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New Zealand  
**AGRICULTURE & CLIMATE  
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# DAY 1

8:30 **Mihi Whakatau**

8:50 **Welcome**

Naomi Parker *Ag Emissions Centre* & Eloise Gibson *Climate & Energy Communicator*

9:00 **Setting the Scene: The Economic Environment & Ministerial Address**

Hon. Todd McClay *Minister for Agriculture*, Ada Ignaciuk *OECD + FAO*,  
Tim Benton *Chatham House*, Nicoline van Gerrevink *Rabobank*, Antonia Wanner *Nestle*,  
Julie Collins *Ministry for Primary Industries*, Cameron Bagrie *Bagrie Economics*,  
Jo Hendy *Climate Change Commission*

**10:30 Morning Tea**

11:00 **Global Market Signals & Customer Expectations: What's Changing and What It Means for New Zealand Producers**

Zhu Zhiping *Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences*, Matthias Hess *UC Davis Department of Animal Science*, Leann Palmer *Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry*

**12:15 Lunch**

1:15 **Global Market Signals & Customer Expectations: What's Changing and What It Means for New Zealand Producers *Continued***

Lachlan Monsbourgh *Rabobank*, Charlotte Rutherford *Fonterra*, Carolyn Mortland *Zespri*  
Charmaine Dhalwanth *Danone*

**2:20 Afternoon Tea**

3:10 **Low-Emissions Agriculture Research: International Insights**

Richard Heath *Zero Net Emissions Agriculture CRC, Australia*,  
Peter Lund *Aarhus University Denmark*

4:05 **Leading at Home: How New Zealand Farmers are Responding to Low-Emissions Demand**

Aidan Bichan *Kaiwaiwai Dairies LTD*, Paul McGill *Pamu Landcorp Farming Ltd*,  
Hinehou Timutimu *Te Tawa Kaiti Lands Trust*

4:40 **Leadership and Resilience in a Changing World**

Alexander Hillary *Himalayan Trust*

**5:10 Wrap up**

**7:00 Conference Dinner**

Hosted by Sue Bidrose with Guest Speaker Oliver Hunt *Medsalv*

## DAY 2

- 8:30 **Welcome**
- 8:35 **The Role of Tools and Technology to Unlock our Low-Emissions Advantage**  
Hayden Montgommery *Global Methane Hub*, John Roche *Ministry for Primary Industries*,  
Brendan O'Connell *AgriTech NZ*, Melissa Clark *Reynolds Entrepreneur*
- 10:35 Morning Tea**
- 11:05 **R&D portfolio update: Progress Across New Zealand's Methane Tools and Technologies.**  
Naomi Parker *Ag Emissions Centre*
- 11:15 **Acceleration and Pace: Advancing Technologies and Timelines to Market.**  
Wayne Mcnee *AgriZeroNZ*
- 11:25 **Portfolio overview: How is New Zealand addressing low emission farming through investment in tools and technologies.**  
Lewis Frost *Nbryo*, Andrew Leech *Bovotica*, John Caradus *Grasslanz*,  
Jacob Bubolz *Pfizer Animal Health*, Richard Spelman *LIC*, Sinead Leahy *Ag Emissions Centre*
- 12:40 Lunch**
- 1:40 **Key technology updates.**  
George Reeves *Ruminant Biotech*, Elliot Mercer *Agnition*
- 2:00 **Emissions & Profitability in Practice: Lessons from the Field.**  
Mark Neal *DairyNZ*
- 2:30 **Unlocking New Zealand's Low-Emissions Advantage**  
This closing panel brings together a diverse group of sector perspectives to reflect on the key themes emerging from the conference and explore what they mean in practice. The session will be visually facilitated, capturing ideas and insights in real time to support shared understanding and engagement. Grounded in audience perspectives and real-world experience, the discussion will focus on why reducing agricultural emissions matters, what action is already underway, and where the greatest opportunities lie ahead. Designed to move beyond discussion, the session will challenge participants to consider their role in shaping New Zealand's low-emissions future, while the visual facilitation helps make connections, surface key messages, and leave a lasting record of the conversation. Chaired by Jesse Chan and Matt Hocken with panellists George Moss *Tokoroa Pastoral LTD*, Tracy Hughes *DairyNZ* and more
- 3:30 Wrap Up**



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