



Need help getting through the drought?

Do you need help sourcing supplementary feed or grazing for your livestock? Dry conditions in parts of the country are making farming challenging. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is funding Beef + Lamb New Zealand, Federated Farmers, and other specialist providers to offer feed planning and coordination services until 31 January 2022.

Feed Coordination Service

The Feed Coordination Service helps to connect farmers with surplus feed – such as hay, silage, or grazing – to farmers who need it.

People can use the service to:

- List surplus supplementary feed for sale
- Source supplementary feed to buy
- List grazing
- Find grazing.

The Feed Coordination Service operates nationally and is **FREE** to use.

Need feed now?

Contact feed coordinator Kate Wood on **027 455 5204** or kate@ruraldirections.co.nz

Feed Planning Service

The Feed Planning Service connects you with an industry expert to get feed planning assistance.

Having a feed budget can help you:

- Calculate your feed demand
- Calculate your feed supply
- Investigate options to fill feed gaps
- Proactively make decisions.

Getting a plan in place can help give you peace of mind.

How it works

Call us on one of these toll-free numbers:

Drystock sector – Beef + Lamb New Zealand
Call **0800 BEEFLAMB (0800 233 352)**

Dairy sector – DairyNZ
0800 4 DairyNZ (0800 432 479 69)

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These services were set-up in April 2020 during a severe drought when farmers had few options to access supplementary feed. They are available until 31 January 2022.

More details about feed support services can be found here: www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/adverse-events/dealing-with-drought-conditions

Get in touch now

Help is on hand. The earlier you plan and make decisions, the better prepared you will be.

Give us a call.

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 New Zealand: www.beeflambnz.com

DairyNZ: www.dairynz.co.nz

AgFirst: www.agfirst.co.nz

Federated Farmers: www.fedfarm.org.nz

Rural Support Trusts: www.rural-support.org.nz

Rural Support Trusts with Facebook pages:

- www.facebook.com/Northland-Rural-Support-Trust-223444894464975
- www.facebook.com/ruralsupportwaikato
- www.facebook.com/ruralsupportbop
- www.facebook.com/ruralsupporttaranaki
- www.facebook.com/ruralsupporttrusthawkesbay
- www.facebook.com/ruralsupporttrustwai
- www.facebook.com/Ruapehu-Whanganui-Rural-Support-Trust-1023992984310479
- www.facebook.com/TopofTheSouthRuralSupportTrust
- www.facebook.com/NorthCanterburyRuralSupportTrust
- www.facebook.com/SouthCanterburyRuralSupportTrust
- www.facebook.com/SouthlandRST
- www.facebook.com/otagoruralsupporttrust

Resources for dry management

www.rural-support.org.nz/current-events

NZ Institute of Primary Industry Management (NZIPIM):
www.nzipim.co.nz

Feedsmart (Basic feed calculator for S&B):
www.feedsmart.co.nz/#animalSelect

DairyNZ options during and after a drought:
www.dairynz.co.nz/business/adverse-events/drought

Check out Beef + Lamb New Zealand's feed management webpage where there are a large number of useful resources and links:
beeflambnz.com/news-views/feed-management-resources

Drought management articles

- Richmond Beetham, BakerAg: *Once it rains ... What happens to my grass?*
beeflambnz.com/news-views/once-it-rains
- Tom Fraser, Fraser Pastoral: *Careful management of drought-affected pastures after rain*
beeflambnz.com/news-views/careful-management-drought-affected-pastures-after-rain