



Carbon Farming Newsletter Update

It's been a couple of months now since we delivered the Carbon Farming Seminars on behalf of the Canterbury Mayoral Forum, they were well attended with almost 200 people attending the 3 seminars.

We thought it would be timely to send you all a bit of an update as to what has been happening recently in the carbon farming space to help keep you up to date and provide some clarity on some of the questions on hand.

The AgriBusiness Group Carbon Farming Consultancy

At The AgriBusiness Group, we have identified the importance for farmers to develop resilience in the carbon space. We are launching a carbon farming consultancy service to help farmers make the right decisions that will work best within their business, identifying the right land area to be put into trees, ensuring that any investment in trees works in with your farming system, giving you confidence to adapt and change. Our knowledge of farm systems ensures that the decisions made will have your best interests in mind. We will be working with forestry consultants as well to ensure all opportunities are recognised.

Contact us if you would like to discuss your carbon farming options.

Launch of Farming Matters

The New Zealand Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Research Centre has just launched a great new website designed to help breakdown the complex nature of greenhouse gasses and agricultures role and impact on New Zealand's environment. They will be adding to the website with more information as time goes by and you can sign up to get regular updates. To have a look at Farming Matters click the logo and check it all out!



One Billion Trees Funding Initiative

There has been a lot of recent media attention around the One Billion Trees (1BT) initiative and its impact on rural communities through large forestry companies purchasing farms to plant into forestry. While this is happening in some places and is most certainly concerning for the rural communities involved, it is important to note and remember that large forestry companies are not eligible for funding from the 1BT fund, this fund is in place for farmers and community groups to funding assistance for the planting of native and/or exotic tree species on their land.

Farmers are starting to understand the financial and environmental benefits of converting unproductive areas of their property into a form of forestry. Adding a forestry element to farming business's creates financial resilience through diversified incomes, and the opportunities in forestry are more lucrative than expected through timber production, carbon crediting, conservation, and erosion mitigation to name a few. Although not a point source carbon reduction strategy, tree planting will be the main source of carbon reduction in our atmosphere over the next decade and its important for us as farmers to understand the dynamics of the strategy as well as the rewards.

To have a look at the One Billion Trees website, clock the logo below.



Action on Agricultural Emissions: A recent announcement by The Ministry for the Environment

In mid-July the Ministry for the Environment announced the recommendations from a report the Interim Committee for Climate Change produced on agricultures involvement in the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS).

The report recommended that agriculture be included in the ETS by paying for 5% of their emissions. It is recommended to be introduced in two steps, the first interim step through a processor levy followed by farm-level emissions pricing introduced in 2025.

The Ministry for the Environment are running a number of information sessions to answer your questions and provide more information with opportunities to enter submissions.

Public information sessions are:

- Christchurch 24th July 5.30pm – 7.30pm. The George Hotel, 50 Park Terrace
- Ashburton 25th July 10am – 12pm. Ashburton Events Centre, 211a Willis Street.
- Greymouth 2nd August 5.30pm – 7.30pm. West Coast Events Centre, Welshman Conference Centre, 316 Rutherglen Road. Greymouth.

For a full list of event location and dates, the discussion document and more information in general, click the Ministry for the Environment logo below.



Quorum Sense – Quorum Exchange

At two of our carbon farming seminars the topic of regenerative farming, a way of building soil carbon, was introduced through Simon Osborne. Simon presented his experience of regenerative farming and soil carbon sequestration as a mixed cropping farmer in Canterbury.

On the 2nd of August, Quorum Sense will be running a regenerative agriculture workshop called “Diversity as a Tool for Improving Performance, Profit and Resilience”. Simon is a founding member and will also be speaking at this event. The event is aimed at providing farmers with the opportunity to hear from experts and other farmers in the regenerative agriculture space.

[Click here](#) to see the flyer. Registrations are essential, there is a link in the flyer to fill out your registration details.



If you would like nay more information or would like to discuss carbon farming options then please contact either Sam Mander or Sarah O'Connell.

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