

National Forage Conference – Speakers

David Homer

A Nuffield scholar, David farms in partnership with his wife Jane 210 high yielding Holsteins near Marlborough in Wiltshire. He is a board member of Dairy Co and of the University of Reading Farms, a Dairy Crest Direct Forum member, chair of IDF UK and IDF SC Farm Management.

Mary Beth de Ondarza, Ph.D

Mary Beth qualified from Delaware Valley College with a BS in Dairy Husbandry and completed her MS at Cornell University. Her doctorate was gained in Dairy Nutrition at Michigan State University. Following work as a nutritionist and consultant she set up her own consultancy providing nutritional services to the US Dairy Industry.

Michael F Hutjens, Ph.D

Born and raised in Wisconsin, Mike earned his joint doctorate degree in dairy science and nutritional science at the University of Wisconsin.

Mike was extension dairy specialist at the University of Minnesota for 8 years before joining the University of Illinois as a lecturer and extension officer.

Mike was President of the American Dairy Science Association for 2004/05, elected a fellow of ADSA and selected as Industry Person of the year by World Dairy Expo in 2008.

Francis Dunne

Francis gained his HND in Agriculture at the Welsh Agricultural College and DMS at the University of Westminster Business School. He spent 4 years working on farms in UK, NZ & Australia followed by 26 years in the forage seed industry. He set up Field Options Ltd at the end of 2004.

Max D Sealy BSc (Hons)

A graduate of Seale Hayne, Max Sealy has over 15 years experience as a farm management consultant, providing financial and business planning advice as well as dairy technical advice including dairy nutrition and grassland management. He combines his consultancy business with responsibility for managing the 240 cow dairy herd on his 420-acre family farm.
