



FACTSHEET NZFAP Plus

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Joining the NZFAP Plus Programme will demonstrate to our customers and consumers that the New Zealand red meat and wool sector is farming sustainably and ethically. It will also improve your understanding of your farm’s resources, provide you with the confidence to act and reinforce and validate that you are on the right track.

What are the benefits to farmers?

NZFAP Plus has been developed based on the expectations and requirements of our customers and markets. By joining NZFAP Plus, you will help ensure New Zealand farmers retain their domestic social licence to operate and market access globally through demonstrating environmental custodianship.

Integrated farm planning is an integral part of this standard, which aims to protect and enhance all resources, create better and more sustainable farming businesses and incorporate socially responsible and ethical practices. The NZFAP Plus standards are aligned with regulatory requirements in some instances where there is customer demand, meaning that if you are NZFAP Plus certified, you will also be meeting some of the environmental regulatory requirements such as He Waka Eke Noa – Primary Sector Climate Action Partnership.

What areas are covered in NZFAP Plus?

NZFAP Plus builds on the foundation NZFAP Programme and includes Standards for people, farm and natural resources and biosecurity.



PEOPLE

Planning & Documentation

Employment relations

Health & safety

Training and development

Wellbeing



FARM & NATURAL RESOURCES

Planning & Documentation

Natural resource information & map

Stock exclusion

Nutrient Management

Greenhouse gas and climate change

Farm Infrastructure map

Land and freshwater management plan

Management of crop and winter grazing

Indigenous Biodiversity



BIOSECURITY

Planning & Documentation

What is the process once I complete an application form?

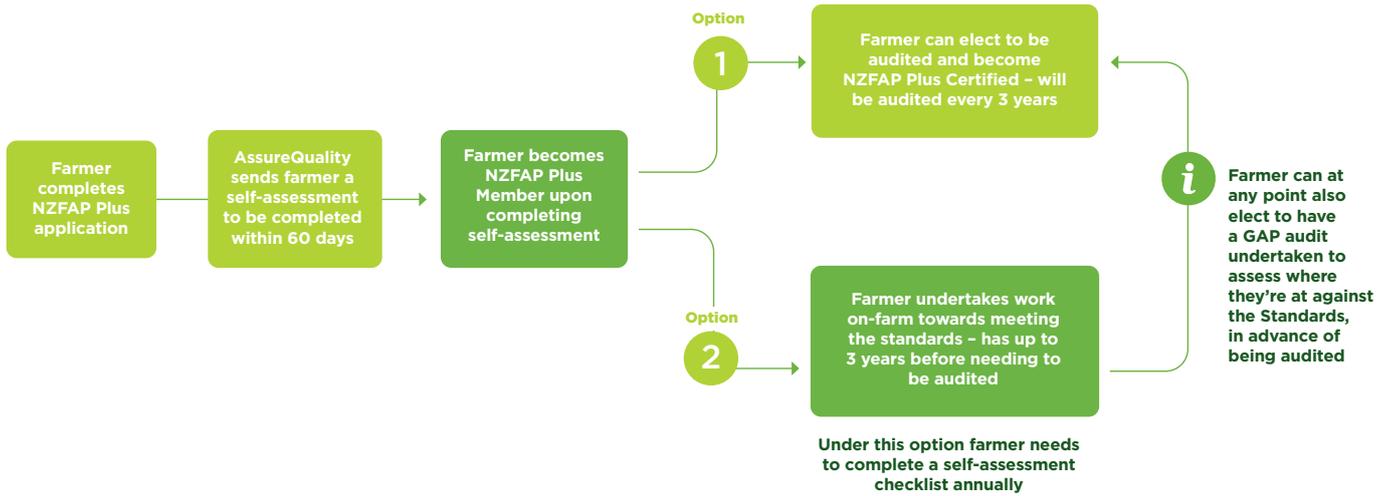
On completing an application form and sending it to nzfap@asurequality.com, you will be sent a link to an online self-assessment checklist. The checklist must be completed and returned within 60 days. On returning the checklist, you will become a NZFAP Plus Member.

This checklist will help you understand where your property currently sits against each standard.

You can then either elect to request an audit by our independent auditor or work towards meeting the standard and request an audit when you are ready.

An audit must be completed within three years of joining NZFAP Plus. While you are a NZFAP Plus Member and working towards meeting the standard, a self-assessment checklist must be completed annually.

You may be in a position following completion of the Self-Assessment to request an audit immediately. It is about working through this in your own time within the three years as this is a continuous improvement programme.



What happens if I am issued with non-conformances when I am audited?

If you do not meet some of the Standards when you are audited, you will be issued with non-conformances. Depending on the severity of the non-conformance, you will be advised a timeframe to rectify the non-conformance as outlined below:

Critical	7 days or sooner	<i>Failure to rectify the non-conformance will result in you being suspended from the programme.</i>
Major	20 days or sooner	
Minor	60 days or sooner	

Key points

- You must be NZFAP Certified
- The self-assessment checklist must be completed within 60 days
- The self-assessment checklist needs to be updated annually while a NZFAP Plus member
- Failure to complete the self-assessment checklist will result in being withdrawn from the programme
- On becoming NZFAP Plus Certified, you will be audited every three years
- Audit certification costs will be paid by participating meat and wool processors

How do I get involved in NZFAP Plus?

To get involved in NZFAP Plus, speak with your meat processor or wool company or complete an application form (available on www.nzfap.com).