



# Invitation

The Ballance Farm Environment Awards invites you **to enter** the 2011 awards to share your knowledge of sustainability with others.

Be part of New Zealand's leading sustainable farming network.



## Sustainable Land Management - Our Main Objective

The overall objective of the Ballance Farm Environment Awards is to promote sustainable land management on New Zealand farms believing that role models and education are effective tools to improving farming practices.

This objective is achieved by:

- The judging process, which we aim to keep **mutually enjoyable** and informative.
- Our **commitment** to practical solutions, which benefit people as well as the land.
- Our **support for diversity** - there's never one right answer, it's about what works.
- Our deed requires us to use objective criteria to determine **sustainable management** where practical.
- Our **down-to-earth** approach to communicating sustainable management concepts which relies on real people and their stories.

These Awards are unlike other events. Entrants are not seeking major prizes or overseas trips. Most instead are seeking to share their ideas and expertise with the wider farming community. They are seeking to have a ruler run over their enterprise to provide a personal benchmark.

Notable among our entrants is a pattern of seeking methods, often in innovative ways, to find sustainable solutions to limitations that they encounter in their farming businesses. We see enormous skill demonstrated in tackling the challenges of the specific farm environment they encounter.

We see New Zealand ingenuity at its best, where many solutions are found through innovation, often by thinking outside the square. This ingenuity is driven by the desire to understand the constraints each property imposes and the desire to find solutions through careful planning, and the use of the outside consultation where necessary.

## Supreme Winners

A Supreme Winner will be selected from each of the 9 regions - Supreme Winners will be chosen from the group of finalists. – **\$3000 cash**

## National Winner

A National Winner will be selected from the 9 regional Supreme Winners. The National Winner will be announced at the 2011 Sustainability Showcase. – **Prize package TBA**

### Principal National Sponsor



#### Ballance Nutrient Management Award

This Award focuses on the wise use of nutrients for productivity while demonstrating excellent care for the environment around them. A very good understanding of nutrient cycles will need to be demonstrated. Nutrient budgeting will be understood and well documented. The impacts of nutrients on both surface and ground water will need to be well understood and well managed. – **\$1000 cash/product**



#### LIC Dairy Farm Award

This Award recognises the dairy farmer who demonstrates in a practical way the choices that have been made to farm for the long term. Considerations will be made around the wise use of the land, labour and capital resource available or created. Increasingly the effects of dairy farming on both surface and groundwater and its impact on soil properties are factors the judges will consider. – **\$1000 cash/product**



#### Beef + Lamb New Zealand Livestock Farm Award

This Award recognises the livestock farmer (other than dairy) who demonstrates in a practical way the choices that have been made to farm for the long term. Considerations will be made around the wise use of the land, labour and capital resource available or created. Stock will be well cared for. Stock class and type will be well suited to the land contour and soil type and managed appropriately to suit those soils. – **\$1000 cash/services**



#### Hill Laboratories Harvest Award

This award recognises the farmer who is predominantly involved in growing crops, (e.g. Grain, Seed, Viticulture, Horticulture) but also encompasses livestock farmers who demonstrate excellent pasture and soil management. Consideration will include the effect the farming system has on the land resource currently and in the long term. Its effect on the water resource, along with nutrient use and effect will also be considered. Some formal monitoring or measuring of effects of the growing system on these resources would be a positive. Demonstration of a good understanding of weed and pest management and treatments is also required. – **\$1000 cash/product**



#### PGG Wrightson Land and Life Award

This Award is focused more on the all important 'people' side of the farming business. The personal beliefs of pride and passion for the land will be a key part of the considerations. A community spirit will be evident, along with a very good relationship with external 'advice or support' from agribusiness people. Intergenerational thinking and planning is often a feature. – **\$1000 cash/product**



MASSEY UNIVERSITY

#### Massey University Discovery Award

The Discovery Award is given in recognition of new discovery and implementation of economically and environmentally sustainable farming systems. The Award recognises farmers and farming families who have been proactive in discovering new knowledge and applying that knowledge to move their farming business to a more sustainable state. The winner will receive \$1000, and in addition be able to nominate a person from their region to receive a fees scholarship to an appropriate professional development short course at Massey University (subject to entry requirements) – **\$1000 cash/services**



#### New Zealand Farm Environment Award Trust Habitat Improvement Award

This is for "special places" of habitat that have been protected or created to enhance the farm business. The habitat may add value by protecting stock or crops from adverse weather or may add value by adding to the diversity of the farm. It may include trees or other plantings, wetlands created or restored or unique characteristics of the land or area protected from stock or predators. – **\$1000 cash/voucher**

## Regional Awards

#### Northland Regional Council Water Quality Enhancement Award

#### Environment Bay of Plenty Environmental Award

#### Environment Waikato Water Protection Award

#### The East Coast Farming for the Future Award

#### Horizons Regional Council Award (for the integration of trees)

#### Akura Conservation Centre Lifestyle Farm/Small Block Award

#### Environment Canterbury Water Efficiency Award

#### Otago Regional Council Sustainable Resource Management Award

### Regional Partners





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## Supreme Winners for 2010



**NORTHLAND**  
Brian and Gaye Simms  
Dairy



**BAY OF PLENTY**  
Bruce and Tessa Calder  
Sheep/beef/forestry



**WAIKATO**  
Tony and Coby Brown, Barb and  
Tom Brown, Tracy and Wynn Brown  
Dairy



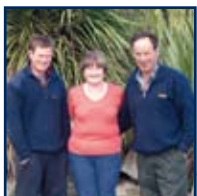
**HORIZONS**  
Ken and Sue Ballantyne  
Sheep & beef



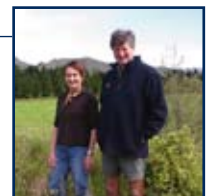
**SOUTHLAND**  
Janine and Elliot King  
Sheep & beef



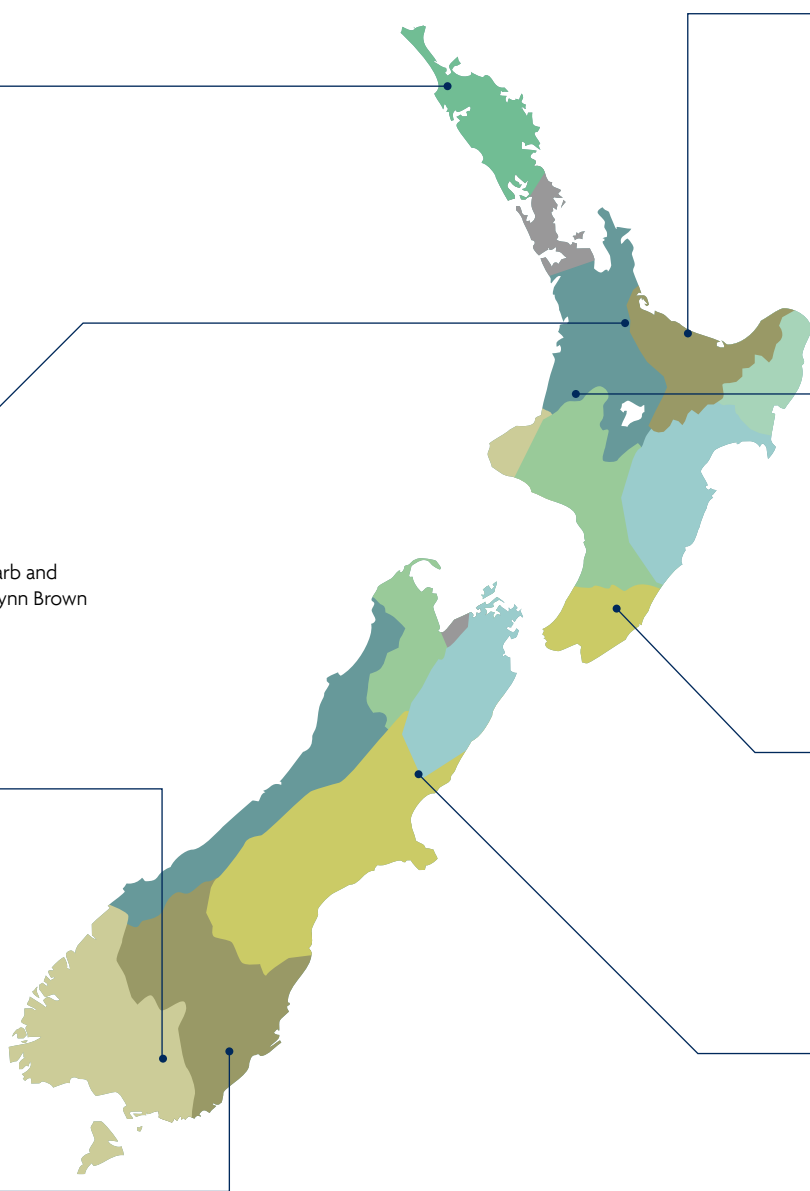
**WELLINGTON**  
George and Sarah Tatham  
Sheep & beef



**OTAGO**  
David, Carol and Ronald Alderton  
Sheep/beef/forestry



**CANTERBURY**  
Mandy and Dugald Rutherford  
Sheep/beef/deer/forestry





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## Comments from Previous Entrants

### Paul and Joanna McCarthy, 2009 Supreme Winners

*Bay of Plenty Ballance Farm Environment Awards*

Having picked up the Supreme title in the 2009 Bay of Plenty Ballance Farm Environment Awards, Paul and Joanna McCarthy could be forgiven for taking time out to savour their win.

But the opposite has happened. Paul describes the win and the leadership role that comes with it as “the most rewarding experience in my farming career”.

The McCarthy's are now encouraging other farmers to enter the 2011 competition. Paul, who is now an assessor, says one of the key messages he wants to get across to potential entrants is that their farm doesn't have to be in pristine condition to win an award.

Don't let a bit of junk behind the shed stop you entering the awards.”

He is also keen to stress that the competition is about “more than planting a couple of trees”.

During the judging process, which is conducted in a friendly and relaxed manner, entrants will be asked to explain the vision behind the work they are doing and talk about how they plan to achieve their goals.

Paul says other factors, such as community involvement, are also taken into account.

“There are many reasons people should enter and they should definitely give it a go.”



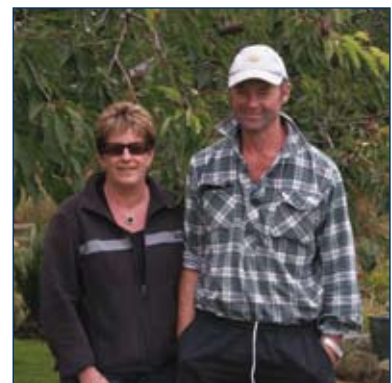
### Dave and Sandy MacGillivray, 2009 Entrants

*Southland Ballance Farm Environment Awards*

Southland sheep and deer farmer Dave MacGillivray doesn't consider himself a “tree hugger”, but that didn't stop him making the finals of the 2009 Southland Ballance Farm Environment Awards.

“I was a bit reluctant to enter,” says Dave who was one of just six BFEA finalists in the Southland region this year. “But I do believe in looking after what you have and where possible enhancing it. I have found these awards are more about sustainability, I have really enjoyed looking at it from that angle and have learnt a lot.”

Attending a BFEA field day on the property of the 2006 Southland supreme winners Graeme and Dorothy Dodd was a watershed moment for Dave. “That gave me the inspiration when I saw what could be achieved. I made contacts that day, it showed me how to go about doing things and that it's never too late.”



### NZFEA Trust Partners



## Conditions of Entry

- For the purposes of these awards a farm will be defined as a business enterprise based on the productive or amenity use of soils or other natural resources.
- The entrant's property must be within the boundaries of the area of the Northland, Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Hawkes Bay, Manawatu/Rangitikei, Greater Wellington, Canterbury, Otago and Southland Regional Councils and the Gisborne District Council.
- The NZFEA Trust reserves the right not to judge an entry if it is deemed a farm does not fit the overall objectives of the Awards, and not allocate a prize in a category should entrants not meet the Award's winning criteria.
- The property must be an economically viable farming enterprise.
- The entrant agrees to participate in and assist with publicity of any Regional and/or National event as deemed by the New Zealand Farm Environment Award Trust. Each finalist will be photographed and a DVD will be produced. The photographs and DVD are the property of the New Zealand Farm Environment Award Trust and will be used to promote the Ballance Farm Environment Awards programme and to promote sustainable profitable farming in general.
- Prizes are not transferable.

## Further Info...

For further information on the Ballance Farm Environment Awards please visit: [www.bfea.org.nz](http://www.bfea.org.nz) or contact the Regional Co-ordinator for your region.

### Northland (entries close 5th of November 2010)

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