MAIZE PROFIT & PRODUCTIVITY

12-13 FEBRUARY 2024, CLAUDELANDS EVENTS CENTRE

DAY 1: Monday 12 February

Session 1: Global issues and considerations for New Zealand

9.00am Welcome

Reducing emissions to net zero by 2050.
Nestlé

What's driving change on North Island dairy farms?
Raewyn Densley, AgFirst

Financing rural sustainability.
Turi McFarlane, ASB

10.50am Morning tea and sponsors

Compliance update – what do we know and how will it affect maize?
Dirk Wallace, FAR

A farmer perspective on the diverse role of maize and maize production systems.
Grower panel

12.30am Lunch and sponsors

Session 2: NCRS field tour: Research delivering sustainability and profitability into maize production systems

i. **N indicators trial,** *Dirk Wallace, FAR*

ii. **Long Term Establishment Trial,** *Abie Horrocks, FAR*

iii. **Multi hybrid plantings,** *David Densley, FAR*

iv. **Maize, time of planting,** *Sam McDougall and Steve Payne, FAR*

5.30pm Drinks and dinner at Claudelands

DAY 2: Tuesday 13 February

Session 3: Preparing for the future – what might it look like for the maize industry?

8.30am Welcome

Risk and resilience, preparing for future.
Alison Stewart, FAR

Biological options – current and future role in resilient maize systems.
Connor Sible, University of Illinois

Improving yield, resilience and profit through improving soil quality and agronomic practice.
David Densley, FAR

The quest for profitability, production resilience, and environmental good practice.
Grower panel

10.30am Morning tea and sponsors

Session 4: The role of precision agriculture in future maize systems

The current and future role of precision ag in US maize systems.
Scott Shearer, Ohio State

The current and future role of precision ag in New Zealand maize systems.
Chris Smith, FAR

The role of precision ag in building a more profitable maize production system.
Grower panel

12.45 pm Lunch and informal opportunity to speak with:

- *Sponsors*
- *Compliance experts*
- *Conference speakers*
- *Biosecurity staff*