



BETA Feed & NOPS Conference
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MEET OUR SPEAKERS



Climate change and the future of forage feeding

Dr Katie Williams, Dengie Ltd

Dr. Katie Williams Ph.D., M.Sc. (Dist) R. Nutr.

Katie is Vice-Chair of the BETA Feed Committee and is ENFAR accredited and a registered nutritionist. She has worked in the equine feed industry for more than 25 years. Katie is Technical Manager at Dengie, where her responsibilities include product development, legal compliance and leading R&D projects.

Katie completed her PhD in Veterinary Medicine Research at the University of Glasgow in 2023. Her current research interests include peri-operative nutrition, nutrition in the veterinary curriculum and sustainability in the feed industry. Katie currently supervises Masters and PhD students at the University of Edinburgh and Anglia Ruskin University.



Investigation of Forage Mycotoxin Levels and the challenges for the clinician

Emily Floyd, Rosssdales

Emily Floyd, BVSc, CertAVP(VD), DACVIM, MRCVS, RCVS Recognised Specialist in Equine Internal Medicine

Emily graduated from the University of Bristol in 2003. She completed a residency in large animal internal medicine at UC Davis and became a Diplomate of the American College of Large Animal Internal Medicine. She works as a clinical director at Rosssdales Equine Hospital in Newmarket. She enjoys all areas of internal medicine but has special interests neonatology and dermatology.



The UK Energy Landscape - Fueling our Businesses sustainably

Alex Monro, Devon Energy

Alex Monro – Managing Director, Devon Energy Partnership

Alex has over 15 years of leadership experience in the energy sector, beginning at EDF Energy before founding Devon Energy Partnership. He has a proven track record of building large-scale energy solutions for the rural and agricultural sectors, most notably setting up the energy switching service for Mole Valley Farmers in 2017. For the past six years, Alex has also been a trusted consultant for Strutt & Parker, managing energy strategy across their portfolio of estates and farms.

His technical expertise extends to mission-critical infrastructure, having managed energy contracts for the health sector, advising on major Private Wire PPA projects for the Port of Felixstowe and was recently contracted to deliver the solar installation for the dry dock at Appledore Shipyard.

A former international rider who represented Great Britain in the 1990s, Alex combines high-level energy expertise with a genuine understanding of the equestrian world. He provides BETA members with practical solutions—from forensic bill auditing to solar feasibility and long-term price stability via Power Purchase Agreements.



Feed Material Register and EU Deforestation Regulation update

James McCulloch, AIC

James McCulloch- Head of Feed Sector at Agricultural Industries Confederation

James joined AIC in January 2018 as feed sector head with the remit to represent the technical and political interests of the UK animal feed compound industry with UK Government and other important stakeholders. James has had a career in the animal feed and animal health sectors gathering considerable experience in international trade. He has contributed to the establishment of UK feed industry lobbying groups which have helped to shape the EU regulatory landscape for certain categories of feed. James has sat on a number of UK Government regional and national international trade committees and was awarded an OBE for services to British exports in 2003.



UK/EU Sanitary/Phytosanitary (SPS) agreement - progress update

Louise Smith, Head of FSA SPS
Agreement Programme

**Louise Smith, Head of SPS Programme and Engagement, UK & International Affairs
Directorate**

Louise Smith is programme manager for the SPS agreement within the FSA. Her responsibilities also include leading FSA's SPS business readiness work, working closely with Defra and cross-Government counterparts and supporting businesses to embed changes needed ahead of EU alignment. Prior to the FSA, Louise has a decade of experience at the Department for Business and Trade, spanning trade policy, international strategy, and export promotion.



Sustainable horse feeding

Dr Vet Med Gulsah Kaya Karasu

Dr. Gulsah Kaya Karasu is a leading equine nutrition specialist, researcher, and author of *Feeding Horses: An Evidence-Based Approach to Horse Feeding* (Taylor & Francis). She holds a doctorate in Equine Clinical Nutrition from the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna and is a member of the European College of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition (ECVCN).

Her international career spans clinical fellowships, advisory roles for major horse feed companies, and service as a clinical nutrition practitioner at the Turkish Jockey Club Racecourse Equine Hospital. Notably, she received the 2024 Helmut Meyer Award at the ESVCN Congress for her research on horse feeding and greenhouse gas emissions.

Currently based in the Netherlands, Dr. Kaya Karasu is a senior lecturer and researcher at Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences, an Associate Professor (awarded by Türkiye), and the founder of AGG Equine Nutrition Consultancy, providing evidence-based international services.



Considerations for feeding horses in the future

Ruth Bishop, HJ Lea Ltd

Ruth Bishop, Director of Equine, H J Lea Oakes, Chair of BETA Feed Committee

Ruth started her career as a consultant nutritionist before moving to commercial nutrition & technical leadership roles in Dalgety Agriculture and Spillers and Premier Nutrition. In 2023, Ruth joined H J Lea Oakes, one of the longest standing feed manufacturers in the UK, to lead their equine operations.

She is the author of the Horse Nutrition Bible, wrote the Dr Ruth Nutrition column in Horse and Hound for several years and has authored chapters in key reference texts on quality, feed safety and regulatory perspectives for the equine nutrition industry. Ruth also provides nutrition support to the BEF World Class Performance program.

Ruth is Chair of the BETA Feed Committee, working with fellow industry colleagues on matters that affect the equine feed industry as a whole. The committee also oversees the development and management of key industry codes of practice, most notably the BETA NOPS® Code for the management of prohibited



An Agri Perspective- Vicky Robinson

Head of Sustainability, AIC

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Vicky's career combines her passion for farming and the environment. Twenty-two years with Natural England working on delivery and policy implementation of agri-environment including CS and ELMs before becoming LEAFs Technical Director. Vicky is now Head of Sustainability at Agricultural Industries Confederation, leading the trade associations sustainability work. A 2019 Nuffield Scholar, Vicky is an Oxford Farming Conference Director, a Trustee of the Frank Parkinson Agricultural Trust and on the steering group of two farmer clusters.



A Veterinary Perspective

**Callum Haseler, Chair BEVA
Sustainability Group**

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Callum is a first-opinion vet working in Norfolk, but also chair of the British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA)'s Sustainability Working Group. Callum has seen the passion felt universally by equine vets when it comes to environmental issues. However, equine practitioners don't always have the tools to effectively address the issue. For this reason, since 2021, the group has focused on driving research, promoting best practice, and engaging practitioners in environmental issues.



**A Forage Grower's Perspective
Freddy Barclay, Fox Feeds**

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Prior to joining Fox Feeds, Freddie studied for a Masters in engineering at Durham University, he then spent 5 years as an operations and robotics consultant building and optimising manufacturing processes across the U.K. Since joining Fox Feeds as a Director in 2022 he has managed the forage crop drying side of the business as well as leading on the engineering development work, building new machines and processes. Freddie enjoys riding, sailing and travelling.



**An Australian Perspective
Dr Peter Huntington , KER, Australia**

Peter Huntington B.V.Sc., M.A.C.V.Sc.- Director of Nutrition, Kentucky Equine Research

Dr. Peter Huntington graduated with a veterinary degree from the University of Melbourne in 1981, initially working in equine practice before joining the Department of Agriculture (Victoria) as a horse specialist veterinary officer focused on equine nutrition research. An external lecturer and examiner for the University of Melbourne,

he is a past president and editor of the Australian Equine Veterinary Association and has served as a Trustee of the Australian Horse Industry Council for many years.

In 1993, Dr. Huntington became the Director of Equine Nutrition at Rhone-Poulenc Animal Nutrition (RPAN), initiating a long-term collaboration with Kentucky Equine Research. When Kentucky Equine Research launched its Australasian operation in 1999, he was appointed Director of Equine Nutrition, a role in which he travels widely to consult and lecture on horse care. He is also a respected author of numerous scientific papers and the popular book, Horse Sense – The Guide to Horse Care in Australia and New Zealand.



Managing risk in the supply chain for specialist ingredients and premises Ben Riley, Premier Nutrition

Ben Riley - Head of procurement at Premier.

Ben has worked within procurement for 13 years, 11 at Premier Nutrition and the feed industry. Outside of work, he loves going on “adventures” with my kids and regularly runs in his spare time.



The molasses supply chain and risk management Nigel Jones, United Molasses

Dr Nigel Jones is Group Sustainability, Quality and Technical Manager at the United Molasses Group where he leads all Technical and Sustainability activities across the Group.

Nigel combines a strong academic background with nearly 20 years of industry experience spanning the pharmaceutical and animal feed sectors. In his current role, he has responsibility for the management of all Group Technical matters and more recently, for developing and implementing the Group's ESG strategy ensuring that sustainability is integrated into the core business.

Nigel holds a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of East Anglia and worked as a Postdoctoral Research Scientist at the University of Oxford focusing on the synthesis of naturally occurring compounds.

Since transitioning to industry, Nigel has sat on many industry committees and is currently a member of the AIC Legal Affairs and Scientific Committee. He has acted

as a technical expert on regulatory and legislative issues and provided expert testimony in several legal disputes and hearings.



Claire Williams, Executive Director, BETA

Claire started her career in New Zealand with the Department of Trade and Industry where she worked in regional and export development. Prior to joining BETA in 2000, she was based in Germany for 10 years, leading the import and sales operations for a NZ sheepskin tannery across Europe.

The feed sector is particularly strongly represented in BETA's membership and so a large proportion of Claire's time is spent working with this sector, alongside the safety equipment sector on whose behalf Claire sits on and convenes a number of industry working groups responsible for the standards controlling these products.

Outside of work she tries to ride her two horses as often as feasible and is a keen gardener, preserver and forager.



Hannah Adams, Feed ingredients scheme manager, KIWA

Hannah Adams is the Feed Ingredient Scheme Manager for Kiwa Agri Food, the Certification Body responsible for delivering the NOPS scheme on behalf of BETA. Hannah has 20 years' experience in food and feed manufacturing and certification, following a BSc Hons degree in Food Industry Management. Hannah has worked for Kiwa Agri Food for over ten years within both the Feed and Food Sectors. The position predominantly revolves around the FEMAS scheme (Feed Material Assurance Scheme) though also includes other schemes such as EFISC-GTP, FAMI QS, Assured UK Malt and of course BETA's NOPS schemes for feed and bedding. The role involves recruiting, training and ensuring the competence of auditors, ensuring correct audit applications are accepted, managing the delivery of the audit programmes, technical review and ensuring correct certification decisions are made.

Hannah is also an auditor and a member of the NOPS Working Group.

In her spare time Hannah enjoys spending time with her family, playing the piano and running.



Albéric Théry, DVM

Albéric Théry is an accomplished senior equine veterinarian with over 20 years of global experience across multiple equestrian disciplines. He currently serves as the Chief Veterinary Officer for France Galop, where he oversees the veterinary department, horse welfare, anti-doping controls, and studbook matters.

Prior to his current role, Dr. Théry spent 16 years in the Middle East developing specialized expertise in the care and management of equines within the Gulf region. This included serving as the Senior Veterinarian for the Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club from 2007 to 2023, and working as a veterinary consultant for prominent organizations in Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

A recognized expert in rider and equine sports regulation, Dr. Théry holds Level 4 status for the FEI (Fédération Équestre Internationale) in both Showjumping and Endurance. He is also a member of the prestigious FEI Expert Group for prohibited substances. He earned his Doctor in Veterinary Medicine from the Nantes National Veterinary School in France and is bilingual in French and English.



Dr Mary Scollay

Dr Mary Scollay, has been a regulatory veterinarian for more than 30 years, including 11 years serving as the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission's equine medical director. She piloted the program that became known as The Jockey Club's Equine Injury Database (EID), which was the first North American database to track equine injuries and fatalities.

She was a member of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's (HISA) Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Committee and served as the Racing Medication & Testing Consortium's (RMTC) executive director and chief operating officer for three years, where she directed the advancement of world-class laboratory drug testing standards, promotion of RMTC-recommended rules and penalties for prohibited substances and therapeutic medications, monitoring of

emerging threats to the integrity of racing and the health and welfare of racehorses, and administrative oversight of RMTC-funded research projects and educational programs.

Most recently she was the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit's (HIWU) chief of science and retired last year from full-time duties continuing to serve as a consultant for HIWU.



Prof Tim Morris, FRCVS Scientalis

Independent Scientific Adviser to the Greyhound Board of Great Britain since February 2014. After qualification from the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) as a Veterinary Surgeon, I was in veterinary practice before returning to the RVC to complete a PhD. I then held a range of roles in research, clinical veterinary medicine, and public affairs for the pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline. From 2008 to 2013 I was Director of Equine Science and Welfare at the the British Horseracing Authority. I am a visiting professor at the University of Nottingham School of Veterinary Medicine and Science, a Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, an affiliate member of the Association of Official Racing Chemists and I have held a large number of roles in veterinary and scientific organisations, industry bodies, and animal welfare charities.

