

Media Release

Monday 8 September, 2008
PR/161/08



Dairy for the future

The NSW Farmers' Association's Dairy Committee is meeting in Sydney today and tomorrow to discuss issues relating to the industry in times of change and opportunity.

NSW Farmers' Association recently re-elected Dairy Committee Chair and Upper Lansdowne farmer Adrian Drury says while the industry is continuing to restructure and evolve with the announcement of the proposed sale of Dairy Farmers Co-operative to National Foods, the industry itself is in good health.

"Farmers are receiving fairly good prices at the moment, and there is a sense of optimism after several hard years," Mr Drury said.

"Our Committee is working together to deliver meaningful outcomes for our dairy community, promoting career development through the National Centre for Dairy Education Australia and promoting sustainable milk production through a clearer understanding of climate change and related policy," he said.

The Dairy Committee is made up of farmers from around NSW, including Deputy Chair Terry Toohey of Casino, Ruth Kydd and Peter Middlebrook of Finley, Michael Perich of Bringelly, Paul Timbs on Jaspers Brush, Paul Weir of Tuncuster and Jamie Drury of Tamworth.

"There is a real focus on quality and performance in dairy farming and the NSW industry is strong and vibrant," he said.

"How we handle challenges and opportunities in our industry is key to us all moving forward," Mr Drury concluded.

Adrian Drury is available for comment regarding the industry and outcomes of the meeting.

Contact:

Amanda Barwick (Media Manager) 0428 400 736
Ellen McNamara (Media Officer) 0429 990 218