



Cyclone Gabrielle recovery

This fact sheet provides information for farmers, growers, rural businesses, and Māori landowners to help you deal with the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is meeting regularly with the sector to focus on the support required for farmers and growers.

Help is available now

Help is available from many sources. MPI, sector groups, Rural Support Trusts, Civil Defence, other agencies, local councils, and community groups are there to support you.

Farmer and grower recovery grants

Farmers, growers, and whenua Māori owners significantly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle can get grants to kick start recovery efforts.

The Government has allocated \$51 million to help farmers and growers pay for work, including fencing, and clearing silt to save trees and vines.

The funding includes:

- Grants for pastoral and arable farmers of up to \$10,000 to help initial recovery on-farm, such as repairs to water infrastructure for stock and fencing to contain stock.
- Grants for growers of \$2,000 per hectare up to a maximum of \$40,000 to remove silt from trees and vines, support clean-up, and minimise future losses.

Applications are open until 20 March 2023, but those in hard-to-reach areas have until 3 April 2023. You will find more information, including a short application form at www.mpi.govt.nz/cyclonerecovery or phone 0800 00 83 33.

Rural recovery funding

This \$4 million targeted funding is to help with urgent primary sector needs that are not being met by other organisations.

MPI is working with national and regional response teams, sector groups, whenua Māori entities and Rural Support Trusts, to identify areas of greatest need.

We will consider ideas for works, services and initiatives that meet the immediate needs of rural communities.

If you are a sector or regional group with an urgent need related to rural communities significantly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle please email funding@mpi.govt.nz.

Contact your sector groups

Sector groups are a key source of help, support and information, and are in touch with their members directly.

DairyNZ

www.dairynz.co.nz

Phone: 0800 4 DairyNZ (0800 4 324 7969)

Email: info@dairynz.co.nz

Beef and Lamb New Zealand

<https://beeflambnz.com>

Phone: 0800 BEEFLAMB (0800 233 352)

Email: enquiries@beeflambnz.com

Federated Farmers of New Zealand

www.fedfarm.org.nz

Phone: 0800 327 646

Horticulture New Zealand – Ahumāra Kai Aotearoa

www.hortnz.co.nz

Phone: +64 4 472 3795

Email: info@hortnz.co.nz

Ministry for Primary Industries

www.mpi.govt.nz

Phone: 0800 00 83 33

Email: info@mpi.govt.nz

These organisations can also provide help and support:

Mental Health Foundation

<https://mentalhealth.org.nz/helplines>

Depression.org.nz

www.depression.org.nz

Phone: 0800 111 757 Text: 4202

Farmstrong

<https://farmstrong.co.nz>

Email: info@farmstrong.co.nz

New Zealand Wine

www.nzwine.com/members

Phone: 021 192 4924



Civil Defence payments

Civil Defence payments are available if you have been affected by the cyclone.

You can visit the [Work and Income website](#) or call **0800 400 100** or for more information.

Feed Coordination Service

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and Federated Farmers have restarted the national Feed Coordination Service. The service helps match people with grazing or supplementary feed for sale to those who need it.

Phone: **0800 FARMING (0800 327 646)**

Or register online:

Grazing needed <https://arcg.is/0eTPSK0>

Grazing available <https://arcg.is/OWneD>

Feed needed <https://arcg.is/11z9mz0>

Feed available <https://arcg.is/1azj0n>

Injured or sick animals

Contact your local veterinary practice for support for any injured or sick animals.

The New Zealand Veterinary Association has information and guidance if your animals have been exposed to flood water, including signs to look out for: <https://nzva.org.nz/public/flood-resources-public>

Rural Support Trusts

Each of the country's 14 Rural Support Trusts have local, rural people who know from experience that pressures can mount up. Your local trust can provide support and advice. Talking to them is confidential, and free of charge. They can connect you with the services you need, whether it's financial and business advice or health services.

Farmers can contact the Rural Support Trust on **0800 RURAL HELP** or **0800 787 254**. Please see the [Rural Support Trust website](#) for more information.

Other support

National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

NEMA has a helpful factsheet on the support available following Cyclone Gabrielle.

Please visit the [NEMA website](#) for more information, including who to contact.

Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)

MBIE has information and advice for businesses affected by Cyclone Gabrielle, such as:

- looking after your employees
- operating safely
- insurance claims
- finance and banking
- buildings and landlord responsibilities.

You can find more information on the [MBIE website](#).

Useful guidance

Below is guidance growers and farmers may find helpful.

Guidance for harvesting produce affected by flood waters

New Zealand Food Safety has released guidance for growers who are harvesting produce affected by flood waters.

The guidance is available on the [New Zealand Food Safety website](#).

Deceased farm livestock

The Hawke's Bay Regional Council is leading the disposal of dead livestock and is receiving and coordinating calls for collection and disposal.

If already on farm, farmers may be able to bury their own dead livestock as per normal conditions:

- Consider proximity to waterways – should be >50 m from a waterway
- Consider usual pest vermin control.

If not on farm, or there are too many on the property for the landowner to deal with, please phone HBRC on **06 835 9200** or **0800 108 838**. The council will coordinate collection and appropriate disposal.

Farmers elsewhere should seek advice from their local council and sector groups about the disposal of dead stock.

Federated Farmers has developed regional guide on stock burial and offal pits, which can be found on the [Federated Farmers website](#).

DairyNZ also has a [Dead Stock Disposal Best Practice Guideline](#).