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Northland Regional Field Days Timetable

Thursday 28 February

11:30am

Tim Cutfield

GPS-It

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2:00pm

Chris Boom

Science Manager, Northland Dairy Development Trust

Chris is a farm consultant with AgFirst Northland and is contracted by NDDT. Working for AgResearch prior to going into farm consultancy gave Chris extensive experience in farm systems and component agricultural research. He is responsible for proposing and ensuring the integrity of science undertaken by NDDT and is involved in a number of on-farm research projects around Northland including the Northland Agricultural Research Farm projects: 'Reducing reliance on imported feed' and 'Dairying in a variable climate' which he will speak about at the Northland Field Days.



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Gavin Ussher

*Northland Diversified
Forages Project*

The Northland Diversified Forages Project follows on from the work the Annual Legume Group did looking for alternative legumes which could be incorporated into both dairy and drystock farming systems. Gavin will be sharing the results of the project, and talking about why farmers should be considering some pasture species that are not commonly used in Northland and management around the promising annual clovers.