



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, environment and biosecurity.

NZFAP Plus is a tiered programme and is made up of silver and gold requirements. Silver requirements are about getting on the journey, identifying your key resources on farm, and putting the foundational steps in place toward developing and implementing your Environment Plan. Whereas gold requirements are about implementing the plan and ongoing monitoring or include requirements that are more aspirational and positioning to meet customer demands in the future.



PEOPLE

- Employment relations
- Health and safety
- Personal development
- Wellbeing



ENVIRONMENT

- Natural resource information & map
- Farm Infrastructure map
- Stock exclusion
- Freshwater management
- Nutrient Management and soil health
- Management of crop and winter grazing
- Greenhouse gasses and climate change
- Indigenous Biodiversity
- Land and freshwater management plan



BIOSECURITY

- Planning & Documentation

What is the process once I complete an application form?

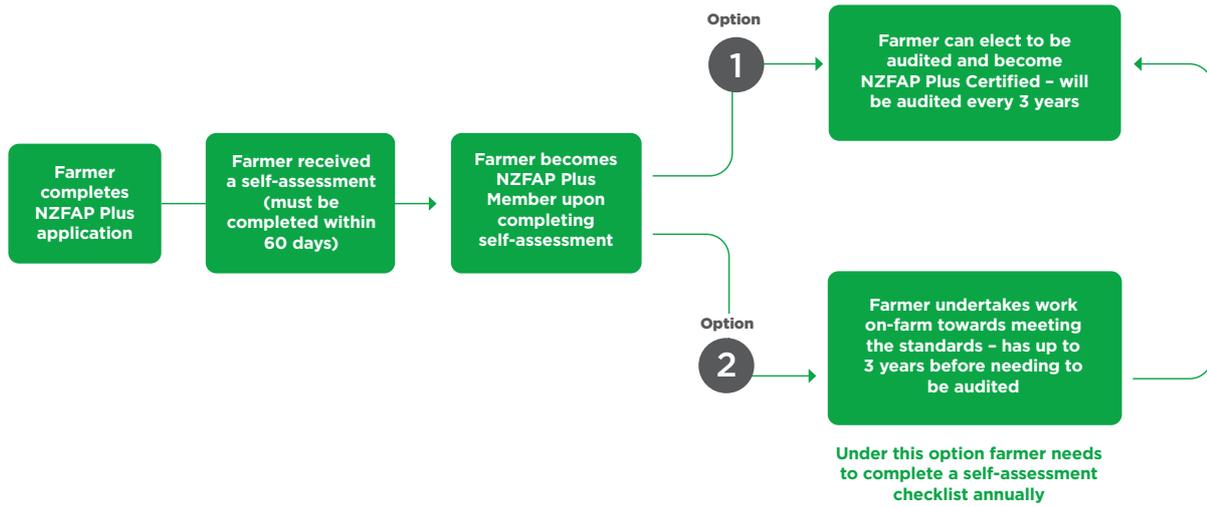
On completing an application form and sending it to nzfapplus@qconz.co.nz, you will be sent a link to an online self-assessment. The self-assessment must be completed and returned within 60 days. On returning the self-assessment, you will become a NZFAP Plus Member.

This self-assessment will help you understand where your property currently sits against each requirement.

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 corrective actions when I am audited against silver requirements?

If you do not meet some of the silver requirements when you are audited, you will be issued with corrective actions. Depending on the severity of the corrective actions, you will be advised a timeframe to rectify the corrective action as outlined below. Gold requirements that are not met will be issued a recommendation however there is no timeframe set to close these. If the evidence is provided within six months of the audit and it meets the requirements your certification will be upgraded to gold certified, subject to all silver requirements being met.

Critical	7 days or sooner	<i>Failure to rectify the corrective action will result in you being suspended from the programme.</i>
Major	30 days or sooner	
Minor	60 days or sooner	

Key points

- You must be NZFAP Certified
- The self-assessment must be completed within 60 days
- The self-assessment needs to be updated annually while a NZFAP Plus member
- Failure to complete the self-assessment 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).