



2026 NZIAHS CANTERBURY FORUM

FROM SUNSET TO SUNRISE: THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE IN NEW ZEALAND

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2026, STEWART 1 & FOYER, LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

8.50am	Welcome: Professor Grant Edwards <i>Vice Chancellor, Lincoln University</i>	12noon	Colin Hurst <i>National President, Federated Farmers</i>
9.00am	Keynote Address: Dr John Caradus <i>Chief Technology Officer, Grasslanz</i>		Is the New Zealand family farmer a dying breed, and what would the cost of that be?
	Have we fallen behind everyone else in the OECD in not allowing genetic modification, and at what cost?	12.30pm	Lunch
9.30am	Darrell O'Brien & Dr Sai Aroju <i>General Manager and Research & Innovation Manager, Radiata Pine Breeding Company</i>	1.00pm	Steve Koekemoer <i>Chief Executive, Season's Best Limited</i>
	A faster path to climate resilience in forestry, through technology adoption		We have talked about 'value add' for many decades now, but what have we added in value in our vegetable industries?
10.00am	Hamish Marr <i>Farmer, Mid-Canterbury</i>	1.30pm	Dr Jacqueline Rowarth <i>Adjunct Professor, Lincoln University</i>
	How can growers compete with subsidised imports?		How we actively choose to under invest in science
10.30am	Morning Tea		
11.00am	Dr Scott Champion <i>Chief Executive, Foundation for Arable Research</i>		
	How can cross-sector collaboration be the ticket to success?		
11.30am	Dr Kirsty Chidgey <i>Animal Welfare Science Advisor for NZ Pork and Senior Research Officer at Massey University</i>		
	Beyond cheap imports: Supporting a strong domestic pork industry?		

POLITICAL FORUM

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2.00pm to 4.00pm

Each of the political parties will discuss their policy on agricultural and horticultural science

Representatives from:

National Party: Hon Nicola Grigg
Labour Party: Hon Dr Deborah Russell
Green Party: Steve Abel
NZ First Party: Hon Mark Patterson
ACT Party: Dr Parmjeet Parma
Opportunity Party: Daniel Eb
Chair: Prof Jon Hickford

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