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## DAIRY NUTRITION CONFERENCE 2026

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14 - 15 JANUARY 2026



## PROGRAMME

Shaping the future of  
**ANIMAL SCIENCE**

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### 14TH JANUARY

(Refreshments from 13:00)

#### WELCOME

13:45 Helen Warren, BSAS President and Alltech

#### FEED ANALYSIS

Session Chair: Kate Le Cocq, Harper Adams University

14:00 | Developing calibrations for forage analysis  
Mike Smith, AB Vista

14:45 | A night out with silage – acids and alcohols  
Dave Davies, Silage Solutions

15:30 | Break

#### PRACTICAL HEIFER MANAGEMENT

Session Chair: Stef Yerby, University of Glasgow

16:00 | Post-weaning to first calving – managing the dairy heifer  
Alex Bach, ICREA

16:45 | Re-evaluating copper in the diet of heifers  
Sandy Mackenzie/James McCaughern, Harper Adams University

19:00 | Drinks Reception and Dinner

### 15TH JANUARY

(Refreshments from 09:00)

#### THE LACTATING COW

Session Chair: David Wilde, Massey Harper Feeds

09:30 | Adapting to changing weather  
Pete Falloon, Met Office

10:15 | Water – the forgotten nutrient  
Huw McConochie, Zinpro

11:00 | Break

#### NUTRITIONAL MANAGEMENT OF THE DRY COW

Session Chair: Helen Warren, Alltech

11:15 | Revisiting DCAD  
David Wilde, Massey Harper Feeds

11:45 | Nutrition to mitigate the risks of peri-parturient diseases  
Alastair Macrae, University of Edinburgh

#### LABELLING AND AUTHORISING REGULATIONS

Session Chair: Helen Warren, Alltech

12:15 | Authorising additives  
Nick Wheelhouse, University of Edinburgh Napier and chair of the  
FSA's Advisory Committee on Animal Feedstuffs

13:00 | Labelling dos and definitely do nots  
Vicky Phillips, Apheya

13:45 | Closing remarks | Helen Warren

13:50 | Buffet lunch and depart

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