



# The Sustainable Farming Fund working with the New Zealand Farm Forestry Association

The New Zealand Farm Forestry Association is a membership-based organisation, home to New Zealand's small-scale forest owners and has a long history of innovation. Members have been active in applied research, development and extension for over 60 years.

The Sustainable Farming Fund has proved to be a perfect fit with the New Zealand Farm Forestry Association. The funds provide an operating framework to complement the ideas, expertise and practical resources willingly provided by farm foresters.

The New Zealand Farm Forestry Association now has an impressive catalogue of over 30 completed Sustainable Farming Fund projects. These cover a wide spectrum related to growing and managing trees, as well as specialty timber production and processing.



With Sustainable Farming Fund assistance, the New Zealand Farm Forestry Association has –

- Produced books, brochures and web-based information
- Developed computer models for managers of small forests
- Run a nationwide series of workshops
- Made videos for farm foresters
- Set up and monitored trials
- Researched pests and diseases, and their control
- Evaluated survival and growth of durable timber
- Found and used postal addresses for over 13,000 owners of small forests

In all our projects we have committed cash as well as in-kind resources. This money has come from our National Office and from our network of regional branches. We have also had the privilege of collaborating with many partners in these projects – science organisations, local authorities, producer organisations and individuals.

In total, the estimated value of projects involving the New Zealand Farm Forestry Association is over \$2,000,000. The Ministry for Primary Industries and its predecessor have been the majority funder via the Sustainable Farming Fund, with many other organisations contributing. The benefit of these projects to the farm forestry community, and the nation at large, has been immeasurable.



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