



Primary Growth Partnership: Dairy Post - Farm Gate Programme Executive Summary (April - June 2011)

The programme seeks to develop world class science and technology in dairy and other foods. It was recognised at the inception of this programme that something new is needed in New Zealand if the industry is to achieve its goals. To do this requires the appointment of excellent people with the appropriate skills and leadership and working across different research providers. It will take time to build this new capability.

Management activities have been focused around finalising the Master Research Agreement with the Riddet Institute, progressing capability planning, and external resource recruitment processes by way of finalizing Statements of Work with the Riddet Institute, and progressing of the Fonterra-ZESPRI Agreement to facilitate execution of the ZESPRI Research Plan.

There have been some delays in appointment of doctoral students from overseas for the research programme because of visa requirements.

Whilst research is progressing, technical committees and scientific advisory boards have been established in Creating and Managing Food Structures. An expert panel meeting in Food Structure has been held, commencing discussions on Cheese and Yoghurt applications.

Professor Peter Munro has been appointed as the Fonterra Chair of Food Material Science at the Riddet Institute. Professor Munro has had a successful career in both academia and industry, most recently as General Manager Ingredients Innovation within Fonterra.

Advertising for the recruitment of a Chair (Professor) in Nutrition has commenced. An overseas search has been undertaken with staff visiting appropriate international research organisations.