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NEW NUFFIELD SCHOLAR SAYS ROBOTIC DAIRIES NEEDED TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY

Paul Lambert, from Merseylea in Tasmania, will tonight be awarded a prestigious Nuffield Scholarship supported by Dairy Australia and the Australian Dairy Conference.

Paul will investigate a range of dairy technologies, saying "I would like to study the latest in robotic dairies and milking systems around the world, specifically for large herds, as I believe this technology will greatly help with employment, efficiencies and ease of running dairy farms in Australia."

Paul would also like to study converting dairy waste to energy using biodigesters, methods of converting plantation back to farmland, and also other forms of on-farm energy production, water efficiency and methods of reducing methane and nitrous oxide production from dairy cows to help reduce global warming.

He hopes to travel to the USA to examine on-farm energy production and water efficiency, New Zealand to look at forestry to farm developments and Europe for the latest in dairy technology.

With his wife Nadine, Paul owns and manages 4 farms totalling 1200 hectares. They have mostly dairy and young stock, with some beef, forestry and occasional cropping. They milk 2300 cows in three rotary dairies in northern Tasmania.

Nuffield Australia is an organisation which provides an opportunity to Australian farmers to travel overseas on an agricultural research scholarship. It is a 16-week program which consists of both group and individual travel. The next group will be travelling through New Zealand, North America, Brazil, Mexico and France in February-March 2011.

Dairy Australia managing director Ian Halliday believes Nuffield sponsorship is an investment back into industry, saying "one of Dairy Australia's main goals is to increase the capability of our dairy industry. Sponsoring Paul Lambert is a great way of doing this - I'm sure his knowledge will continue to give back to the industry for years to come."

Paul is available for interviews to talk about his planned study.

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A high-resolution photo of Paul is available for download from nuffield.com.au/gallery.html