

Media Release



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Calling all young dairy professionals for 2020 New Zealand Study Tour

The United Dairyfarmers of Victoria (UDV) is calling all young dairy leaders to apply for the 2020 Gardiner Dairy Foundation UDV New Zealand Study Tour and explore the best of the New Zealand dairy industry in February 2020.

“The annual New Zealand Study Tour is an amazing opportunity for emerging industry leaders to learn from New Zealand’s innovative dairy farmers and industry professionals, develop their leadership skills, network with other young dairy professionals, and gain invaluable skills they can take back to their own farms or businesses,” said Mr Paul Mumford, UDV President.

“During the eight-day trip, participants will tour a variety of farm systems and technologies on New Zealand’s most productive dairy farms, cutting-edge dairy research centres and advanced processing facilities.

“Previous participants of the study tour have gone on to assume more responsibility on their farm or business, represent their region at the UDV Policy Council, contribute to their communities, and win awards, such as the Australian Young Farmer of the Year.

“Participants have told us that the tour has been the most beneficial professional development they have undertaken in their careers so far.

“I strongly encourage young dairy leaders to take this opportunity to immerse themselves in the New Zealand dairy industry and gain leadership skills that they will use throughout their careers,” said Mr Mumford.

To be eligible, applicants must be aged between 18 and 35 years, hold an Australian passport, be actively involved in the Victorian dairy industry either on farm or in the supply chain, and be available for travel in February 2020.

Applications for the New Zealand Study Tour close at 9am on Monday the 14 October, with selection interviews to be held in Melbourne. To apply, please visit www.vff.org.au/UDVTour

The 2020 Gardiner Dairy Foundation UDV New Zealand Study Tour is funded by the Gardiner Dairy Foundation.

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About the VFF

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is dedicated to representing the interests of farmers and making a positive difference to their businesses and communities. We strive to create an environment for our members, our farmers, that enables profitable, safe, sustainable production to ensure an enduring social licence in a community that respects and values the sector.

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