



Irrigated land use – what works in Wairarapa?



Field Days 12 April, 14 April & 20 April 2016

Initial studies of six irrigated land uses on three local dryland farms have recently been completed by industry experts. For land uses suited to each farm the studies looked at:

- Financial viability - does irrigation pay?
- On-farm nutrient impact - what does it mean for the environment?
- Management & lifestyle implications - what changes will be needed?

You are invited to Field Days on the 3 case study farms where results will be presented.

Tues 12 April Elm Grove 48 Kemptons Line Greytown (Barry Kempton's property)
Land use options: Dairy conversion | Mixed use | Apples

Thurs 14 April Otahua 463 Masterton-Castlepoint Rd (Nathan & Kate Williams' property)
Land use options: Arable | Sheep dairy

Wed 20 April Easterbo 575 East Taratahi Road, Carterton (Rob Dick's property)
Land use options: Sheep dairy | Livestock finishing | Mixed use

All three events are 2.00pm – 5.00pm followed by BBQ & refreshments

This information will help in answering an important farmer survey in May that will influence scheme feasibility and possible ownership structure.

We won't be asking for any commitment, rather an indication of what you and other farmers collectively want to ensure you have options to irrigate in the future.

Presenters include:

Sully Alsop (BakerAg)
Livestock, Arable & Mixed use

Chris Lewis (BakerAg)
Dairy

Richard Pentreath (AgFirst)
Apples

Gareth Young (Opus)
Sheep dairy

Andrew Curtis (Irrigation NZ)
What to think about when considering irrigating (12 & 14 April only)

Registrations preferred for catering purposes.

Email fieldday@gw.govt.nz with your name and Field Day date.

Or it's OK to turn up on the day. No bikes required.

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