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### **Dairy awards online entry bonanza**

■ A move to online entries is proving an early success for organisers of the 2011 New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards. National convenor Chris Keeping says 86 entries had been received online exactly one week after entries had opened – blitzing previous years in terms of the number of entries received in the first week.

### **Keep away from kiwifruit orchards - MAF**

■ MAF Biosecurity New Zealand (MAF) requests members of the public and media representatives stay away from kiwifruit orchards as it continues investigations following the confirmation of the bacterial kiwifruit vine disease, *Pseudomonas syringae* pv *actinidiae* (Psa) in vines at a Bay of Plenty orchard.

### **Training and not age key to safer drivers, MP's told**

■ Federated Farmers has told the Transport and Industrial Relations Select Committee considering the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Amendment Bill and the Land Transport (Road Safety & Other Matters) Amendment Bill that driver education should be based on structured training and not an arbitrary age.

### **Masport celebrates a century**

■ Iconic Kiwi company Masport is celebrating its 100th anniversary with a centenary staff reunion bringing together the organisation's most celebrated former employees.

### **Fonterra sets milk record**

■ Fonterra has set a new record for the most milk processed in a single day. The co-operative's 26 sites throughout the country processed 76.8 million litres of milk.

### **Fonterra confirms payout**

■ Fonterra Co-operative Group's confirmation it is standing by its \$6.60 per kilogram of milk solids (kg/MS) forecast for the 2010-11 season, comes as major relief for dairy farmers.



### **Remember to check the rural calendar**

■ *Straight Furrow's* rural calendar is filling up fast. Get online and go to the community section at the top of the screen, then select events. Feel free to add an event or check out what's on in your region.