

Dairy farm health days

DAIRYING is set to become a healthy obsession for participants at this year's Dairy Research Foundation Symposium, to be held at Camden, NSW, on September 8 and 9.

The theme – Dairying: a healthy obsession – will cover all aspects of health around a dairy farm, including the health of the environment, feeding systems, cows and people.

Participants will be able to take a free, on-the-spot health check, provided by the National Centre for Farmer Health.

On the second day, the team will report on the health status of symposium participants, and how they rate as a group compared with the rest of the nation's farmers.

They'll also hear about the experiences of Hunter Valley dairy farmers who are putting in practice the complementary forage system developed by the FutureDairy team.

The program includes a host of speakers, including overseas experts and Australian dairy farmers, advisers and researchers.

The farm visit will be to nearby Camden Park, a commercial dairy operating on the historic site settled by John and Elizabeth MacArthur in the 19th century.

The symposium will be held at Liz Kernohan Conference Centre, University of Sydney, Camden campus.

To register, contact Michelle Heward or Sherry Catt on 9351 1631, email vetdrf@usyd.edu.au or visit www.vetsci.usyd.edu.au/foundations/drff/index.shtml.



Dairying: a healthy obsession' is the theme for the 2010 Dairy Research Foundation Symposium