



Getting support with your feed planning

Find out what feed planning assistance is available to you.

Wherever you are in NZ, farmers can use a new feed planning service.

MPI and partner agencies DairyNZ, Beef + Lamb NZ, AgFirst and Federated Farmers, are offering remote feed planning support to farmers and livestock owners in all parts of the country, whether or not you have been directly affected by drought or COVID-19.

How it works

Call us on one of these toll-free numbers:

- Dry stock sector – Beef + Lamb:
0800 BEEFLAMB (0800 233 352)
- Dairy sector – DairyNZ
0800 4 DairyNZ (0800 4 324 7969)

There are three tiers of feed planning support. The first two are free of charge to farmers.

Tier 1. We work out how much feed you need.

A call to an industry or levy body will get you a free stocktake assessment of your feed planning needs.

Tier 2: If you need more support to make decisions, we can offer more advice and practical support.

An adviser will help you understand what needs to be done and how you can go about it.

Tier 3: We can refer you to a farm systems consultant who can offer more in-depth information either over the phone or visiting you. This is not a free service.

This might be needed to head off serious animal welfare issues, for example.

You can look at NZIPIM's website for a list of farm systems consultants near you.

Get in touch now

Good feed planning matters. The earlier you plan, the better prepared you'll be.

Help is on hand. Give us a call.

This service will be available until 30 June 2020, when it will be reviewed.

Resources

- MPI – www.mpi.govt.nz
- **Animals in emergencies** (an MPI website) has these fact sheets:
 - **Animals affected by a heat wave**
 - **Animals affected by dry or drought conditions**
- Beef + Lamb NZ – <https://beeflambnz.com/>
- DairyNZ – <https://www.dairynz.co.nz/>
- AgFirst – <https://www.agfirst.co.nz/>
- Federated Farmers – <https://www.fedfarm.org.nz/>
- Rural Support Trusts: <http://www.rural-support.org.nz/>
- **RSTs with Facebook pages:**
 - <https://www.facebook.com/ruralsupportwaikato/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/Northland-Rural-Support-Trust-223444894464975/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/ruralsupporttaranaki/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/ruralsupporttaranaki/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/NorthCanterburyRuralSupportTrust/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/SouthCanterburyRuralSupportTrust/>
- **Resources on the RST website:**
 - <http://www.rural-support.org.nz/Current-events>
 - RST H&S form: <http://www.rural-support.org.nz/Portals/3/RST%20level%204%20COVID%20HS%20guidelines%2025%20March.pdf>
- New Zealand Institute of Primary Industry Management (NZIPIM) <https://www.nzipim.co.nz/> and member directory https://www.nzipim.co.nz/DataFilter?Action=View&DataFilter_id=72
- Pasture Growth Forecaster <https://pasture.farmax.co.nz/pasture/BeefLambNZ>
- Feedsmart (Basic feed calculator for S&B) <https://www.feedsmart.co.nz/#animalSelect>
- **DairyNZ options during and after a drought**
- AgriHQ feed notice board – <https://agrihq.co.nz/feed-noticeboard>
- **Tools for Extreme Dry Management**
 - Check out Beef + Lamb New Zealand's Extreme Dry Management webpage where we have collected a large number of useful resources, webpages and links <https://beeflambnz.com/news-views/extreme-dry-management>
- **Drought management articles**
 - Richmond Beetham, BakerAg: *Once it rains ... What happens to my grass?* <https://beeflambnz.com/news-views/once-it-rains>
 - Tom Fraser, Fraser Pastoral: *Careful management of drought-affected pastures after rain* <https://beeflambnz.com/news-views/careful-management-drought-affected-pastures-after-rain>