

Next Generation Farming.

SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



Caretakers



Progressive



Proactive



Community

The Waimakariri Landcare Trust is a farmer-led initiative to support long-term, sustainable agriculture in the Waimakariri District.

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Community involvement through schools, clubs and buying local is an integral part of farming life. As farmers believe working together leads to a thriving community.

We are piloting the Integrated Farm Plan approach to determine how it can add value and de-risk farming businesses.



"An interesting experience in which I learnt a lot more about my farm business".

"The process will help the business grow, especially with the robust discussions with the subject matter experts".

"The biggest value was in identifying the areas of the business which we were not doing as well, and realising the importance of addressing these weaker areas".



95% of farmers understand their environmental impact and are confident about where to get support.

89% of farmers place the environment in their top 3 priorities when making decisions about their farming operation.



The **majority** of farmers would encourage the next generation to get into farming.

However **1/3** say this is dependent on future regulations.



OUR LAND
AND WATER

Toitū te Whenua,
Toiora te Wai

National
Science
Challenges



We are partnering with Our Land and Water National Science Challenge to undertake four case studies that explore future land use opportunities for the district.



We are tracking the progress and learnings of three farmers as they implement new practices and technologies.

We will follow Roscoe's journey as he trials new crops, adapts to industry changes and implements precision technology on the Taggart family farm. The farm is an arable and smaller scale sheep farm operation on 730ha near Cust. Their cropping operation is constantly changing and adapting to market demand which sees them grow a wide variety of crops including wheat, barley, grass, white clover, radish, beet, and Chinese cabbage.

Roscoe has also started to investigate growing a sunflower crop after becoming interested in the possibilities of sunflower seeds during a pre-Covid trip to Europe. The farm has also recently moved away from having a larger number of sheep to focus solely on ewe trading. Roscoe is a keen early adopter of innovative technology and is implementing precision technology tools to refine his farming operation while minimising the impacts on the environment.

Roscoe Taggart, Cust - Farmer



30% of farmers feel they need more specific information in relation to their farm systems to confidently make decisions about reducing their environmental impact.