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Dairy dealings at Homebush

Dairy farmers across NSW will be meeting at Sydney Olympic Park from Thursday this week for the Joint NSW Dairy Conference, discussing global demand and local challenges for the dairy industry.

This conference brings together the NSW Farmers' Association's Dairy Committee, the Dairy Industry Development Company (DIDCO) and the Dairy Industry Association Australia (DIAA) NSW section to hold what will truly be a whole of industry event.

NSW Farmers' Association Dairy Committee Chair Adrian Drury says dairy farmers have faced an interesting period over the last year, and this is a great chance for everyone to get together and plan for the future.

"Consumers are talking a lot about the price of milk, and as you can imagine, this area will see some focus from dairy farmers too," Mr Drury said.

"Thursday includes a full day of conference sessions with a range of guest speakers including government officials, industry representatives and professionals on climate change, water, food regulation and the economic outlook for the dairy industry," he said.

"On Friday we'll hold the Annual General Meeting of the NSW Farmers' Association Dairy Section to debate current issues and set policy direction for the coming year, so we see this as particularly important as we want to ensure we capture the concerns and interests of our Members.

"We have a vibrant and important industry, and we want to ensure we approach the future with one voice, maintaining the quality of supply our consumers expect," Mr Drury concluded.

For a full agenda, please contact the media staff.

Date: 12 – 13 June, 2008

Time: from 9am daily

Location: The Novotel, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush

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