



# 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 DairyNZ, Beef + Lamb New Zealand, Federated Farmers, and other specialist providers to offer feed planning and coordination services.

## 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?

Call **0800 FARMING** or **0800 327 646** and follow the voice prompts.

## 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.

## 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. We can help you do a “snapshot feed plan” in 20 minutes.

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

## Resources

MPI: [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://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](http://www.beeflambnz.com)

DairyNZ: [www.dairynz.co.nz](http://www.dairynz.co.nz)

AgFirst: [www.agfirst.co.nz](http://www.agfirst.co.nz)

Federated Farmers: [www.fedfarm.org.nz](http://www.fedfarm.org.nz)

Rural Support Trusts: [www.rural-support.org.nz](http://www.rural-support.org.nz)

### Rural Support Trusts with Facebook pages:

- [www.facebook.com/Northland-Rural-Support-Trust-223444894464975](http://www.facebook.com/Northland-Rural-Support-Trust-223444894464975)
- [www.facebook.com/ruralsupportwaikato](http://www.facebook.com/ruralsupportwaikato)
- [www.facebook.com/ruralsupportbop](http://www.facebook.com/ruralsupportbop)
- [www.facebook.com/ruralsupporttaranaki](http://www.facebook.com/ruralsupporttaranaki)
- [www.facebook.com/ruralsupporttrusthawkesbay](http://www.facebook.com/ruralsupporttrusthawkesbay)
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- [www.facebook.com/TopofTheSouthRuralSupportTrust](http://www.facebook.com/TopofTheSouthRuralSupportTrust)
- [www.facebook.com/NorthCanterburyRuralSupportTrust](http://www.facebook.com/NorthCanterburyRuralSupportTrust)
- [www.facebook.com/SouthCanterburyRuralSupportTrust](http://www.facebook.com/SouthCanterburyRuralSupportTrust)
- [www.facebook.com/SouthlandRST](http://www.facebook.com/SouthlandRST)
- [www.facebook.com/otagoruralsupporttrust](http://www.facebook.com/otagoruralsupporttrust)

### Resources for dry management

[www.rural-support.org.nz/current-events](http://www.rural-support.org.nz/current-events)

NZ Institute of Primary Industry Management (NZIPIM): [www.nzipim.co.nz](http://www.nzipim.co.nz)

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

DairyNZ options during and after a drought: [www.dairynz.co.nz/business/adverse-events/drought](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://beeflambnz.com/news-views/careful-management-drought-affected-pastures-after-rain)