

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

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**17 July 2021**

Daily grass growth rates:	Range 22 to 30 kg DM/ha/day.
Average pasture cover:	2150 kg DM/ha.
10 cm soil temperature:	8.6.°C
Rainfall (Hamilton)– Month to date:	35 mm. July 10 year Av 129 mm.
Stock prices report:	Prime steers \$3.026/kg
	Prime bulls \$2.044/kg
	Boner Cows \$2.433/kg
	Store lambs \$102.57
	Feeder Calves \$128.83
	Weaner bulls 151 to 250 kg \$547.35/head or \$2.969/kg

I spend time tutoring on H & S with AgDrive. We emphasis is the pre-operational checks on all plant and equipment – Tractors, Quads, Bikes etc. Tyre pressures on quads, LUV's and motorbikes are crucial. But I got caught last week when I failed to check my tyre-well and had no jack when I got a flat tyre. When did you last check your vehicles??

Week commencing 19 July 2021

	This Week Nth Is	This Week Sth Is	Last Week Av	1 Year ago
18 kg YX Lamb (cents/kg)	\$8.45 ^	\$8.30 ^	\$8.23	\$6.82
21 kg Mutton (cents/kg)	\$6.35	\$6.50	\$6.42	\$4.57
P2 Steer (270 to 295 kg)	\$5.77	\$5.35	\$5.55	\$4.95
M Cow (160 to 195 kg)	\$4.05	\$4.00	\$4.02	\$3.65
Bull (270 to 295 kg)	\$5.55	\$5.22	\$5.38	\$4.95
Venison (60 kg AP Stag)	\$5.50	\$5.55	\$5.53	\$6.05
		Previous Week	1 year ago	2 yrs ago
Fine Crossbred Indicator price	\$2.46	\$2.66	\$ 2.08	\$ 5.27
Mid Micron Indicator price	\$5.80	\$5.80	\$7.16	\$11.26
Butter (NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 6550	\$ 6550	\$ 5725	\$6500
Skim Milk Powder (SMP NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 4800	\$ 4800	\$ 4225	\$3825
Whole Milk Powder (WMP NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 5770	\$ 5770	\$ 4900	\$4550
Cheddar Cheese (NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 6050	\$6050	\$ 6025	\$5750
Casein (lactose casein NZ \$ per tonne)	\$15300	\$15300	\$ 12250	\$11000
Global Dairy Trade Index	1214	1259	996	993
US currency	\$0.702	\$0.694	\$0.656	\$0.668
Euro	\$0.595	\$0.586	\$0.575	\$0.599
Australian dollar	\$0.944	\$0.935	\$0.938	\$0.962

**Finance:** The NZ dollar strengthened after the Reserve Bank announced it was ceasing its money printing program that had been used to underpin the economy during Covid pandemic. Inflation has increased to 3.3% up from 1.5% from the previous quarter. Let's see how they get out of it over the next year.

**Wool:** Wool prices remain in the doldrums with the cost of shearing exceeding the returns from the wool!!

**Beef, Sheep & Venison schedules:** The beef meat schedules are mostly steady for the coming week while lamb schedules are still continuing to rise. The venison markets are signalling some early signs of recovery but prices have not yet moved.

**Dairy Prices:** Dairy commodity prices are steady going into the new season. It is important to watch the g/DT price index and not get too hung up on the percentage movements.

Calving is underway and lambing has started in some areas. We all need to understand the difference between fatigue and tiredness. Excess tiredness can lead to fatigue. Make sure you do not push yourself or your staff beyond being tired and into being fatigued.

**Quote:** *Capitalism made it possible to become wealthy by serving your fellow man. Socialism then requires those to serve their fellow man by sharing the wealth they have gained with others.*

**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:**

*The protest has come and gone and the turnout around the country was fantastic. Those of us who attended all hope that it will have some effect and that it was not just a display of tractors and utes to the locals, like the Fieldays have come to town!! Protests need the decision makers to hear the protestors and to experience the disruption created. The Labour MP's apparently all stayed away while the National and ACT MP's attended the protest. There was a good feeling at Morrinsville where I was, but how effective was the disruption. The media (TV in particular) have mostly reported the protest as a festivity of farming and I have heard little about the true reasons for the protest or any demands which is usually the motivation for a protest - a national statement to government!!. Perhaps there were too many issues and while the turnout was amazing and the placards well thought out, the specific demands were few. It is now time to follow up the protest with letters to the editors of the newspapers, letters to MP's (only send to 5 at a time) and offer specific demands to any media outlets you can. It is obvious the support is there and now the pressure must start!! Only promote 1 or 2 issues at a time.*

*For me there are three major areas of discontent being:*

1. **Immigration stuff up.** Useful, well qualified employees have been unable get family back to NZ since the beginning of 2020 and are now moving to Canada where they are reunited within weeks and their residency applications are processed within months and not years. We are losing good quality employees and future citizens because of incompetence within MBIE. The government must act and ensure there is sufficient migrant/immigrant labour for NZ to work and grow our economy.
2. **Environmental legislation.** There is a lot of bureaucratic and ignorant rules being proposed by people with no knowledge of farming and farming systems. The draconian rules are an attempt to capture and change the behaviour of the worst +/- 5% of the farmers, and remember, that every business has a similar small percentage of useless non-conforming persons that let the particular industry/business down, and that includes politicians- you just need to look at the current crop of MP's!! I do not know a farmer that does not care about the environment and who is always looking to make improvements. The government must trust the farming community to get on with improving the environment with minimum disruption and regulation.
3. **Climate Change matters.** This covers the ETS, the Zero Carbon Bill, the move to EV's and the tax on Utes. These issues are all based on the flawed ideology of the IPCC where CO2 has been deemed to be a demon gas, a pollutant and the destroyer of mankind. The IPCC ideology has been accepted by the populist political movements around the world as each generation requires its own doomsday theory. Read any of the papers by the world leading astrophysicists and climate scientists who debunk the IPCC ideology – Prof William Happer, Dr Willie Soon, Dr Roy Spencer, Dr Edwin Berry, Dr Tim Ball, Dr Richard Lindzen and others. Your interest might be on only a part of the Climate Issues so comment/protest on that, and do it well!!!

*So where to next to save our country from falling to the Socialists? It is up to each one of us to capitalise on the popularity of the Groundswell gathering and now make our voices heard.*

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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.

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