



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Rembrandt Hotel, London, May 9-10, 2024

This year's Dairy Industry Newsletter conference will be our 25th. Once again we have a stellar line-up of speakers, a tribute to the long history and international reputation of the conference, our publications, daily website news and subscribers.

Brexit was a game-changer. Then came the pandemic. And then the war in Ukraine. All have taken a heavy toll on agriculture, creating tumultuous and volatile markets – but as always there's opportunity to be seized as well as change to be embraced. Amid growing political aggression, demand has weakened but supply could be among the greatest challenges for dairy in the next five years. Food security is rising on the agenda, but dairy companies face new challenges in the supply chain, and in supporting their farmers in the drive towards mitigating climate change and meeting expectation. Who will be willing to pay extra and how much will they pay for it? How will supply, prices and trade evolve this year? What part will developing countries play? Most of all, how will dairy businesses survive and thrive?

The conference takes place over two half-days at the Rembrandt Hotel, Thurloe Place, Knightsbridge, London SW7 2RS. Registration is from 12 midday on Thursday May 9th. There will be two afternoon sessions starting at 2pm followed by our annual drinks reception, kindly sponsored by StoneX, and the conference dinner. On the morning of Friday May 10th, two conference sessions will conclude with a buffet lunch (inclusive).

Conference registration: Held at last year's prices (incl. 20% VAT)

Conference only: £768 | Conference + dinner: £840 | Dinner only: £70

For information and to book, contact Lucy Hall: lucy@lucyclaireevents.com

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Speakers include:



Allan Wilkinson has been Head of Agrifoods at HSBC since 2015, covering food chains and systems. He is a dairy farmer's son from North Yorkshire and holds a number of prominent industry roles.



Matt Gould, senior director and co-lead in sustainability at US-based Ever.Ag, is an analyst in dairy markets, milk pricing, risk management and financial analysis. He grew up on a dairy farm in Pavillion, NY.



Dr. Rupinder Singh Sodhi is the President of the Indian Dairy Association, the apex body of dairy industry professionals, planners, producers, scientists and academics. He was MD of AMUL from 2010-23.



Christine Parry has spent 20 years working in the field of circular economy and reducing the environmental impact of industry. At AB Agri she is focusing on methane mitigation in dairy.



Nick Whelan has been Group Chief Executive of Dale Farm, the largest UK owned dairy co-op, since August 2016. Previously he was Commercial Director in Ireland's largest dairy business, Glanbia.



Drew Sloan focuses on the role of dairy/beef genetics in climate mitigation and industry sustainability. He has a long pedigree in industry and government, currently as VP, Corporate Development, of The Semex Alliance.



Christophe Lafougère is the CEO of the consulting and research company GIRA, based in France, specialising in the world of agri-food. He oversees all Gira's consulting activities in the dairy sector.



Erik Elgersma is founder and director of SAS—a Dutch-based globally active consulting firm in strategy, market and competitive intelligence and training. Previously he worked for 20 years at FrieslandCampina.



Steve Spencer is a food market analyst and adviser with FreshAgenda (now Ever.Ag Insights) based in Melbourne, Australia. He has significant experience in agri-food sectors, but mostly focuses on dairy.



Catherine Paice is an agribusiness journalist with experience in a range of commodities and in print, broadcast and online media. She has worked with DIN for a decade, taking full responsibility two years ago.

More speakers to be confirmed!