

Māori Agribusiness in Northland Mid-North Multiple Māori Land Blocks & Te Hiku Farms

Growing and protecting Māori primary sector natural resources contributes directly to the development of New Zealand's regional economies. Assisting Māori to make the most of their natural resources will lead to economic growth.

In Northland, we are looking at ways to work with Māori so they have accurate information to make informed decisions about the future use of their land.

Here are some actions currently underway:

Mid-North (Northland) Multiple Māori Land Blocks

- The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has commissioned a study aimed at supporting Māori land owners and trustees to make informed decisions on sustainably increasing productivity or developing their lands.
- The study looked at Māori Freehold land blocks within a 50km radius of Kaikohe, representing 84,000 hectares of land. Approximately 1,400 hectares of the land blocks are considered high value land (Land Use Classifications of 1-3).
- The case studies focus on bringing land into horticulture or pastoral production under a dual governance and operation approach (people and land).
- The report is a starting point aimed to initiate a conversation that will lead to action from the fields to the boardroom and drive regional growth through sustainable transformation of people and the rich natural resources.

Te Hiku Farms

- In Te Hiku, MPI are working with Māori Trusts and Incorporations to explore forming a Te Hiku Sheep and Beef farming collective.
- If agreed, the collective would have a starting total of 14,700 hectares.
- The findings so far show the collective has the potential to double their meat production within 3 to 5 years of operation.
- This is still in the development stage and the Māori Trusts and Incorporations are now considering the information and the decisions they will need to make to move forward.

MPI commissions studies in to land productivity options

