



Waikato Ballance Farm Environment Awards Programme



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The Ballance Farm Environment Awards (BFEA) recognises and celebrates good farm practices which promote sustainable land management through an annual awards programme which is now run in 10 regions throughout New Zealand.

The awards are founded on the belief that positive role models and opportunities for learning are the most effective tools to improving farm practices. The awards also offer a chance to show how environmental awareness by farmers can have a positive impact on the Waikato River, with the Waikato River Authority sponsoring the Catchment Improvement Award.

All entrants go through a judging process which considers the entire environment that their farm operates within, with particular consideration to:

- Sustainable profitability
- Environmental awareness
- Good business practices and
- Social and community responsibility.

The awards provide an informative and enjoyable opportunity to benchmark farms as well as a forum to share best practice and really ensure that innovative ways to find sustainable solutions within the farming industry continues long into the future. The Waikato River Authority helps fund the awards in the Waikato region (WRA 14-020).

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