



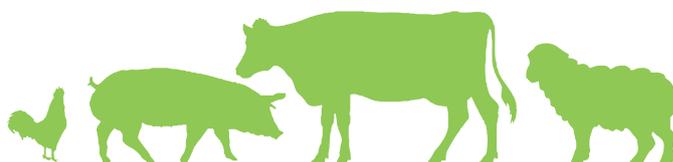
RUMINANT CONFERENCE

Thursday 23rd April 2026

The Pickford Suite, The Windmill Village Hotel, Birmingham Road, Allesley, Coventry CV5 9AL.

Agenda

- 9:55 Welcome - Conference Chair** **Alison Boydell**
Duffield's
- 10:00 Feeding for Fertility: The role of Methionine, Lysine, and Amino-Acid Balancing in Dairy Cow Performance. **Antal Vigh**
Technical marketing manager, Evonik
- 10:45 Faecal calprotectin as a bio marker for gut health in dairy heifers: a pilot study and assay validation. **Emily Spatuzzi**
Edgar Pye winner 2024
- 11:05 Effect of particle size in grains on the nutritive value for dairy cows using the E-dairy model **Wilfred Van Straalen**
Senior Researcher & Consultant Ruminants, Schothorst Feed Research
- 12.00 Lunch**
- 12.55 SFT AGM**
- 13:25 Welcome Back - Conference Chair** **Alison Boydell**
- 13:30 Feeding Fats to Fatty Acids – The Benefits on performance, cow health and sustainability. **Andrew Pine**
Ufac UK
- 14:15 Balancing health and sustainability: The role of red meat and dairy in the UK diet **Dr Matthew Elmes**
Lead Nutrition Scientist, AHDB
- 15:00 'UK Dairy Carbon Network project' **John Newbold**
Professor of Dairy Nutrition, SRUC
- 15:45 Close of conference and Tea.**
- 16.00 Edgar Pye AGM**



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