

## **Ballance Agri-Nutrients Clearview PGP Quarterly Report Public Summary**

### **Report for Quarter ended 30 September 2013**

Quarter one of the 2013/14 financial year of the Clearview PGP Programme has been an excellent opportunity to review and reflect on the programme to date, and to evaluate the progress in terms of gap closure against the programme's overall objectives, as the programme nears two years since commencement.

A key priority at this stage of the programme was to evaluate the current projects and prioritise these to focus the programme scope on advancing the most promising product concepts. As each activity progresses closer to commercial outcomes, Ballance introduces a broader cross-functional project team to foster them to market readiness.

Two independent series of trials are being established to validate and quantify the benefits of two close to market product concepts. In addition, on-going development of the MitAgator tool is progressing with wide stakeholder engagement, and is receiving strong interest in its potential.

A new Science Extension Manager, Ian Tarbotton, formerly of DairyNZ, was appointed this Quarter to lead the Clearview PGP Programme Extension component. Ian has considerable Extension research and delivery experience, and will lead a review of Ballance's Extension training product development support by Science Extension staff and the degree of collaboration with other extension groups/PGP projects.