

Program

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The meeting lounge in **Bealey 2** and exhibition in **Hall E1** will be open from 8am until the end of each day.
Please note: tables in the meeting lounge are first come, first served. Reservations are not permitted.

MONDAY 25 AUGUST

Sponsored by

2.00pm-5.00pm

Registration, Ground Floor Foyer

3.30pm-6.00pm

Seed Business Challenge, The Rockpool



CALLAHAN SEED
Seed Brokers

TUESDAY 26 AUGUST

Sponsored by

7.00am-8.45am

Young Radicles Breakfast, Bealey 4 & 5

Rob Penney | Head coach, Crusaders (Super Rugby)



8.00am-9.00am

Registration and exhibition open

9.00am-9.20am

Seed Business Official Opening – Mihi Whakatau

Charlotte Connoley | President, SGNZ & Tim March | President, ASF

9.20am-10.50am

Gene Technology Forum to be followed by Q&A

Facilitator: Dr Zahra Champion | Executive Director, BIOTech NZ



Session 1: GM and non-GM co-existence considerations in the New Zealand context

Dr John Caradus | Chief Technology Officer, Grasslanz Technology

Session 2: Establishing trade and market acceptance for GM agricultural products, the Australian experience

Dr Carl Ramage | Managing Director, Rautaki Solutions

Snapshot update: Food Standards Australia New Zealand

Dr Shai Joseph | Senior Regulatory Scientist, New Foods, FSANZ

10.50am-11.10am **Morning tea**

11.10am-12.40pm **Session 3: The importance of future-proofing regulations to enable plant breeding innovation**

Osman Mewett | Senior Global Regulatory Policy Manager, Seeds & Traits, BASF

Session 4: Opportunities in gene technology for New Zealand's arable cropping industry

Dr Tony Conner | Emeritus Scientist, AgResearch

12.40pm-1.00pm

Keynote Address

Steve Miller | Owner, Spark Business Hub Canterbury



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TUESDAY 26 AUGUST cont.

1.00pm-2.30pm

Lunch

2.30pm-5.00pm

Business / working group meetings followed by AGMs

Unless otherwise noted, these groups are open for all delegates to attend

Dobson plenary room

2.30pm-3.00pm

ASF Native Seed Working Group

3.00pm-3.30pm

Grains & Pulses Business Group

3.30pm-4.00pm

Combined SGNZ Forage & Turf Business Group + ASF Lawn & Turf Seed Working Group

4.00pm-4.30pm

Services to Seed Business Group

4.30pm-5.00pm

Annual General Meeting

Seed & Grain New Zealand

Bealey 4 + 5

2.30pm-3.00pm

Vegetable Seed Business Group

SGNZ members only

3.00pm-4.30pm

Combined SGNZ Vegetable Seed Business Group + ASF Horticulture Working Group

4.30pm-5.00pm

Annual General Meeting

Australian Seed Federation

5.00pm-7.30pm

Welcome cocktail function, Dobson Foyer

With Mayor of Christchurch, Phil Mauger

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WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST

9.00am-9.05am	Welcome Claire Taylor MC, Agvocacy Consulting
9.05am-9.25am	Ministerial Address Hon Nicola Grigg Minister of State for Trade and Investment, Minister for Women, Associate Minister of Agriculture (Horticulture) and Associate Minister for ACC
9.25am-10.05am	Plant-based protein – a signal or a trend? Dr Victoria Hatton CEO, FoodHQ Innovation
10.05am-10.25am	Microplastic in seed coating Ronald Chan Incotec Australia
10.25am-10.45am	What's next for biologicals? Alistair Pullin Agrimm Technologies
10.45am-11.15am	Morning tea
11.15am-11.50am	Weathering global change and uncertainty Jason Lewthwaite Head of International Business, BNZ
11.50am-12.30pm	Navigating the geopolitical and policy environment Leigh Moran Director, Counsel House
12.30pm-1.00pm	Strengthening ANZ relationships for the seed industry Panel discussion
1.00pm-2.30pm	Lunch
2.30pm-3.00pm	The biosecurity emerging risk system Dr Abigail Durrant Adviser, Plants and Pathways team Biosecurity Science and Risk Assessment Group, Ministry for Primary Industries NZ
3.00pm-3.40pm	Seeds of doubt: How misinformation threatens our food future Dr Matthew Nurse Social Scientist, Australian National University

WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST cont.

3.40pm-3.50pm

Closing remarks

Claire Taylor | MC, Agvocacy Consulting

3.50pm-4.20pm

Afternoon tea

4.30pm-6.00pm

Women in Seed cocktail hour, Bealey Foyer

Dr Elena Duter | Head of Agronomy Technical Field Growth, Farmlands

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GALA DINNER, CHRISTCHURCH TOWN HALL

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6.15pm-7.25pm

Happy Hour

Pre-dinner drinks



7.30pm-11.00pm

Gala Dinner

Including awards and entertainment



Field Days

The buses for the Field Days will depart from **Armagh Street, Te Pae Christchurch Convention Centre.**

THURSDAY 28 AUGUST

Field Day 1 sponsored by



8.20am departure

Start: PGG Wrightson
Kimihi Research Centre,
Lincoln



Next stop: Luisetti Seeds,
Ashburton



Lunch: Cleavers Corner
Gastro Pub

Final stop: Two Thumb
Brewing Co



Approx. 4.45pm return

Each field day will enjoy a
coffee cart at the starting
location **sponsored by**

SMART **PACK**

Field Day 2 sponsored by



7.50am departure

Start: Ariki Seed Limited,
Springston



Next stop: South Pacific
Seeds (NZ), Methven



Lunch: Blue Pub, Methven
drinks **sponsored by**



Post lunch: Proseed
Processing



Final stop: Midlands,
Ashburton



Approx. 6.00pm return

Field Day 3 sponsored by



8.50am departure

Start: Barenbrug,
Rolleston



Lunch: Farmers Corner

Final stop: PGG
Wrightson Seeds, Tinwald



Approx. 4.30pm return

Field Day 1

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The logo for PGG Wrightson Seeds, featuring the company name in white and green text on a dark blue background.

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The logo for PGG Wrightson Seeds, featuring the company name in white and green text on a dark blue background.

Next stop: Luisetti Seeds,
Ashburton

The logo for Luisetti, featuring a green leaf icon and the word "LUISETTI" in bold green capital letters.

Lunch: Cleavers Corner
Gastro Pub

Final stop: Two Thumb
Brewing Co

The logo for Two Thumb Brewing Co., featuring the words "TWO THUMB" in bold black capital letters above "BREWING CO." in smaller black capital letters.

Approx. 4.45pm return

Begin the day at the renowned PGG Wrightson Kimihia Research Centre, a 250-hectare facility dedicated to cutting-edge plant breeding. Explore their advanced breeding programs focused on forage grasses, clovers, pasture herbs, turf grasses, and grain and forage brassicas. Gain insights into the latest innovations shaping the future of seed development.

Continue the tour with a visit to Luisetti Seeds, a proudly family-owned business operating since 1932. With state-of-the-art facilities in Rangiora and Ashburton, Luisetti Seeds specialises in cereal and ryegrass cleaning and packing. Learn how their expertise, combined with the latest seed technologies, adds value to modern farming—backed by over 90 years of integrity and innovation.

Refuel with a delicious meal at Cleavers Corner Gastro Pub, known for its fresh, locally sourced fare and welcoming atmosphere. Enjoy a relaxed dining experience before heading to our final stop.

Wrap up the day with a brewery tour and tasting experience at Two Thumb Brewery, where quality craft beer meets sustainability. Their solar-powered facility utilises rainwater catchment and an advanced wastewater treatment system, ensuring every batch is not only exceptional to drink but also environmentally responsible. Enjoy a guided tasting of five handcrafted beers (5 x 200ml tastings), showcasing the best of locally sourced malts and hops.

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Post lunch: Proseed Processing



Final stop: Midlands, Ashburton



Approx. 6.00pm return

Begin the tour at Ariki Seed Limited, specialists in hybrid vegetable seed and stock seed production since 1997. With a well-established network of quality growers and specialised contractors worldwide, Ariki Seed produces crops both in plastic tunnels and outdoor fields, ensuring high-quality seed production for global markets.

Visit South Pacific Seeds (NZ), a leader in hybrid vegetable seed production for over 30 years. Located in the heart of the Canterbury Plains, with expanding operations in the North Island, SPSNZ benefits from New Zealand's world-renowned climate for high-quality seed production. Gain insights into their fieldwork, seed cleaning, quality control, shipping, and R&D activities, ensuring premium seed for global markets.

Enjoy a well-earned break at one of Methven's iconic pubs, known for their hearty meals and warm hospitality—a great opportunity to discuss the morning's insights over lunch.

Finish a great day at Midlands, a family-owned enterprise which has recently celebrated 35 years in business. Through its seed, nutrition, pollination and packaging businesses they have become a key player in the NZ seed production & arable food ingredient industries. Midlands prides itself on finding solutions to challenges through innovation and investment in Research & Development.

The field trip tour will involve stops at Midlands Bees, Midlands Apiaries and Kaipak. Here you will hear about their work on maintaining honeybee health, optimising pollination services and tools used to manage hive biosecurity. Guests will visit one of NZ's largest honey packing facilities, learning about the challenges of producing food products for international markets and product innovations. Finally, the tour will take a look at a state-of-the-art plastic extrusion facility, built to deliver in-house designed plastic storage solutions for a range of clientele.

Field Day 3

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8.50am departure

Start: Barenbrug,
Rolleston



Lunch: Farmers Corner

Final stop: PGG
Wrightson Seeds, Tinwald



Approx. 4.30pm return

On this tour, we'll explore the Barenbrug Processing and Distribution Centre, where the latest advancements in seed treatment and coating technology are utilised to boost seed health and performance. This facility focuses on maximising quality and efficiency in coating, resulting in improved crop establishment and growth.

Featuring GTE Technology:

- Patented C800 batch coater - the only machine globally that can clean the stator and rotor in between batches with a waste diversion system
- Fluidised bed dry - uniformed seed drying with 100% seed movement by air
- Modular, bolt together platforms – complying with AS/NZ 1657
- Dust collector – clean sheet design
- Pendulum bucket elevators – ideal for seed and other fragile products
- Packing and storage equipment

Enjoy a meal at Farmers Corner, A renowned retail and restaurant complex 10 minutes from Ashburton offering a one-stop shop for premium NZ souvenirs and dining in a tranquil setting with scenic views of farmland and the Southern Alps.

Finally we will tour the state-of-the-art grass and vegetable seed cleaning line featuring the latest GTE and PETKUS cleaning and sorting equipment, including the S18 Airmax cleaner, G series gravity separators and OS t optical sorter. This cutting-edge technology is designed to enhance efficiency, offering superior processing speeds and decreasing dressing loss, all the while ensuring the highest standards of seed quality. Experience first-hand how this innovative GTE Technology and PETKUS equipment optimises the cleaning process to deliver the finest results for all seed types.

Why Attend?

- Witness the latest innovations in seed processing technology
- Understand how advancements enhance efficiency and processing speeds
- Learn how the technology contributes to improved quality and increased throughput

This is a fantastic opportunity to see how GTE and PETKUS technologies are reshaping the seed industry, ensuring both higher-quality products and more efficient operations.