



ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF AGRICULTURE IN OECD COUNTRIES SINCE 1990:

NEW ZEALAND Website Information

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<http://www.oecd.org/tad/env/indicators>

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1. National Agri-environmental Indicators Development

Linked Indicator Project

- Sustainable development underpins the linked indicators project. Achieving sustainable development involves different ways of thinking and working. It requires: looking after people, taking the long-term view, taking account of the social, economic, environmental and cultural effects of our decisions, and encouraging participation and partnerships.

Although sustainable development has wide international acceptance, it is important that New Zealand develops solutions and approaches that reflect its unique geography, culture and ways of doing things.

In 2003, the New Zealand Government put together a Sustainable Development Programme of Action. The programme built on The Government's Approach to Sustainable Development, a report released in August 2002 at the time of the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, and another report on sustainable development indicators, Monitoring Progress Towards a Sustainable New Zealand. It also took into account the report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, Creating Our Future: Sustainable Development for New Zealand. The programme of action focused on the Government's contribution to sustainable development. It put forward a number of projects and initiatives that the Government considers important, including the linked indicators project, which facilitate the monitoring of New Zealand's sustainable development.

The framework used in New Zealand for selecting and developing the linked indicators incorporates the capital model proposed by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the 'theme-based' approach used in the 2001 United Nations (UN) framework report Indicators of Sustainable Development: Guidelines and Methodology. The themes and sub-themes specified in the UN framework were grouped into seven main themes considered relevant to sustainable development.

The criteria for selection of the linked indicators included that they be: policy relevant; measurable; analytically valid; environmentally informative; cost-effective; and simple and easily understood.

- For more information, see the Statistics New Zealand *Linked Indicator Project* at: <http://www.stats.govt.nz/analytical-reports/linked-indicators/default.htm>

2. Databases

- **Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Statistics webpage**
<http://www.maf.govt.nz/statistics/index.htm>
- **Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Technical Paper Series**,
<http://www.maf.govt.nz/mafnet/publications/techpap.html>
- **Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research: Land Environments of New Zealand (LENZ)**. LENZ is a quantitatively-based classification of New Zealand's terrestrial environments to assist biodiversity conservation and natural resources management at all levels throughout New Zealand, see <http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/databases/lenz/>

- **Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research:** *The National Vegetation Survey Databank* is a physical archive and computer databank containing records from approximately 45 000 vegetation survey plots--including data from over 12 000 permanent plots. A broad range of habitats are covered, with special emphasis on indigenous forests and grasslands, see: <http://nvs.landcareresearch.co.nz/>
- **Statistics New Zealand,** environmental information, see <http://www.stats.govt.nz/environment/default.htm>

3. Websites

- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry <http://www.maf.govt.nz>
- Sustainable Farming Fund <http://www.maf.govt.nz/sff/>
- Ministry for the Environment <http://www.mfe.govt.nz>
- Sustainable Management Fund (Ministry for the Environment) <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/withyou/funding/smf/>
- Statistics New Zealand <http://www.stats.govt.nz/>
- Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research: <http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/index.asp>
- New Zealand Biodiversity Information Online: <http://www.biodiversity.govt.nz/index.html>
- Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment: <http://www.pce.govt.nz/>