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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Registration at 8.30am

Introductions: Who are we and why are we here? Ron Morrow

The Dairy Farm Sustainability Checksheet-
What is it? Why was it developed? Ann Wells, Jodie Pennington

Economics of grass-based dairying Geoff Benson, Stacey Hamilton

Setting realistic goals for pasture-based dairy farm Steve Washburn

Working with producers-what we have done and challenges we have faced Stacey Hamilton, Tony Rickard, Greg Brann

What has been my experience with grazing? Tony Rickard, Producers Panel

What help do I need to make decisions? Dennis Onks, Producers Panel

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Pasture for dairy cattle Ron Morrow

How do we help a producer with pastures? Are there forages that can be selected? Jim Green

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

What are some opportunities to increase economic sustainability? Ann Wells

-Value-added products

-Organic production

-Sheep and goat dairying

Challenges to sustainable dairying: What information is needed? Ron Morrow

The Dairy Farm Sustainability Checksheet-how can we use it? Ann Wells, Jodie Pennington