

RED MEAT SECTOR CONFERENCE 2026 PROGRAMME

28 & 29 SEPTEMBER 2026 | TĀKINA WELLINGTON CONVENTION CENTRE



MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

5:30PM – 7:30PM

Americold Welcome Cocktails

TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

7:30AM	Registration Desk/Exhibition Trade Show opens, Coffee & Tea available	
8:30AM	Conference starts MC Welcome	<u>Jehan Casinader Conference MC</u>
8:40AM	MIA Chair Address	<u>Hon Nathan Guy MIA</u>
8:50AM	A US Customer's Perspective	<u>Greg Foran CEO, The Kroger Co</u> and <u>Hon Nathan Guy MIA</u>
9:15AM	Government Address	<u>Hon Todd McClay Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Trade and Investment, Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs</u>
9:30AM	Political Debate	Facilitated by Tracy Watkins BusinessNZ • <u>Hon Todd McClay National Party</u> • <u>Hon Damien O'Connor Labour Party</u> • <u>Hon Mark Patterson New Zealand First Party</u> • <u>Scott Willis Green Party</u> • <u>Hon Andrew Hoggard Act Party</u>
10:25AM	Morning tea Sponsored by Philaport	
10:50AM	Partnership Sponsor Address	<u>Kate Acland Beef + Lamb New Zealand</u>
	The Perspective of American Cattle Ranchers	<u>Kent Bacus US National Cattlemen's Beef Association</u>
11:25AM	What are We Watching on the Global Beef Market	<u>Simon Quilty Global AgriTrends Down Under</u> <u>Brett Stuart Global AgriTrends (virtual speaker)</u>
12:05PM	Charity Partner Spotlight	<u>Sophie Percy NZ Food Network</u>
12:10PM	Tackling the Grit in the Machinery: Non-tariff Barriers in Global Markets	<u>Sarah Ottrey Christchurch International Airport</u>
12:40PM	Lunch Sponsor Spotlight	<u>Alex McGrath Bioeconomy Science Institute</u>
12:45PM	Lunch Sponsored by Bioeconomy Science Institute	
1:35PM	Gold Sponsor Spotlight	<u>Daniel Smith Alsco</u>
1:45PM	Trade Panel: Why Trade Matters More Than Ever	Facilitated by Jehan Casinader • <u>Felicity Roxburgh NZ International Business Forum</u> • <u>Diana Reaich Ministry for Primary Industries</u> • <u>Killian Destremau Business and Economic Research Limited</u>
2:25PM	Gold Sponsor Spotlight	<u>James Hennessy Foods Connected</u>
2:30PM	Who Cares Enough About the Future	<u>Dr Victoria Hatton Food HQ</u>
3:00PM	Modernising New Zealand's Red Meat Quota Management Administration Systems	<u>Esther Guy-Meakin New Zealand Meat Board</u>
3:10PM	Afternoon tea	
3:35PM	Gold Sponsor Spotlight	<u>Martyn Taylor Eurofins</u>
3:45PM	Trade Winds Turning: New Zealand's Red Meat Sector in a Fragmented World	<u>Ben Picton RaboResearch Global Economics & Markets</u>
4:10PM	Maximising Value Through Dairy-beef Integration	<u>Simon Limmer Indevin Group</u>
4:40PM	Conference Close	<u>Jehan Casinader Conference MC</u>
6.00PM	QCONZ Pre-Dinner drinks	
7:00PM	Maersk Gala Dinner	



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