



Young Dairy Development Program “Developing Dairy Communities”

DAY OF DAIRY FOR PORTLAND STUDENTS

TUESDAY JUNE 5, 2012

Twenty five Portland students will find out about the variety of jobs in the dairy industry when they participate in the region's first Day of Dairy on June 5.

The Young Dairy Development Program (YDDP) is organising the event which will take the students to three different farms where they will hear from a variety of agricultural professionals.

It is the first time such an event has been held in the Portland region. It is being run in conjunction with WestVic Dairy's Promoting Dairy Careers program.

Dairy Careers Coordinator Robyn Vale said the day would give students a better understanding of the variety of pathways into rewarding careers in dairy in particular and agriculture in general.

“There are a lot of stimulating and varied agricultural careers and we hope to show students how they can move into the industry,” Ms Vale said.

Twenty five Year 9 students from Portland Secondary College will be involved in the program.

The students will hear from dairy farmers, large animal vets and experts in dairy genetics, agronomy, agricultural science, farm contracting, machinery, animal nutrition, and milk quality and supply.

They will also hear about roles for women in dairy and school based apprenticeships.

YDDP south-west coordinator Liza Fahey said the event would provide good exposure for the students to the dairy industry.

“The YDDP is here to support young people who are already in the industry and we also aim to attract more young people to enter the industry,” she said.

The United Dairyfarmers of Victoria and Westvic Staffing Solutions are also supporting the event.

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