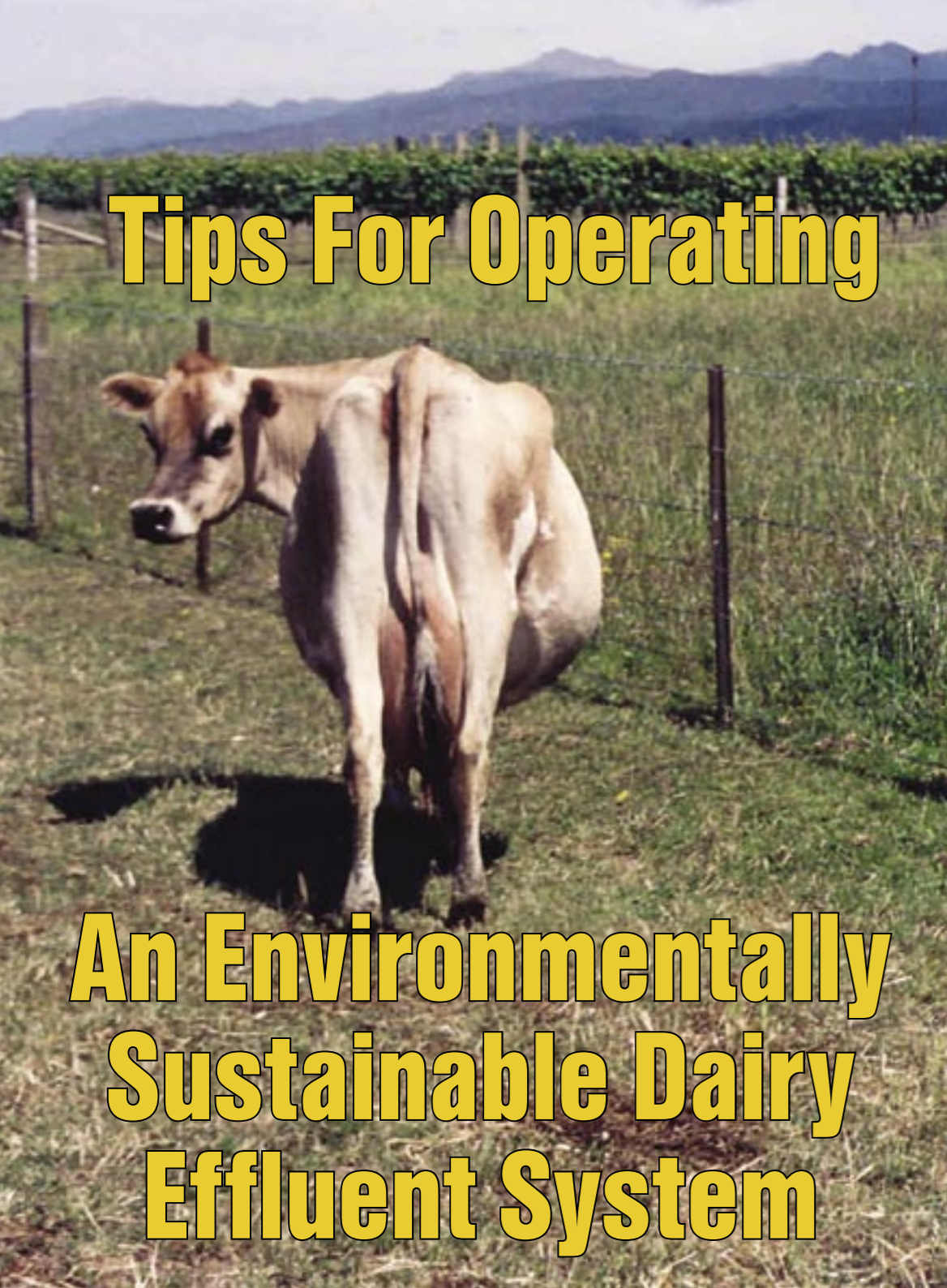




# MAKE EFFLUENT MANAGEMENT A PRIORITY ON YOUR FARM



## Tips For Operating

## An Environmentally Sustainable Dairy Effluent System

- Move stationary irrigators before each milking
- Check travelling irrigators daily
- Move travelling irrigator's anchor before the run is finished
- Set travelling irrigators on fastest speed
- Spread the effluent from 100 cows evenly over at least 3-4 hectares each year
- Maintain a 20 metre buffer between the effluent disposal area and any waterway
- Avoid spreading effluent during heavy rain
- Check effluent pond to ensure:
  - No leaks/overflows
  - Adequate storage
  - Free from excessive weeds or crusting
- Have a back-up system to be used in the event of mechanical failure or heavy rain eg pond, second pump etc
- Have system, including pumps, fully serviced pre-season
- Check sumps/stone traps and remove solids regularly
- Train staff in effluent management
- Divert stormwater from cow shed roof away from dairy effluent system

### Penalties:

If the effluent system does not comply with the rules, workers, managers, sharemilkers and owners may all be liable.

If you employ staff you must take all reasonable steps to ensure they manage effluent appropriately, or you may also be liable.

#### Penalties include:

- A \$750 infringement notice
- A fine of up to \$200,000 or up to two years in prison

### For more information:

- Visit [www.envirodirect.co.nz](http://www.envirodirect.co.nz)
- Talk to Council or an effluent specialist
- Read the rules in the Resource Management Plan or your resource consent
- A full copy of the rules can be obtained from Marlborough District Council (03) 578 5249