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Times they are a-changing

It is an important week for New Zealand and the world – at least it is as I write my introduction to this edition of Dairynewz.

Ahead lie the US and New Zealand elections, possibly more turmoil on the world financial markets and for some light relief the Melbourne Cup. Whatever the results, this week is sure to hold change in some form for us all.

Giving certainty where possible to the New Zealand dairy farmer and discovering opportunity in the face of change is an important role for DairyNZ. Whether it be world leading advice backed up with robust agricultural science, advocacy for the farmer and industry or the delivery of a range of solutions for on-farm issues, more certainty will let you the farmer develop more resilient and profitable businesses.

In this issue we discuss important issues and opportunities such as:

- Why a high payout is not the only answer for New Zealand dairy farmers
- Where we are at with AR37 endophyte research
- Testing where automated heat detection technology is leading us
- What controls intake in grazing dairy cows
- What place homeopathy has in on-farm mastitis control
- Discover a farming community embracing a focus on local farming in the coastal BOP.

By the time you read this the US will have a new President, the Melbourne Cup will be won and New Zealand will have a new government – at least I hope so by this time!

No doubt we will already have many more challenges and change to look forward to.

Enjoy your summer edition of *Dairynewz*.

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