

Out the Gate 2026 Programme

Day One - Wednesday 20 May

A sector fit for the future, today		
Time	Topic	Speaker
9.30am	Opening and welcome	
Session One - What is happening around the world		
10.15am	Australian context - How are sheep producers in Australia performing and looking to the future. What should kiwi producers be aware of or excited about. Future Flock progress	Bonnie Skinner - CEO Sheep Producers Australia
10.45am	NZ context - Sector strength and opportunities	Ray Smith - Director General MPI
11.15am	What are the global markets doing - prices are high now but what is coming down the line	Simon Quilty
12.15pm	Lunch	
1.00pm	Opportunities for solar generation on farm	Mike Casey - Rewire NZ
1.45pm - 3.00pm	Breakout Session One	
	Biodiversity	Dan Steele - Blue Duck Station
	Arable and seed production	Craig Carr - Carrfields
	Trading Electricity	Andrew (Pegs) Pegler - Flex Energy
	Use of data/AI in ag	Mark Maitland
	Dairy Beef	Prem Maan
3.00pm	Afternoon tea	
3.20pm - 4.45pm	Political Panel - MPs from 5 parties invited, facilitated by Rowena Duncum	
6.00pm	B+LNZ Awards Dinner - (ticket required) Drinks and reception: 6.00pm, dinner and Awards: 7.00pm	
Your farm fit for the future, today		

Day Two - Thursday 21 May

7.30am - 8.30am	Breakfast with Simon Quilty - 30 min breakfast, 30 min facilitated Q&A	
8.30am	Agri-science in NZ and round the world	John Roche
9.00am	Break to move to rooms	
9.15am - 10.45am	Breakout Session Two	
	Vigour - a new tool in the fight against parasites	Warwick Catto
	SmartWorm	Andy Greer and Paul Crick
	What 75 years of data tells us about the best performing farmers	Julian Ashby - B+LNZ
	Predicting facial eczema: Powered by farmer data	Cara Brosnahan and Tom Brownlie
	What is genomics and how can it support rapid genetic gain at a farm and industry level	
	Sire Team Tool - Tracking genetics from the stud into your flock	
10.45am	Conference Close and Wrap Up	