA Technical Symposium: Engineering for a better world – towards carbon neutrality in dairy plants</u>			
	IXOM Technical Symposium			
	<u>MADCAP Technical Symposium: Unlocking the dairy supply chain: Building resilience through upstream visibility</u>			
	TetraPak Technical Symposium			
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	<u>Plenary - Geopolitics, food and trade</u>			
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Tuesday Morning Tea			
10:45 AM - 12:45 PM	<u>Delivering our GHG commitments</u>	<u>Economics of biosecurity</u>	<u>Future food drivers</u>	<u>Temperate grazing systems: From grass to market</u>
12:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Tuesday Lunch			
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	<u>Nature based solutions: Market to farm</u>	<u>Resource Efficiency in Dairy Processing: Decarbonisation, Packaging, and Upcycling</u>	<u>Navigating the changing narratives of processed foods</u>	<u>Trends in dairy trade barriers and distortions: Market impacts and responses</u>
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Tuesday Afternoon Tea			
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	<u>IDF Dairy Innovation and IMP awards</u>	<u>IDF Professor Pavel Jelen Early Career Scientist Prizes and Poster orals</u>	<u>Managing volatility and building resilience</u>	<u>On farm technology and innovation</u>
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Farmer's Dinner			

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	<u>Aurecon Technical Symposium: Powering Dairy: dairy factory decarbonisation and energy security in Aotearoa New Zealand</u>			
	Bentley Instruments Technical Symposium: o From Sample to Value: How Smart Laboratories Unlock More Value from Every Milk Sample			
	<u>Novonesis Technical Symposium: Supporting More Sustainable and Resilient Dairy Businesses with BioSolutions - from farm to finished products.</u>			
	<u>Smart Membrane Solutions Technical Symposium: Reviewing the Growth and Impact of Membrane Filtration in Modern Dairy Processing</u>			
	<u>Veeva Technical Symposium: Connecting People, Quality, and Data for a Resilient and Sustainable Dairy Future</u>			
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	<u>Plenary - Role of dairy in future food systems</u>			
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Wednesday Morning Tea			
10:45 AM - 12:45 PM	<u>Adaptations for future farming</u>	<u>The dairy fat journey</u>	<u>Communicating for trust, credibility and confidence</u>	<u>The landscape of current and emerging contaminants</u>
12:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Wednesday Lunch			
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	<u>The value of Codex engagement by IDF</u>	<u>Dairy’s potential across life stages</u>	<u>Dairy supply chain evolution: Calf opportunities</u>	<u>Dairy enabling vibrant communities</u>
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Wednesday Afternoon Tea			
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<u>Plenary / Closing Comments</u>			
6:30 PM - 11:00 PM	Gala Dinner			

Thursday, November 19, 2026

6:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Technical Tour 1: Dairy Research and Farm (Manawatu, North Island)
6:15 AM - 8:35 PM	Technical Tour 2: Dairy Factory and Farm (South Island)
6:30 AM - 7:30 PM	Technical Tour 9: Iwi owned farming operation (Canterbury)
7:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Technical Tour 3: Dairy Factory and Farm (Waikato, North Island)
7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Technical Tour 4: Livestock Improvement Corporation (Waikato, North Island)

Friday, November 20, 2026

6:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Technical Tour 5: Dairy Research and Farm (Manawatu, North Island)
6:15 AM - 8:35 PM	Technical Tour 6: Dairy Factory and Farm (South Island)
7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Technical Tour 8: Two Farms in one Day Tour (Waikato, North Island)
7:00 AM - 6:30 PM	Technical Tour 7: Dairy Factory and Farm (Waikato, North Island)