

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

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Daily grass growth rates:	Range 42 to 50 kg DM/ha/day.
Average pasture cover:	1875 kg DM/ha.
10 cm soil temperature:	11.9°C
Rainfall (Hamilton)– Month to date:	40 mm. September 10 year Av 110 mm.
Stock prices report:	Prime steers \$3.203/kg
	Bulls \$3.146/kg
	Boner Cows \$2.220/kg
	Store lambs \$139.42
	Feeder Calves \$91.54
	Weaner bulls 151 to 250 kg \$547.35/head or \$2.969/kg

If you are needing annual ryegrass silage to get through the spring, make contact with your local contractor as the supplies are selling fast. Typical costs are range around \$0.22/kg DM standing.

Week commencing 13 September 2021

	This Week Nth Is	This Week Sth Is	Last Week Av	1 Year ago
18 kg YX Lamb (cents/kg)	\$8.90	\$8.70	\$8.80	\$6.80
21 kg Mutton (cents/kg)	\$6.42	\$6.60	\$6.51	\$4.62
P2 Steer (270 to 295 kg)	\$5.95	\$5.70	\$5.83	\$5.05
M Cow (160 to 195 kg)	\$4.17	\$4.35	\$4.27	\$3.87
Bull (270 to 295 kg)	\$5.55	\$5.55	\$5.55	\$4.95
Venison (60 kg AP Stag)	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$6.55	\$6.15
		Previous Week	1 year ago	2 yrs ago
Fine Crossbred Indicator price	\$3.55	\$3.55	\$ 2.00	\$ 4.60
Mid Micron Indicator price	\$6.58	\$6.58	\$4.71	\$10.28
Butter (NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 6975	\$ 6975	\$ 5250	\$6350
Skim Milk Powder (SMP NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 4300	\$ 4300	\$ 4050	\$4050
Whole Milk Powder (WMP NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 5100	\$ 5100	\$ 4350	\$4850
Cheddar Cheese (NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 5850	\$5850	\$ 5200	\$6050
Casein (lactose casein NZ \$ per tonne)	\$14650	\$14650	\$ 11500	\$10450
Global Dairy Trade Index	1217	1170	947	988
US currency	\$0.712	\$0.712	\$0.666	\$0.632
Euro	\$0.602	\$0.599	\$0.563	\$0.521
Australian dollar	\$0.965	\$0.961	\$0.916	\$0.930

Finance: The NZ dollar remained steady through the week and the government continues to make printed money available to prop up the economy.

Wool: Wool prices remain in the doldrums.

Beef, Sheep & Venison schedules: Schedules are steady with only minor intercompany variations noted for the coming week. The venison schedules have improved and we are expecting them to increase further over the next 2 months.

Dairy Prices: The g/DT rose 4% which surprised most pundits. SMP was up 7.3% and WMP lifted 3.3%. The strength of the g/DT supports the Fonterra farm gate milk predictions for the 21/22 season

Listen to Leighton Smiths Podcast 127, there is a very good discussion with Muriel Newman around the He Pua Pua paper and the 3 waters plan/proposal. The discussion is frightening and should spur us all into action. There are papers being written that have delved into the 3 waters plan and all are rubbishing the proposal and in particular the Maori veto rights.

Quote: "Treat everyone with politeness and kindness, not because they are nice, but because you are."

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:

I have resisted commenting to much about the lockdown and the ongoing Corona Virus, the Delta version. But, listening to a lot of people over the lockdown and after the movement to level 2 (+) I cannot hold back much longer, so I will make some comment and perhaps risk getting off-side with some of you. The rules are nuts and seem to be made up as they go along and we are continually subjected to media propaganda promoting fear across society supporting the socialist politicians who thrive on fear and control. The spin used to manipulate the people is amazing and the best example was a couple of weeks ago when the government spun the line that there was enough vaccine, but there were too many people wanting to be vaccinated, to me that meant there was a shortage of vaccine, but most of the media promoted the spin without question. After some decent question by a few (very few) we were advised that the government has secured additional vaccine supply from Spain to get us through to the big supply arriving in October. The government spin was disingenuous and, in reality, frightening knowing that spin was being offered to deceive the "sheepoele". Knowing that the spin is the promotion of a political agenda how can we have any faith in what is being pushed as the truth by Jacinda and her government. We are told by the Prime Minister at the daily briefings that they are the only source of truth and that, in itself, must ring alarm bells for rational thinking people. For people to understand what life is about it requires us all to continually ask questions and read alternative views and understandings. In simple terms, no one has the absolute truth, so how can our government and the PM be so arrogant to believe that they are the only source of truth, that is scary. But some of the dumb stuff that I have seen includes the closing down of butcher shops in level 4 while allowing supermarket butcheries to work and corner dairies to operate, a number of fresh vege shops seemed able to operate as it revolves around what you can sell, but then there are many non-essentials that also get sold at dairies and vege shops. We saw the boundary line between level 4 and level 3 run down the middle of the road at Mercer when there are more logical solutions. I ask why are terminally ill people being vaccinated when they are shifted into a hospital to die? I know of 2 cases, one lived for 8 days in hospital after the vaccination and the other nearly died from the vaccination shock. I know of a construction company who has paid \$100,000's for materials now sitting in a yard in Auckland and cannot get the material shifted to the building site in Waikato because it is not housing – he has trucks etc. organized, but no one is allowed to load the trucks – they can load the trucks in the same yard area with housing materials, but not materials for commercial/industrial buildings. He has staff sitting around doing nothing all because the rules only allow building materials relating to housing to be loaded and trucked out of Auckland. We are told to wear masks and the mask manufactures say they don't really stop the spread of viruses and people are still avoiding people when we know there is no Covid outside of the Auckland area, so can someone please tell me the benefits of wearing a mask when alone in a car? James Shaw wanted a virtual parliament to operate as travelling to Wellington might put the country at risk, but he is prepared to fly to Glasgow to a climate summit – double standards for sure. Paranoia and fear have taken over from rational thinking and freedom and with the number of lies that the government has told us and the slight of hand they used to introduce policies, I am become more and more skeptical and wonder where it will all end. I think all we all want to know is what the criteria for NZ being opened up to the world and people being allowed to be free once again!!

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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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