

Director with Milk Producer Skills

Suitable candidates will have a strong background and experience in all facets of farming/milk production/dairy farm systems and demonstrated capability in identifying and evaluating technology and service programs to support the industry. Ideally, they will also have had relevant experience in representing the needs of dairy farmers and in governance roles.

Expected background and experience:

- Strong background in milk production roles with comprehensive understanding of dairy farm systems, drivers of farm profitability, emerging farm technologies as well as animal performance and welfare issues;
- Clear understanding of the practical use of contemporary genetic improvement and reproduction technologies, including genomic testing, herd testing and artificial insemination;
- Experience and understanding of modern animal breeding;
- Understanding of the herd improvement supply chain;
- Broad perspective and general business acumen developed through involvement in industry or representative bodies, including experience in board and governance roles.
- Prior experience in developing and approving strategic and operating plans and associated budgets;
- Preparedness to travel and network to represent the work of DataGene and reflect the needs of a broad cross section of dairy farmers;
- A strong understanding of the role of data-driven and digital technologies in herd improvement, farm decision-making, service delivery or industry innovation would be highly regarded.

Experience and a proven track record in extension and education programs designed to support the industry would be highly regarded as would expertise in a diverse type and size of farming operations. Similarly, significant experience in the application of both financial and data analysis skills in business and on farm will be highly regarded

Personal Attributes: Demonstrates an ability to influence and to communicate/explain a point of view, shows an understanding of the balance between strategic and operational aspects of the DataGene Non-Executive Director role, demonstrates evidence of the application of good governance, the need to engage with industry and gain insight into DataGene's operating environment.