

WEEKLY ECONOMIC REPORT: Farm Advisors NZ Ltd & AgSafe NZ Ltd

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Daily grass growth rates:	Range 70 to 90 kg DM/ha/day.
Average pasture cover:	2425 kg DM/ha.
10 cm soil temperature:	18.4°C
Rainfall (Hamilton)– Month to date:	18 mm. November 10 year Av 96 mm.
Stock prices report:	Steers \$3.290/kg
	Bulls \$3.074/kg
	Boner Cows \$2.448/kg
	Store lambs \$120.02
	Feeder Calves \$216.43
	Weaner bulls 151 to 250 kg \$547.35/head or \$2.969/kg

Summer feed plans should be reviewed and a round of topping will help push the pasture quality further into the summer. Check with the staff about the Christmas work rosters – we might be able to travel and it is going to be very important that families are able to get away for a break. After being locked up and around home for so long a change will be necessary!!

Week commencing 15 November 2021

	This Week Nth Is	This Week Sth Is	Last Week Av	1 Year ago
18 kg YX Lamb (cents/kg)	\$9.12 <	\$8.95	\$9.05	\$6.77
21 kg Mutton (cents/kg)	\$6.85	\$6.60	\$6.72	\$4.57
P2 Steer (270 to 295 kg)	\$6.30 <	\$6.05	\$6.20	\$4.90
M Cow (160 to 195 kg)	\$4.45	\$4.55	\$4.50	\$3.75
Bull (270 to 295 kg)	\$6.10	\$6.00	\$6.05	\$4.88
Venison (60 kg AP Stag)	\$6.90	\$7.00	\$6.95	\$5.75
		Previous Week	1 year ago	2 yrs ago
Fine Crossbred Indicator price	\$2.72 ^	\$2.65	\$ 2.63	\$ 4.19
Mid Micron Indicator price	\$7.07 ^	\$6.87	\$7.90	\$11.90
Butter (NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 7050	\$7050	\$ 5600	\$6550
Skim Milk Powder (SMP NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 4750	\$ 4750	\$ 4300	\$4600
Whole Milk Powder (WMP NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 5350	\$ 5350	\$ 4525	\$5150
Cheddar Cheese (NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 6200	\$6200	\$ 5750	\$5600
Casein (lactose casein NZ \$ per tonne)	\$14750	\$14750	\$ 11550	\$11400
Global Dairy Trade Index	1310	1256	952	1052
US currency	\$0.700	\$0.709	\$0.683	\$0.640
Euro	\$0.612	\$0.615	\$0.578	\$0.579
Australian dollar	\$0.961	\$0.960	\$0.944	\$0.943

Finance: The NZ dollar eased slightly over the week. Internal business indicators are weak as businesses struggle to understand the Covid-19 restrictions coming into the main retail period of the year. The “traffic-light” system is not clear enough!!

Wool: Wool prices remain in the doldrums with prices being received are often less than the cost of shearing.

Beef, Sheep & Venison schedules: Schedules are steady in most categories with some intercompany rebalancing taking place.

Dairy Prices Early season milk production is good as farmers look forward to an \$8.00+ payout. Farm costs are up as shipping costs rise and the supply of essential items is often delayed.

The Groundswell protest is planned for Sunday 21st November. I have some comments regarding the protest movement below. I do encourage you all to make plans to join the protest and while you might have other issues you are angry/concerned about it is important to allow the protest to focus on the issues as presented by Groundswell. They have already been labelled by the government as anti-vax and aligned to the Destiny Church freedom movement and therefore should not be trusted.

Quote: “Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create.”

Need Help. If at any time you just want to talk about being isolated on your farm and to have a chat, just call me – no charges!! 027-2872886. Rural Support Trust 0800-787-245. Lifeline 0800-543354. Crisis TXT – HELP (4357)

You can hear us live on the radio on Monday morning at 7.35 am with Brian Kelly on Country Sport Breakfast – Radio NZ Gold AM. 792 AM in the Waikato & 1332 AM in Auckland.

Jim's Weekly Rant:

Protest do usually make a government sit up and listen. New Zealand's history has had a few notable strikes and protest and, in the past, they have led to major changes. The wharf strike in 1951 was a major turning point in industrial relations in NZ. The 1951 strike did follow the previous wharf unrest in 1890 and 1913 that were apparently more violent. The 1951 strike was of course after WW2 and the battle lines were formed around people being labelled as Nazi, commies, terrorist and traitors (ring a bell anywhere??). It was an industrial based dispute. The next big protest in our history will be remembered by most of us and was triggered by the 1981 Springbok tour. It was again about freedoms on one side and political racism on the other. But throughout our history there have been minor strikes and protests while we have remained mostly a compliant easy-going population, and that is probably because all has been easy in NZ, and even the disadvantaged have been OK (well mostly anyway). The current unrest in NZ is mounting and the issues are in many ways similar to the 1951 strikes and riots on one side and similar to the 1981 issues on the other. People are being labelled and divisions are being created in our normally benign society. Most of us are being stirred and challenged as families are being divided, work colleagues pitted against each other, workplaces being able to discriminate against a new underclass of patrons - all these things have happened before and have been what we, as New Zealanders, have fought against in the past without much need to become militant. Things have changed. My real concern is that the issues will become so fragmented that the effect of any protest of the Freedom movements and/or the Groundswell movement will be dismissed because of a lack of clarity and unity. The current issues identified by Groundswell have a definite rural and business theme, with the issues grounded in political totalitarian control. Groundswell is concerned about: Three Water; National Freshwater policy; The Significant Natural Area's; Indigenous Biodiversity; MIQ access for rural workers; Climate Change policies; Crown Pastoral Land Reforms and the Ute Taxes. The Freedom protests are about personal choice; the rejection of the governments decree as being the only source of truth; the societal divisions created by the vaxxed and anti-vaxxed and mandated by the government, the purchase of the media to promote the government political agenda, and of course the ongoing lockup with no knowledge of how they are destroying businesses and peoples lives. The Freedom Movement is really about a political ideology, while the Groundswell is more about the effects of the political ideology. The Freedom movement has attracted a range of fringe protest including the BLM movement, the extinction rebellion group and the use of some emotive symbols such as the Jewish Star of David, the two Maori flags. The challenge to us all is how can merge the protest groups that have a similar demand while not taking anything away from the reason to protest and the need to seek change. Can the movements support one another to bring about change and save our country from a totalitarian regime that if allowed to continue will destroy our free land? The movements must remain credible and show the government that we have all had enough of the controls; we have had enough of theoretical politicians listening to a cabal of sycophantic advisors fixated on a single issue with unrealistic outcome that have been rejected by the rest of the world. Can we get 100,000 plus on the Groundswell protest and over 50,000 to the Freedom protest? These numbers cannot be dismissed by the government as being just a few uninformed people who are causing problems. Jacinda and her government must listen to the people!! We have had enough!!!

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