



Nelson, Tasman, Marlborough flood recovery

Flooding across the Nelson, Tasman, Marlborough areas in mid-2025 caused extensive damage. Support is available to help the primary sector and support rural communities with the clean-up and recovery.

Clean-up support

Enhanced Taskforce Green

Enhanced Taskforce Green has been activated in the Tasman and Marlborough districts. Support is available to help clean-up flood debris, clear fences, and repair buildings and waterways. Farmers and growers can self-register by contacting the **Rural Support Trust on 0800 787 254**.

Financial and other support

Financial assistance from Work and Income

Depending on your situation, Work and Income may be able to help you and your family with things like bedding, clothing, food, rent, power bills, repairs or replacing appliances. You don't need to be on a benefit to get help – it's also available to people on low incomes. However, you may have to pay the money back, depending on your situation.

Go to workandincome.govt.nz and search for “urgent costs” for more information. Or visit your local Work and Income/MSD service centre to talk about your situation, and find out about any help you may be able to get.

You can also call 0800 559 009.

Tax support

IRD is aware customers affected by flooding, or other weather-related damage, may need help to keep up with their tax obligations. For affected customers IRD can remit late filing and payment penalties, as well as interest charged on late tax payments. You may also be able to get help through the Income Equalisation Scheme.

Call IRD on its emergency helpline on 0800 473 566.
www.ird.govt.nz

Accommodation support

Support is available for people who need help finding temporary accommodation.

Call 0508 754 163 or visit www.tas.mbie.govt.nz

Farm Business Advice Fund

Qualifying farmers can receive up to \$6,000 to seek independent financial or business advice. The Farm Business Advice Fund is managed by the Rural Support Trust. Banks are jointly funding the initiative.

Apply through [the Rural Support Trust](https://www.rural-support-trust.co.nz).

Rural Women New Zealand – Adverse Events Relief Fund

Financial assistance available where there is an identified urgent need following a declared adverse event such as a flood. It is available to individuals, communities and groups, with a particular emphasis on rural women and children:

www.ruralwomennz.nz

Looking after animals

For advice on animal welfare or to report concerns, contact MPI's animal welfare team on 0800 008 333.

Get help with feed planning and budgeting

Getting a plan in place can help give you peace of mind. Having a feed budget can help you:

- calculate your feed demand;
- calculate your feed supply;
- investigate options to fill feed gaps;
- proactively make decisions.

Support is available from your local veterinarian, farm advisers, industry organisations, specialist services, and MPI's On Farm Support team.

Email: onfarmsupport@mpi.govt.nz

Call: **0800 707 133**

www.mpi.govt.nz



Veterinary services

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

Information for lifestyle block owners

Other information to assist lifestyle block owners in an emergency can be found at:
www.aucklandemergencymanagement.govt.nz

Sector support

There are many people to talk to for advice on your situation and possible options available. MPI's On Farm Support Team is available to provide on-the-ground help for farmers and growers. They can help navigate information, investigate opportunities, and access advice. Find out about the free service and how to talk with a regional adviser in your area by visiting: mpi.govt.nz/on-farm-support or email NelsonWCMarlbOFS@mpi.govt.nz if required.

Information is also available online to assist you:

Beef + Lamb New Zealand – beeflambnz.com

DairyNZ – www.dairynz.co.nz

Federated Farmers – www.fedfarm.org.nz

Deer Industry New Zealand – www.deernz.org

Horticulture New Zealand – www.hortnz.co.nz

New Zealand Wine – www.nzwine.com

MPI On Farm Support – www.mpi.govt.nz

MPI's Adverse Events resources – www.mpi.govt.nz

These organisations all have experienced professionals who understand the challenges and can provide advice.

Wellbeing support

Need to talk? Support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Free call or text 1737 any time for support from a trained counsellor.

Lifeline – 0800 543 354 (0800 LIFELINE)
or free text 4357 (HELP)

Youthline – 0800 376 633, free text 234
or email talk@youthline.co.nz or online chat

Samaritans – 0800 726 666

Suicide Crisis Helpline – 0508 828 865 (0508 TAUTOKO)

Depression.org.nz – 0800 111 757 or text 4202.

Talk to your Rural Support Trust

The Rural Support Trust provides support to farmers and growers when times are tough. It provides free and confidential support and can connect you with services you need, whether financial, business, or health related:

www.rural-support.org.nz

0800 787 254 (0800 RURAL HELP)

Neighbours and friends

Talk to neighbours or farmers you're close to in your community – they may have feed you can use or space for extra livestock. They may also have useful advice or a trusted adviser to help you find solutions.

Key contacts and support

MPI On Farm Support

On Farm Support
NZ Government
0800 707 133

Beef + Lamb New Zealand

0800 233 352

DairyNZ

0800 4 DAIRY NZ
(0800 4 324 7969)

Deer Industry New Zealand

04 473 4500

Federated Farmers

0800 Farming
(0800 327 646)

Rural Women New Zealand

www.ruralwomennz.nz
0800 256 467

Dairy Women's Network

www.dwn.co.nz
0800 396 748

Horticulture New Zealand

– Ahumāra Kai Aotearoa
04 472 3795

New Zealand Winegrowers

09 303 3527

Foundation for Arable Research

www.far.org.nz
03 345 5783

Top of the South Wood Council

For the latest forestry-related information contact
info@totswoodcouncil.org.nz

Forest Industry Safety Council

Information on dealing with windthrow trees.
safetree.nz/resources/windthrow

Farmstrong

farmstrong.co.nz

FirstMate

(for fisheries sector)
www.firstmate.org.nz
0800 ADRIFT (0800 237 438)

Rural Support Trust

www.rural-support.org.nz
0800 787 254

Mental Health Foundation

mentalhealth.org.nz/helplines