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Celebrating 35 years of dairy research

The Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA) is opening up the Dairy Research Facility next week to celebrate 35 years of dairy research at the site.

Since 1982 the Dairy Research Facility at Elliott on the State's North-West has been the site of leading-edge research into ways to boost the productivity, profitability and sustainability of Tasmania's dairy industry.

TIA Dairy Development and Extension Team Leader Lesley Irvine said the industry and the wider community are invited to attend the open day on December 7 and find out more about TIA's current research.

"TIA has run the Dairy Research Facility since 2007 and it currently operates as a fully operational, 360-head dairy farming operation and the site of structured experiments into a range of key industry issues," she said. "At the open day we will provide updates on current projects including accelerated calf-rearing, calf-rearing systems for dairy beef, Dairy on PAR, Smarter Irrigation and drones for pasture management.

"The open day will be a great opportunity for industry to ask questions of TIA researchers, have a look at the current research trials and find out more about the projects being conducted around productivity enhancements for Tasmania's dairy industry.

"We're pleased to be joined by John Mulvany from OMJ Consulting, who will share tactics to effectively manage for the rest of this season."

The Dairy Research Facility Open Day will be held on Wednesday 7 December from 10:30am until 4pm. For more information visit:

<http://www.utas.edu.au/tia/news/upcoming-events-home/event-items/tia-dairy-centre-open-day3>

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