

Wendy Harker

Producer (New Zealand)

Dairy Farmer with her husband David for 38 years in the Waikato Region of New Zealand. I have been a member of Holstein Friesian NZ since 1991 and was on the Holstein Friesian Board from 2010-2023. During this time, I was Vice President (2012-2015) President (2015-2018) and Treasurer (2020-2022). I am a Classifier and Certified Body Condition Scorer and represent Holstein Friesian NZ across the industry on issues relating to Classifying. I was a Senior Holstein Judge for 20 years before resigning in 2021.

The current project I am working on is as Chairperson of the NZ Standards Herd Testing Committee. Other committees that I have been involved with include the NZ Dairy Breeds Federation, the RAS Dairy Cattle Show Ethics Committee, and the NZ Farmers Advisory Panel to New Zealand Animal Evaluation Ltd.

Both David and I enjoy helping the young breeders in the industry so try to support any youth programs, including hosting the NZ Youth Camp at our property in 2022. I have lived on a dairy farm all my life and when I was not doing any of the above, I was the main calf rearer, animal and administration records person and the breeding decision maker for our 400-cow herd. This changed in April this year when we sold our herd and employed a 50/50 Sharemilker.