

MURRAY DAIRY PROGRAMS 2019-20

Animal Health and Performance

CUPS ON CUPS OFF (CoCo)

Dates: TBC
 Duration: 2 days
 Suitable for: Anyone who milks cows

What's covered:

Understanding how to prevent, identify and treat mastitis by improving the milking process and developing an action plan for your farm

EUTHANASIA OF LIVESTOCK

Dates: April-June 2020
 Duration: 1 day
 Suitable for: All stock handlers

What's covered:

Ensuring the most humane treatment of your sick, injured or unstable cows with training in industry standards and the safe and effective use of captive bolt devices where euthanasia is required

RAISING HEALTHY CALVES

Duration: 1 day
 Suitable for: Calf Rearers and Farm Managers

What's covered:

An interactive discussion about raising healthy calves with a focus on pre-weaning management.

TRANSITIONING TO TEMPORARY FEED AREAS

Dates: October 2019
 Duration: 1 day
 Suitable for: Anyone transitioning cows on to a temporary feed area or sacrifice paddock over summer

What's covered:

Considerations for transitioning your cows to a temporary feed area whilst maintaining animal health, welfare and comfort. Covers design for reducing heat stress, meeting stock water needs and minimising feed wastage. Also covers regulations around temporary feed areas and grants to support your transition.

Feedbase and Animal Nutrition

FEEDING PASTURES FOR PROFIT (FPFP)

Commencing: April 2020
 Duration: 2 classroom days and 5 on-farm sessions within 12 months
 Suitable for: All

What's covered:

Develop skills and tools to achieve the profitable balance between home grown feed harvest and supplement use. Get the most from your pasture through different growth stages and seasons by better managing rotations and grazing.

NUTRITION FUNDAMENTALS

Dates: November 2019 TBC
 Duration: 2 days
 Suitable for: All

What's covered:

A hands-on course which looks at opportunities to optimise home grown feed and helps participants identify the most efficient and effective ways to fill feed gaps

ADVANCED NUTRITION (course)

Dates: March to June 2020
 Duration: 8 days
 Suitable for: Participants with prior knowledge of dairy cow nutrition

What's covered:

A higher-level course for developing and refining herd nutrition programs using new information and tools. Also looks at integrating nutrition within the farm system.

TOP FODDER

Dates: TBC
 Duration: 2 classroom days and 1 on-farm session
 Suitable for: All

What's covered:

Silage making from pasture or crop to stack or bale, covering harvest decisions, machinery, inoculating, stacking or baling and sealing.

FIX YOUR MIX – 11 steps to TMR success

Date: October 2019
 Duration: 1 day
 Suitable for: Anyone with a mixer wagon or considering a mixer wagon

What's covered:

An 11-step audit process looking for opportunities within a TMR/PMR system to be more efficient and consistent when feeding cows

AUTUMN START UP

Dates: February 2020 TBC
 Duration: 1 day
 Suitable for: All

What's covered:

Based on market and climate indicators, experts will discuss options for annual pastures and cropping, with opportunities to boost production

Land, Water & Climate

ENERGY WORKSHOP

Dates: TBC

What's covered:

Duration:	1 day	An overview of alternative energy generation and cost-saving options for dairy farmers
Suitable for:	Business owners	
WATER IN FOCUS		What's covered:
Dates:	TBC	Updates and analysis of water policy, outlooks, market trends and use affecting irrigators in the Murray region
Duration:	1 day	
Suitable for:	All	
Business Management		
TAKING STOCK 1 to 1 sessions		What's covered:
Available for:	All levy-paying dairy businesses can access a (free) consultation in the 2019-20 year	An advisor of your choice will work through your business planning, budgeting and decision-making with you. What is covered in the session is up to you and could include: feed planning, nutrition budgeting, water budgeting, reviewing plans for the season, reviewing your books, organising your finances or making a longer-term plan for succession or exit.
FARM BUSINESS FUNDAMENTALS		What's covered:
Dates:	Now taking Expressions of Interest	Develop skills and knowledge to organise and make sense of farm business finances including: entering, analysing and interpreting data; measuring farm performance; and setting performance goals for improving profit and cashflow.
Duration:	3 days	
Suitable for:	All	
FARM BUSINESS ANALYSIS		What's covered:
Dates:	Now taking Expressions of Interest	A more in-depth look at farm performance using DairyBase to identify profit drivers in your business, analyse data to improve operational decisions, improve cost control, manage risk and increase business resilience.
Duration:	3 days	
Suitable for:	Owners and Managers	
OUR FARM, OUR PLAN		What's covered:
Duration:	4 days	A risk and strategic planning program to assist in longer-term goal setting and decision-making within your farm business. Considers how to manage likely opportunities and challenges in the operating environment.
Suitable for:	Farm owners	
People		
EMPLOYMENT BASICS		What's covered:
Dates:	TBC	An introduction to employing people correctly in the dairy industry, unpacking the rules of the Pastoral Award to ensure your business is compliant.
Duration:	1 day	
Suitable for:	Anyone employing people on farm	
FARM SAFETY		What's covered:
Dates:	Now taking Expressions of Interest	Reducing and managing risk on a dairy farm by identifying hazards and developing policies and procedures that all farm visitors, employees and owners can implement
Duration:	1 day	
Suitable for:	All	
TRANSITION WORKSHOPS – "STEPPING BACK"		What's covered:
Dates:	October 2019	Options and planning for succession, retirement and exit providing real case studies and templates to work from
Duration:	1 day	
Suitable for:	Anyone wanting to reduce their level of farm involvement	
Groups and Industry Networks		
Discussion Groups		Groups that come together monthly to discuss a topic of their choice that will assist their farm business
Dairy Business Networks		Closed groups facilitated by a farm business consultant. Members share farm business plans, strategies and performance data.
Young Dairy Network		Technical and social events for young dairy farmers and service providers or newer entrants to the industry
Regional Network Groups (RNGs)		An opportunity to hear from industry about current programs and contribute to discussion about research and extension priorities that meet local needs