



On-Farm Field Days

Farming in the Face of Change! Farming, floods, & kiwi

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Date: Saturday 7th December, 2013

Time: 10am-3pm Includes BBQ lunch

Where: JV Farms, FON 17053,
Hukerenui Road, Hikurangi Swamp

RSVP: Wednesday 4th December



Agenda

10:00am

Part I – Farming in the Hikurangi Swamp & the Kaipara Harbour Catchment

- How does the Hikurangi Swamp connect with the Kaipara Harbour?
- JV Farms, the enterprise

Part II – Innovation and Practical Solutions

- Power of partnerships in the face of change
- Kiwi restoration – farm walk & discussion
- BBQ Lunch
- 3.00pm** Finish



Key Topics

- Farming, floods, & kiwi
- Building resilience into farming operations
- Power of partnerships – Tanekaha Community Pest Control Area
- Restoring the environment in productive landscapes.

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The Kaipara Harbour...

- Is New Zealand's largest estuarine ecosystem.
- Is a giant nursery supplying ninety eight per cent of west coast snapper
- Is under stress. Together we need to work to restore the Kaipara from 'paddock to the harbour'.

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JV Farms

JV Farms is a 100 ha (effective) dairy farm in the Hikurangi Swamp. The swamp drains into the Wairua River which flows into the Kaipara Harbour. The farm operates inside the Hikurangi Swamp Scheme which protects approximately 5,600 ha of farmland. It is also home to the endangered kiwi, lowland wetlands and tuna (eel).

Farming in the swamp has many challenges - environmental, business, social and community. The field day looks at the power of partnerships in the face of these challenges, and how kiwi restoration brought a community together. We will have a farm walkabout showcasing some innovative ideas that have assisted JV Farms and the Kaipara Harbour for farming in the face of change. We promise you will enjoy the BBQ too! See you there.

Who Should Come

Anyone interested in farming in a floodplain, restoring kiwi populations, building community partnerships, understanding the connection with the Kaipara Harbour & meeting future farming challenges.

Other Field Days: Wednesday 19th February 2014

– Avoca Quarry, Lovell Road, Ruatangata West.

Topics: industrial use in the Kaipara Harbour, wetland restoration what & how, soil health & compost. See our website & Facebook page for more events.

