Achieving sustainable production of milk
VOLUMES 1, 2 & 3

Volume 1
Edited by: Nico van Belzen, Director General of the International Dairy Federation (IDF), Belgium

- Summarises latest research on the composition of proteins and other components in milk
- Reviews advances in understanding factors affecting milk quality eg. breeding and nutrition
- Discusses current research on genetic factors affecting dairy cattle growth and health as well as ways to optimise breeding to improve the productivity of dairy cows

Volume 2
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- Reviews ways of measuring and reducing the environmental impact of dairy farming such as better grassland management
- Summarises current research on pathogenic risks affecting milk and ways they can be controlled on the farm
- Assesses the wider role of dairy farming and how it can be improved in the developing world

Volume 3
Edited by: John Webster, University of Bristol, UK

- Summarises current research on rumen biology, digestion and ways of optimising nutrition of dairy cattle from grazing to feed and feed supplements
- Reviews advances in understanding and improving the welfare of dairy cattle
- Discusses latest developments in maintaining the health of dairy cattle, including the genetics of disease resistance and dairy herd health management

“As demand for dairy products continues to grow, and with sustainable nutrition and food security at the top of the global agenda, it is imperative that we develop and share the latest knowledge, practices and issues relating to sustainability of dairy chains. With a veritable Who’s Who of dairy expertise and an expert editor in IDF Director General Nico van Belzen, Achieving sustainable production of milk will go a long way to achieving this.”

Dr Jeremy Hill, President - IDF/Chief Technology Officer - Fonterra Co-operative Group Ltd
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Milk composition, genetics and breeding

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“There can be few people in the world better qualified to edit a new book about nutrition, health and welfare of dairy cattle than John Webster. These have been the passions of a long and distinguished academic career. He has assembled a strong team of authors to provide comprehensive coverage of key topics, as well as the wide range of dairy production systems across developed and developing countries.”

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