

WEEKLY ECONOMIC REPORT:

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Daily grass growth rates:	Range 20 to 32 kg DM/ha/day.
Average pasture cover:	2100 kg DM/ha.
10 cm soil temperature:	24.2°C
Rainfall (Hamilton)– Month to date:	50 mm. January 10 year Av 98 mm.
Stock prices report:	Prime steers \$2.692/kg
	Prime bulls \$2.533/kg
	Boner Cows \$1.432/kg
	Store lambs \$79.97
	Feeder Calves \$287.50
	Weaner bulls to 100 to 120 kg \$4.078/kg av \$443.58/head

Water for the livestock is the No 1 Priority. Have you checked your current supply and its reliability? Is there an alternative supply available and make sure that alternative source is ready to go with pumps etc. and ways of connecting into the main supply. No water = no milk!!!

Week commencing 18 January 2021

	This Week Nth Is	This Week Sth Is	Last Week Av	1 Year ago
18 kg YX Lamb (cents/kg)	\$6.40	\$6.30	\$6.35	\$8.07
21 kg Mutton (cents/kg)	\$4.95	\$4.70	\$4.82	\$5.72
P2 Steer (270 to 295 kg)	\$4.80	\$4.62	\$4.71	\$5.58
M Cow (160 to 195 kg)	\$3.40	\$3.45	\$3.42	\$4.37
Bull (270 to 295 kg)	\$4.75	\$4.55	\$5.20	\$4.67
Venison (60 kg AP Stag)	\$5.50	\$5.70	\$5.60	\$8.55
		Previous Week	1 year ago	2 yrs ago
Fine Crossbred Indicator price	\$2.14	\$2.14	\$ 3.52	\$ 4.05
Mid Micron Indicator price	\$7.85	\$7.85	\$10.39	\$10.77
Butter (NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 6175	\$ 6175	\$ 5850	\$6200
Skim Milk Powder (SMP NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 4250	\$ 4250	\$ 4350	\$3650
Whole Milk Powder (WMP NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 5620	\$ 5620	\$ 4775	\$4075
Cheddar Cheese (NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 4550	\$4550	\$ 5950	\$5150
Casein (lactose casein NZ \$ per tonne)	\$10575	\$10575	\$ 12500	\$9875
US currency	\$0.720	\$0.726	\$0.664	\$0.681
Euro	\$0.593	\$0.592	\$0.597	\$0.601
Australian dollar	\$0.928	\$0.935	\$0.964	\$0.973

Finance: The NZ dollar remained steady against the major trading currencies during the week. Interest rates remain low and the internal economy is strong as people are unable (unwilling) to travel overseas for holidays.

Wool: Wool prices are a disaster.

Beef, Sheep & Venison schedules: The meat schedules are steady with only minor inter-company changes being noted for the coming week. The major meat companies do not appear to be offering premiums to attract supply as shipping space is still under pressure with the Covid-19 pandemic affecting trade.

Dairy Prices: Dairy commodity prices are firm with most banks having reconsidered their budget parameters since Christmas. The g/DT of 12th has buoyed the farmers view of the industry with most feeling positive about the season – just need some rain!!!

The eczema spore are increasing across the country. Prevention is essential as there is no real cure!!

Hot off the **Worksafe** press - A Manawatu dairy farmer has been fined \$4000 after he prevented inspectors from accessing his property failed to attend or make alternative arrangements to complete a required interview at our offices. Get your policies sorted!! AgSafe can assist!!

Quote: *Whatever is worrying you right now, forget about it. Take a deep breath, stay positive and know that things will get better.*

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)

Jim's Weekly Rant:

I had hoped to get away from grumbling about the media but it hasn't happened. The social media platforms have now taken censorship into their own hands and, them and them alone, now decide who can say what on their very public communication platforms. Indoctrination has become the norm of the last, few years. I have been on about the main news media being biased and promoting a particular political agenda, but to now have access to facts and alternative views removed we are certainly heading down a slippery slope to totalitarianism, total control by the state as the state's political views influence the media managers. The banning of Trump (whether you like Trump or not) from some social media platforms has been followed by numerous people around the world, including some in NZ, now being banned. Extremist views are only extreme when they are polar opposite to your own views and values. The measure of extremism can only be from a mid-point, but the mid-point has shifted, if not lurched, to the left in recent times. I have previously commented about the medias use of emotive words that are used to influence the readers/viewers/listeners and we have again experienced that with the riots in the USA where the media refer to the BLM movement as protests and then the same media referred to the Washington protests as riots. Riots always sound worse than protests, so in simple terms we now see the right-wing riot and the left-wing protest!! As 2021 gains momentum we are going to see/hear a lot more about the divide between the left and the right as the socialist supporting media move to discredit much of what the right and even centre-right believe in. The difference between a riot and a protest saw the protest movement last for more than 6 months, had 20+ people killed, 700 police injured and 150+ federal buildings damaged whereas a riot saw 1 person killed, less than 15 police injured and only the one federal building damaged. The BLM was supported around the world whereas the Capitol Hill riots generated international condemnation. In simple terms that is the difference between a riot and a protest. I encourage you to think long and hard about being prepared to stand-up and stand-out through 2021 for the truth, but remember that you might be rioting and not protesting!!! The new middle ground seems to be left of my personal beliefs, so does that make me extreme? Have a measured assessment of your beliefs and see how you might now measure against the centre!!

Contact AgSafe NZ Ltd - Phone 027-2872886. We can prepare your Work Safe manual and hazard management plan at a very competitive price. We can arrange drug tests and farm maps for your property.

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!

QLabs for your comprehensive farm soil & nutrient test. Qlabs are based in Waipawa.

Soils: Full Soil Analysis, Soil Respiration Test, Home Garden Soil Testing

Feeds: Full Feed Analysis, Ruminant Nitrogen Utilisation, Efficiency (RNUE), ME (Metabolizable Energy), Feed Single Element, DM (Dry Matter), Nitrate (Feeds)

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Check out our Facebook site **Citizens Reject Atmospheric Policies – CRAP**. We will keep you up-dated with access to properly researched and peer reviewed scientific papers from eminent astrophysicists and climate scientists. We are not interested in political papers from the hysterical masses!!!

<i>Spore Counts</i>	<i>The counts are the highest in the area noted</i>	<i>Date:</i>	14/1/2021	
		<i>No's Sites Monitored</i>	<i>Highest count</i>	<i>Risk assessed</i>
Northland	<i>Kaitaia</i>			
	<i>Kaikohe / BOI</i>			
	<i>Whangarei</i>			
	<i>Dargaville / Ruawai</i>			
	<i>Mungatoroto</i>			
	<i>Rodney</i>			
Bay of Plenty	<i>Tauranga</i>	13	30	Low
	<i>Te Puke</i>			
	<i>Whakatane</i>	6	15	Low
	<i>Opotiki</i>			
	<i>Rotorua</i>	5	15	Low
Auckland	<i>Franklin</i>	4	30	Moderate
North Waikato	<i>Whitianga</i>	4	10	Low
	<i>Waihi</i>	2	10	Low
	<i>Hauraki Plains</i>	4	5	Low
	<i>Piako</i>	4	5	Low
Central Waikato	<i>Hamilton</i>	8	92	High
	<i>Morrinsville</i>			
	<i>Matamata</i>	7	1,180	Extreme
	<i>Raglan</i>			
	<i>Waipa</i>			
South Waikato	<i>Otorohanga</i>			
	<i>Waitomo</i>	13	35	Moderate
	<i>Taupo</i>			
	<i>South Waikato</i>	1	10	Low
Taranaki	<i>New Plymouth</i>			
	<i>Stratford</i>			
	<i>South Taranaki</i>			
	<i>Wanganui</i>			
East Coast	<i>Gisborne</i>	2	150	Extreme
	<i>Hawkes Bay</i>	3	5	Low
	<i>Wairoa</i>			
Lower North Island	<i>Rangitikei/Ruapehu</i>			
	<i>Manawatu</i>	10	<i>nil</i>	
	<i>Horowhenua</i>	9	5	Low
	<i>Tararua</i>			
	<i>Wairarapa</i>			
South Island	<i>Tasman</i>			
	<i>Grey</i>			
	<i>Marlborough</i>			

The action threshold is 20.

<30 = Low, 30 to 60 = Moderate, 60 to 100 = High Plus 100 = Extreme