

Northland Dairy Conversion

A dairy conversion established by pulling together a large number of stakeholders into a larger and more commercially effective farming operation.

Challenge

Māori face unique barriers when developing their primary sector assets:

- » consolidating multiple owners;
- » achieving the economic scale needed to support profitable agribusinesses; and
- » developing the capability to grow productivity and profitability.

Solution

MPI has been working with ORT since 2012 to accelerate the Trust's transformation of 278 hectares of Māori-owned land, from grazing to high productivity dairy farming.

Outcomes

A fully functioning dairy farm and a model that will act as an exemplar for other Māori who are looking to increase productivity in their primary sector assets.

Increase in sector collaboration.

Increase in technical capability.

Key Facts

MPI's involvement: October 2012

MPI Funding: \$71 400 and advisory services.

Partners: Omapere Taraire E & Rangihamama X3A Ahu Whenua Trust (ORT)

Economic Benefits: Increase milk solid production from 180 000kgMS to 230 000kgMS over three years

Tribal Affiliation: Nga Puhi

