

### **Feed survey summary – as at May 30, 2020**

- In Northland, the average pasture growth rates and pasture covers have slowed slightly. The region received 20-150mm in May. Rainfall has alleviated concerns about supply and stock water.
- Across North Waikato, South Auckland, Huntly, Hauraki Plains, and the Coromandel pasture covers are still below average, but the region has received 2—100mm of rain. There is a lack of supplementary feed.
- In Waikato and South Waikato the situation has improved. Pasture covers are on target and pasture growth rates are above average for this time of year. There was 30-150mm of rainfall in May.
- In Ruapehu and Whanganui, pasture covers are a little below average for this time of year. Pasture growth rates are normal, during May there was 50-200mm of rain.
- In Bay of Plenty pasture covers and pasture growth rates are below average. The Bay of Plenty received 30-100mm of rain during May. The coastal and western regions are still dry. The region needs more rain to improve the on farm feed situation.
- In Gisborne and the East Coast, there has been some rain around 30-150mm. Pasture cover and pasture growth rates are below average for this time of year.
- Hawke's Bay is struggling. Central and Southern Hawkes Bay have received very little rain. Pasture covers and pasture growth rates are below average. Some pastures may not recover. Farmer wellbeing is a concern.
- In Taranaki, pasture growth rates are above average for this time of year. Pasture covers are on target and have lifted significantly. Most farmers in the area are in a good feed position.
- The Manawatu, Wairarapa, and Wellington the situation has improved. Pasture covers are close to average for this time of year. The region has had 30-200mm of rain over May.
- In the Marlborough/ Tasman region, pasture covers are normal for this time of year. But, the situation in Central Tasman, Eastern and central Marlborough has declined. Pasture covers are 30-50% behind target. A number of farmers will need to purchase supplementary feed.
- In North Canterbury, pasture covers on farms with irrigation are average for this time of year. Those without irrigation in Kaikoura, Cheviot, and Hurunui are below average for this time of year.
- Mid Canterbury's pasture covers are average on irrigated farms and below average for non-irrigated farms. Most farmers have enough supplementary feed.
- South Canterbury, is about the same as the last report. Pasture covers are slightly below normal. Winter grazing availability is a concern for some.
- Otago remains unchanged since the last report.
- In Southland, pasture covers are a bit lower than usual but, pasture growth is above average and utilisation has been good. There is some pasture silage and straw available for purchase, but it's expensive. Winter grazing availability is a concern.
- The West Coast remains unchanged since the last report.