New Zealand Institute of Agricultural & Horticultural Science Inc.

2026 NZIAHS CANTERBURY FORUM

FROM SUNSET TO SUNRISE: THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE IN NEW ZEALAND

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2026, STEWART 1 & FOYER, LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

8.50am **Welcome:** Professor Grant Edwards
Vice Chancellor, Lincoln University

9.00am **Keynote Address: Dr John Caradus**
Chief Technology Officer, Grasslanz
Have we fallen behind everyone else in the OECD in not allowing genetic modification, and at what cost?

9.30am **Darrell O'Brien**
General Manager, Radiata Pine Breeding Co.
A faster path to climate resilience in forestry, through technology adoption

10.00am **Hamish Marr**
Farmer, Mid-Canterbury
How can growers compete with subsidised imports?

10.30am **Morning Tea**

11.00am **Dr Scott Champion**
Chief Executive, Foundation for Arable Research
How can cross-sector collaboration be the ticket to success?

11.30am **Dr Kirsty Chidgey**
Animal Welfare Science Advisor for NZ Pork and Senior Research Officer at Massey University
Beyond cheap imports: Supporting a strong domestic pork industry?

12noon **Colin Hurst**
National President, Federated Farmers
Is the New Zealand family farmer a dying breed, and what would the cost of that be?

12.30pm **Lunch**

1.00pm **Steve Koekemoer**
Chief Executive, Season's Best Limited
We have talked about 'value add' for many decades now, but what have we added in value in our vegetable industries?

1.30pm **Dr Jacqueline Rowarth**
Adjunct Professor, Lincoln University
How we actively choose to under invest in science

POLITICAL FORUM

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2.00pm to 4.00pm
Each of the political parties will discuss their policy on agricultural and horticultural science

Representatives from:
National Party: Hon Nicola Grigg
Labour Party: Hon Jo Luxton
Green Party: Steve Abel
NZ First Party: Mark Patterson
ACT Party: Dr Parmjeet Parma
Opportunity Party: Daniel Eb
Chair: Prof Jon Hickford

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