

Press Release: Hannah Dairy Research Foundation Workshop

A Knowledge Exchange Event with a Difference

The Hannah Dairy Research Foundation recently hosted an innovative workshop that brought together farmers, practitioners, and researchers to discuss practical dairy farming challenges and opportunities. Unlike traditional events where researchers primarily present their findings, this workshop flipped the format on its head, fostering an open dialogue led by farmers and practitioners to share their experiences and insights with researchers.

Key Highlights of the Event

The workshop featured an impressive lineup of speakers, each offering valuable perspectives on key aspects of dairy farming:

- David Hamilton, a farmer from Meldrum Farms, shared firsthand insights into the realities of dairy farming.
- Chloe McCulloch, Head of SAC Consulting - provided advice on effective business strategies for dairy farmers.
- Bob Carruth, representing NFUS, contributed a political perspective on dairy farming and its broader implications.
- Derek Kennedy, from Lactalis, addressed topics on milk marketing and processing, offering a view into the industry's supply chain dynamics.
- Grace Smith, from Carrs Billington, presented practical guidance on feeding dairy cows to optimise health and productivity.

Collaborative Discussions and Future Plans

Attendees actively engaged in vibrant discussions throughout the workshop, sharing ideas and exploring solutions to the challenges faced by dairy farmers today. This unique format not only facilitated meaningful exchanges but also piqued the interest of participants in forming a group to continue these discussions in the future.

This workshop has successfully demonstrated the power of collaboration and knowledge exchange in driving innovation and progress within the dairy farming industry. The Hannah Dairy Research Foundation looks forward to seeing the ideas from this event evolve into impactful initiatives.

For more information or to join the proposed discussion group, please contact the Hannah Dairy Research Foundation. enquiry@hannahdairyresearch.org.uk

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