

## **Integrated Farm Plan Workshop Summary**

22<sup>nd</sup> July at Mandeville Sports Club

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> July Andrew Curtis facilitated an integrated farm planning workshop at the Mandeville sports club. The workshop worked through a process to develop the framework for the integrated farm planning process that we will be following.

Farmers and subject matter experts workshopped key farm management areas and then broke down the management areas to provide more detail and brainstormed what “BEST” looked like in each area.

The key management areas identified (in no particular order) were:

- Te Ao Maori
- Biosecurity
- Business resilience
- Goals, values, and farming principles
- Environment
- Pasture/crops/feed
- External factors
- Animals
- People

As a result of this workshop a draft framework has been written up and circulated for feedback. If any changes are required these will be made before we go through the process with 3 top farmers that have been identified. The aim of starting with 3 top farmers is that this will help us to define what exceptional looks like. We will be bringing in subject matter experts to provide further guidance throughout this process. After we have created these farm plans and as a result have clearly defined best practice or exceptional farming practice in all management areas, we will begin the journey with striving farmers to exceptional farming using the integrated farm planning process.