

### **Feed survey summary - as at 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2020**

- In Northland, pasture covers are below average for this time of year but, pasture growth rates are above average. The region received 15-75mm of rain in June to date.
- North Waikato and South Auckland, had a decent amount of rain so far for June. Pasture growth rates have been above average for this time of year. Pasture covers are a little behind.
- In Waikato and South Waikato, pasture covers are on target and pasture growth rates are above average for this time of year. About 20-100mm of rain has fallen in June.
- Ruapehu and Whanganui have received a bit of rain so far for June. Pasture covers are just below target for this time of year.
- Bay of Plenty is still behind target for pasture covers, but the region has had 20-150mm of rain during May, and more rainfall in June which is helping soil moisture.
- Gisborne, had a good amount of rain so far in June 100-200mm. Pasture growth rates are a little below average, Pasture covers are also behind for this time of year.
- Hawke's Bay is still struggling but has received around 40-100mm of rain so far for June. Pasture covers and pasture growth are below average for this time of year. Soil moisture has increased. The feed planners and feed support services have been helping farmers who need assistance.
- In Taranaki, pasture growth rates are above average and pasture covers have lifted significantly.
- The Manawatu, Wairarapa and Wellington, area has had around 20-100mm of rain, pasture growth rates are average.
- In Marlborough and the Tasman area, pasture covers are normal. Pasture growth rates have decreased due to frosts. In Central Tasman, Eastern, and Central Marlborough there is a feed shortage.
- North Canterbury, has variable pasture covers across the region those without irrigation are below average, those with irrigation are average for this time of year. Winter grazing availability is a concern.
- In Mid-Canterbury, pasture covers are normal for the most part, some areas have lower pasture covers than others.
- In South Canterbury, pasture covers are a little below average. Winter grazing availability is also concerning.
- In Otago, pasture covers are below average for this time of year. Pasture growth rates have gone down recently but this is due to cooler temperatures.
- Southland, has improved since the last report. Pasture growth is above average, pasture covers are below average for this time of year. Feed is available for purchase.
- The West Coast is doing well, pasture covers are at normal levels, pasture growth rates are slowing but this is expected to come into winter.