



2022 Marlborough, Nelson and Tasman floods

A severe weather event caused flooding and extensive damage across Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough in August 2022. Recovery support is available for farmers and growers.

Clean-up support

Need help cleaning up flood damage or debris?

Clean-up help survey (self-assessment): <https://arcg.is/S8Pb5>

Information from the self-assessments will help the Rural Support Trust guide further support needs. This clean-up support is being offered by volunteers and industry partners, and may include Enhanced Taskforce Green (see below for details).

Can you help a flood-affected farmer or grower?

Register your offers of assistance: <https://bit.ly/3wmE8EU>

Enhanced Taskforce Green

Enhanced Taskforce Green (ETFG) has been activated by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) to help with the flood clean-up. Farmers and growers can self-register for clean-up help: <https://arcg.is/S8Pb5>

People living on lifestyle properties can apply for Enhanced Taskforce Green where they can demonstrate an immediate health and safety need: <https://arcg.is/S8Pb5> or **0800 FARMING** (0800 327 646).

Animal welfare concerns

Animal welfare concerns can be logged with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) on **0800 00 83 33**.

Feed support

What should you do if you are short of feed? Support is available to help source supplementary feed or grazing for livestock.

The Feed Coordination Service connects farmers with surplus feed – such as hay, silage, or grazing – to farmers and lifestyle block owners who need it. Farmers using the service meet the costs of feed and transport. The service is available until 30 September 2022.

To access feed support:

- To register your request or if you have feed available, please visit: www.fedfarm.org.nz
- Alternatively, you can call **0800 FARMING** (0800 327 646) Option 2 and request a call back.

Veterinary services

If your animals need veterinary treatment, contact your own veterinary clinic, or find one nearby via the New Zealand Veterinary Association website on www.nzva.org.nz

Livestock movements

Timeframes for updating NAIT have been extended as a result of flooding in the Nelson and districts. Further information can be found here: www.ospri.co.nz/news-and-events



Financial and wellbeing support

Civil Defence payments

These payments are accessible to the primary sector and are available to anyone who meets the criteria irrespective of whether or not they are on a benefit. They are administered by MSD. The costs can help with:

- accommodation costs (e.g if evacuated and paying for accommodation such as a hotel)
- loss of income if people can't work due to the flooding
- emergency food, clothing and bedding
- payment if people have evacuees staying with them.

More details are at: www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/civil-defence-payment.html or phone **0800 752 102** to apply.

Income Equalisation Scheme

The flooding event could affect your ability to comply with your tax obligations, including filing and paying on time. You may be eligible for tax flexibility through the Income Equalisation Scheme: www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax/income-tax-for-businesses-and-organisations/income-equalisation-scheme/discretionary-relief/flooding-in-the-tasman-nelson-marlborough-and-far-north-districts

Farm Business Advice Fund

Qualifying farmers can receive up to \$6000 to seek independent financial or business advice. The Farm Business Advice Fund is managed by Rural Support Trusts. Banks are jointly funding the initiative. Apply through your local Rural Support Trust: www.rural-support.org.nz/what-we-do/Financial

Mayoral relief funds

Each of the councils in flood affected areas has been allocated funding from the Ministry for Primary Industries to assist with primary sector recovery. Check the council websites to find out how this funding will be allocated.

Rural Support Trust

The flooding was classified as a medium-scale event, unlocking extra funding for wellbeing support. Farmers who need wellbeing support should call the Rural Support Trust on **0800 RURAL HELP** or **0800 787 254**.

Temporary Accommodation Service

A Temporary Accommodation Service (TAS) has been set-up to assist displaced people find suitable temporary accommodation. Whether you need assistance in finding temporary accommodation immediately or may need this in the future, register your details here: www.tas.mbie.govt.nz or call **0508 754 163**.

Industry support

DairyNZ: www.dairynz.co.nz/business/adverse-events/flood

Beef+Lamb New Zealand: beeflambnz.com/news-views/support-available-flood-affected-farmers

Horticulture NZ: www.hortnz.co.nz

Wine Marlborough: www.wine-marlborough.co.nz

Federated Farmers: www.fedfarm.org.nz

Tasman District Council: www.tasman.govt.nz

Nelson City Council: www.nelson.govt.nz

Marlborough District Council: www.marlborough.govt.nz

Ministry for Primary Industries: www.mpi.govt.nz/dealing-with-floods