

WEEKLY ECONOMIC REPORT: Farm Advisors NZ Ltd & AgSafeNZ Ltd

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Daily grass growth rates:	Range 58 to 70 kg DM/ha/day.
Average pasture cover:	2450 kg DM/ha.
10 cm soil temperature:	18.8°C
Rainfall (Hamilton)– Month to date:	55 mm. October 10 yr av 97 mm.
Stock prices report:	Prime steers \$2.89/kg
	Prime bulls \$2.55/kg
	Boner Cows \$1.87/kg
	Store lambs \$98.29
	Feeder Calves \$119.96
	Weaner bulls to 10 to 120 kg \$4.71/kg av \$518.45/head

The maize crops should be in and a feed budget prepared to consider the possibilities of a dry summer. There may be a need to consider additional crops as the silage harvest would appear to be only moderate. PKE is an alternative but has limitations in the summer. Plan now make sure you maximise the season production.

Week commencing 29 October 2018

	This Week Nth Is	This Week Sth Is	Last Week Av	1 Year ago
18 kg YX Lamb (cents/kg)	\$8.00	\$7.70	\$7.85	\$6.70
21 kg Mutton (cents/kg)	\$5.00	\$4.80	\$4.90	\$4.37
P2 Steer (270 to 295 kg)	\$5.60	\$5.45	\$5.52	\$5.30
M Cow (160 to 195 kg)	\$3.90	\$4.00	\$3.95	\$4.00
Bull (270 to 295 kg)	\$4.85	\$4.80	\$4.87	\$4.95
Venison (60 kg AP Stag)	\$11.30	\$11.40	\$11.35	\$9.85
		Previous Week	1 year ago	2 yrs ago
Strong Wool	\$ 4.10	\$4.01	\$ 4.25	\$ 4.60
Fine Wool	\$16.40	\$16.40	\$14.60	\$14.45
Butter (NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 6475	\$ 6250	\$ 8350	\$5600
Skim Milk Powder (SMP NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 3075	\$ 3250	\$ 2625	\$3150
Whole Milk Powder (WMP NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 4175	\$ 4150	\$ 4425	\$3950
Cheddar Cheese (NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 5400	\$5400	\$ 6025	\$5100
Casein (lactose casein NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 8450	\$8400	\$8550	\$9300
US currency	\$0.653	\$0.660	\$0.689	\$0.737
Euro	\$0.574	\$0.575	\$0.592	\$0.663
Australian dollar	\$0.925	\$0.926	\$0.899	\$0.955

Finance: The NZ dollar continues to move during the week, but finished at the same level as the previous week

Wool: The wool sale was firm on the previous week with minimal movements from the previous week The pass-in rate was 30%

Sheep & Venison meats: Sheep meat prices have eased over the last 4 weeks with some companies offering considerably less than they were a month ago. The venison schedules are very good and remain steady.

Beef Schedules: Beef schedules are steady with some trending downwards coming off the seasonal spring highs. Prices are still generally very good.

Dairy Prices: Dairy commodities are steady to firm in most areas with SMP weaker. WMP has eased off the top of the range but firmed on the lower prices. .

A successful mating will set up the 2019/2020. Keep a very close watch on returns. Empty cows are wasted cows and become an expense on the business. Accurate identification of cows for mating is essential.

Quote: Whenever things go a bit sour in a job I'm doing, I always tell myself, 'You can do better than this.'

Drug testing of staff is important. It is part of ensuring a safe workplace. The mobile testing unit will come to your workplace and you might join together with a few other local farmers and get them all tested at a single central site.

Contact AgsafeNZLtd Phone 027-2872886. We can prepare your Work Safe manual and hazard management plan at a very competitive price.

We can prepare a farm map for you at competitive costs, call on the above numbers for a quote. An accurate map will improve your decision making!! We are working with OSHMAPS in Taranaki to cost competitive. Check out OSHMAPS web page.

Quad safe helmets – contact Pacific Helmets NZ. www.pacifichelmets.co.nz/shop

Calf rearing is important for your future production – Check out the Bell-Booth “*Queen of Calves*” rearing plan. There is research data from Massey University measuring the benefits. They are clearly documented and the long term benefits are more production per cow and longevity of the animals!! Research has shown calves can be weaned approximately 22 days earlier when Queen of Calves is used. The early weaning saves milk and allows more milk to be sold!

Check out the farming APP JobDone – it is simple and can simplify some of your business management systems!!