



2021 West Coast, Marlborough and Tasman floods

A severe weather event caused flooding and extensive damage across the West Coast, Tasman and Marlborough in July 2021. Support is available to help repair damage and clean-up farms.

Clean-up support

Need help cleaning up flood damage or debris?

Clean-up help survey (self-assessment): <https://arcg.is/1LvX1b>

Information from the self-assessments will help guide further support needs.

Can you help a flood-affected farmer or grower?

Register your offers of assistance: <https://arcg.is/1riOW8>

Enhanced Taskforce Green

Enhanced Taskforce Green (ETFG) is being activated to help with the flood clean-up. Local councils or other authorised agencies will be able to hire job seekers to assist with activities like clearing flood debris. Farmers and growers can self-register for clean-up help: <https://arcg.is/1LvX1b>

People living on lifestyle properties can apply for Emergency Taskforce Green where they can demonstrate a health and safety need: <https://arcg.is/1LvX1b> or **0800 FARMING (0800 327 646)**.

Animal welfare concerns

Animal welfare concerns can be logged with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) on **0800 00 83 33**.

Feed support

What should you do if you are short of feed? Support is available to help source supplementary feed or grazing for livestock.

The **Feed Coordination Service** connects farmers with surplus feed – such as hay, silage, or grazing – to farmers and lifestyle block owners who need it.

The **Feed Planning Service** connects farmers with an industry expert. It can help you do a 'snapshot feed plan' in 20 minutes.

Getting a plan in place can help give you peace of mind. To access feed support, call **0800 FARMING (0800 327 646)** and follow the voice prompts.

Alternatively, visit: www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/adverse-events/dealing-with-floods/#support

Veterinary services

If your animals need veterinary treatment, contact your own veterinary clinic, or find one nearby via the New Zealand Veterinary Association website on www.nzva.org.nz

Pet food

If you are unable to purchase pet food, donated pet food may be available through the SPCA and other charities. For any requests, go directly to your local SPCA: www.spcan.z/about#spca-centre-locations

Livestock movements

Timeframes for updating NAIT have been extended as a result of flooding in the Buller, Tasman and Marlborough districts. Further information can be found here: www.ospri.co.nz/news-and-events/support-for-flooding-in-marlborough-and-buller-districts



Financial and wellbeing support

Civil Defence payments

These payments are accessible to the primary sector and don't rely on people being on a benefit to access them. They are administered by the Ministry for Social Development. The costs can help with:

- accommodation costs (e.g. if evacuated and paying for accommodation such as a hotel)
- loss of income if people can't work due to the flooding
- emergency food, clothing and bedding
- payment if people have evacuees staying with them.

More details are at: www.workandincome.govt.nz/products/a-z-benefits/civil-defence-payment.html or phone **0800 752 102** to apply.

Rural Assistance Payment

Rural Assistance Payments will be available to help farmers and growers affected by the flooding (July 2021) with essential living costs from 2 August. Talk to your local Work and Income office.

Income Equalisation Scheme

The flooding event could affect your ability to comply with your tax obligations, including filing and paying on time. You may also need tax flexibility through the Income Equalisation Scheme: www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax/income-tax-for-businesses-and-organisations/income-equalisation-scheme/discretionary-relief/flooding-in-the-west-coast-tasman-and-marlborough-regions

Farm Business Advice Fund

Qualifying farmers can receive up to \$6000 to seek independent financial or business advice. The Farm Business Advice Fund is managed by Rural Support Trusts. Banks are jointly funding the initiative. Apply through your local Rural Support Trust: www.rural-support.org.nz/what-we-do/Financial

Rural Support Trust

The flooding was classified as a medium-scale event, unlocking extra funding for wellbeing support. Farmers who need wellbeing support should call the Rural Support Trust on **0800 RURAL HELP** or **0800 787 254**.

Temporary Accommodation Service

A Temporary Accommodation Service (TAS) has been set-up to assist displaced people find suitable temporary accommodation. Whether you need assistance in finding temporary accommodation immediately or may need this in the future, register your details here: www.tas.mbie.govt.nz or call **0508 754 163**.

Industry support

DairyNZ: <https://www.dairynz.co.nz/business/adverse-events/flood>

Beef+Lamb New Zealand: <https://beeflambnz.com/news-views/support-available-flood-affected-farmers>

Deer Industry NZ: <https://www.deernz.org>

Horticulture NZ: <https://www.hortnz.co.nz>

Wine Marlborough: <https://www.wine-marlborough.co.nz>

Federated Farmers: https://www.fedfarm.org.nz/FFPublic/Support/Canterbury_Flooding.aspx

West Coast Regional Council: <https://www.wcrc.govt.nz>

Tasman District Council: <https://www.tasman.govt.nz>

Marlborough District Council: <https://www.marlborough.govt.nz>

Ministry for Primary Industries: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/adverse-events>