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Health meet: This year's Dairy Research Foundation Symposium at Camden, New South Wales, on September 8-9, will focus on the health of the environment, feeding systems, cows and people around a dairy farm. The Dairying: A Healthy Obsession program will have a host of speakers, including overseas experts and Australian dairyfarmers, advisers and researchers.

Participants will be able to take a free on-the-spot health check, courtesy of the National Centre for Farmer Health. On the second day, the team will report the health status of symposium participants and how they rate as a group compared with the rest of the nation's farmers. They will also hear about the experiences of Hunter Valley dairyfarmers who are putting in practice the Complementary Forage System developed by the FutureDairy team. There will be a farm visit to nearby Camden Park, a commercial dairy operating on the historic site settled by John and Elizabeth MacArthur in the 19th century.

• **Details:** www.vetsc.usyd.edu.au/foundations/drf/index.shtml