Land Management Guides

There are six areas which pose the greatest risk of sediment and phosphorous loss to each region. These booklets include advice on how to best manage those areas for the best outcome for your farm and the environment.

Cultivation

There are a few steps you can take on your farm to help reduce soil loss when cultivating. Use the paddock assessment tool at the back of the guide to identify risk areas in cropping paddocks. The information in this guide will help you to manage these risk areas, minimise damage to paddocks and reduce runoff.

Wintering systems

Wintering cows on crop increases the risk of nutrient and sediment loss. Go to dairynz.co.nz/news/latest-news/wintering-in-otago/ for information about selecting a crop paddock, and which wintering system would work best for you.

If you want to know more about critical source areas, download the Reducing Surface Runoff Factsheet. dairynz.co.nz/about-us/research/pastoral-21/

Following good wintering practices does not need to cost more, as preparation and management are the crucial factors in significantly reducing contaminant losses to waterways, without compromising animal welfare. www.dairynz.co.nz/feed/crops/wintering-cows-on-crops
Go to dairynz.co.nz/environment/in-your-region/ to find out more about how the Regional Council plan in your area will affect the way you farm.

What’s happening in your region?

Good Management Practices Booklet

To meet the regulatory requirements in some regions, you may need to demonstrate how you are achieving good management practices.

This booklet guides you on how to achieve these requirements.

Farm EnviroWalk Online Tool

Use the Envirowalk app to assess your farms environmental risk and create an action plan while you walk.

https://www.dairynz.co.nz/environment/evirowlk/

Nutrient Management

The water quality limits that are being set by your Regional Council may mean you have to alter the way you farm. These booklets will help you prepare for future regulatory changes.

Research


Waterway Management

Dairying has an important role in protecting waterways. The Waterway Technical Notes will give you practical approaches to managing your waterways.

Creating a riparian management plan to fence, plant and protect waterways is now easy with our new online tool at dairynz.co.nz/environment/waterways/riparian-planner/

Find the Regional Planting Guide for your region for planting advice that will help you get the best value for your money.

Effluent Management

Thinking of upgrading your system? Need to teach staff how to operate an irrigator? This booklet will help you find out where you can find the answers to your effluent related questions.

Riparian Planner Tool

Map out your farm’s waterways and get all the costs and tasks around fencing, planting and maintenance in one handy plan.

Efficient Water Use

The demand on water resources continues to grow, making efficient practices more relevant than ever. Everyone has a role to play in saving water. Find out how to review your water use to identify where there’s potential for greater efficiency.

Check out dairynz.co.nz/environment/water-use/ for efficient methods for water use on your farm.

Waste Management

Want to learn how to deal with farm waste responsibly? Check out the Waste Management Solutions for Dairy Farmers Technote for ideas on how to manage waste on your farm. Available from: dairynz.co.nz/environment/waste-management/

Water use calculator

Check out your farm’s water use compared to other farms in your region and throughout New Zealand.