



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF
ANIMAL PRODUCTION (INC)

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS PIECE

Dear Members and Colleagues,

It is both a privilege and a pleasure to connect with you through the New Zealand Society of Animal Production (NZSAP). As President of this esteemed organisation, I am truly honoured to serve alongside such a dedicated management committee (detailed below)). Together, we make up a vibrant network committed to advancing the science and practice of animal production.



The significance of NZSAP is immeasurable. In a rapidly changing world, the role of animal production science in promoting sustainable food systems, improving animal welfare, and advancing agricultural practices is more crucial than ever to mitigate greenhouse gases. Through our collective efforts, we are not only enhancing animal husbandry practices but also helping to shape the future of global food security.

Our society thrives on the active participation of every member. Being a member of NZSAP is both a privilege and an opportunity to connect with like-minded professionals, researchers, extensionists, and farmers who share a commitment to advancing animal production science. I encourage each of you to engage, collaborate, and share your insights and expertise with us. Whether you are presenting at our conferences, contributing to our publications, or participating in discussions, your involvement enriches our collective impact and drives our mission forward.

Together, we can continue to elevate the standards of animal production science and make meaningful contributions to the agriculture and society. **I invite each of you to consider how you can help shape the future of our society and the profession—whether through your research, your suggestions, or by helping to grow our membership base.** Every contribution, big or small, is vital to our shared success.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the NZSAP.

Warm regards

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Note from NZSAP President

The society acknowledges that accounts for subscriptions were sent later than desirable for the 2025 subscriptions. We apologise for this and thank you for your prompt payment. It is hoped that our accounting system is now fully automated and the delays of the past two years are now just that – in the past.

REMINDERS

MURRAY WOOLFORD YOUNG DAIRY SCIENTIST AWARD

DUE: **14 FEBRUARY 2025**. SEE:

[HTTP://WWW.NZSAP.ORG/MURRAY-WOOLFORD-YOUNG-DAIRY-SCIENTIST-AWARD](http://www.nzsap.org/murray-woolford-young-dairy-scientist-award)

APPLICATIONS FOR NZSAP ANIMAL SCIENCE TRAVEL AWARDS

DUE: **14 FEBRUARY 2025**

DETAILS CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<http://www.nzsap.org/nzsap-animal-science-award>

2025 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE FOR PAYMENT.

PROMPT PAYMENT IS APPRECIATED.



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NZSAP 2024 AWARDS

McMeekan Memorial Award

Racheal Bryant – Lincoln University

<https://www.nzsap.org/blog/2024-mcmeekan-award-recipient-dr-racheal-bryant>



Sir Arthur Ward Award

Wendy Bain – AgResearch

<https://www.nzsap.org/blog/2024-sir-arthur-ward-award-recipient-wendy-bain>



Animal Science Travel Awards

Stacey Hendriks – DairyNZ

Kathryn McRae – AgResearch

Allan Crawford Memorial Travel Award 2024

Jordan Clarke – AgResearch

Ana Carolina Marshall – Massey University

Young Member Award

Jordan Clarke – AgResearch

<https://www.nzsap.org/system/files/proceedings/brief-communication-exploration-new-zealand-deer-rumen-microbiome.pdf>



Jubilee Award

NZSAP each year present the Jubilee Award to senior students at Massey and Lincoln Universities for academic achievement in animal production. The recipients are nominated by the appropriate Heads of Department at each university. Nominations will normally be made to the Society in December of each year. 2024 winners were:

Lincoln University 2024

Sam O'Neill

Massey University 2024

Tayla Hurley

To nominate somebody for an award, please send the following to the Pauline Penketh by June 1 2025 NZSAP, c/-, 64 Stanley Avenue, Roslyn, Palmerston North 4414. Email: nzsap.inc@gmail.com

- Position
- Name of Nominee (Printed) and signature of Nominee
- Proposer (Print name) and Proposer's signature
- Secunder (Print name) and signature of Secunder
- Date



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NZSAP MEMBERSHIP FEES 2025

Full membership	\$95
Student membership	\$47.50
Australian members	\$95
Rest of World members	\$125

NZSAP CONFERENCE 2025

Again, this year we will be partnering with the New Zealand Grasslands and Agronomy Societies for the annual conference. This will be held in Hamilton from 8am Tuesday 11 November 4pm to Thursday 13 November, 2025 at Waikato University. The theme for the conference is *North shifting South*.

The timeline for abstract submissions is as follows:

Call for Abstract: by **7th Feb 2025** at the latest

Abstract submission closing date: **5pm Friday 28th March**

Decision will be made by **11th April 2025**

The NZJAR paper and NZSAP short communications are due by **Friday 13th June 2025**

NZSAP PROCEEDINGS – FREE ONLINE

Proceedings of the NZSAP are published online and can be accessed by members using the following link: <http://www.nzsap.org/view/biblio/volume/81>

HAVE WE GOT YOUR CURRENT CONTACT DETAILS?

It would be much appreciated if members could go into their contact information on the website and update if necessary. For those of you who have changed positions, you may have used your work email address as your user name when you signed in originally and you might like to change that

HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY

Over time our membership database has fallen in numbers. We would like to remedy this and one way is to increase our presence by way of sending this newsletter to national and international organisations with the same or similar operations.

- Do you have contact with such organisations?
- Do you have any suggestions as to where this newsletter could be sent?
- Could you share this information with us so we can then share our newsletter with them?
- Has your workplace newsletter got information, news and latest research that we can share with our members?

Another initiative is that we hope to share information on upcoming conferences both nationally and internationally through this medium.

One such conference is 21st (2026) AAAP Animal Science Congress (AAAP ASC)

Host: Animal Husbandry Association of Vietnam (AHAV)

When: October 20 – 23, 2026

Venue: Hanoi convention Center (HCC), Hanoi, Vietnam