

## Nutrient Budget Requirements for RDRML Reporting purposes

The following describes the requirements of a nutrient budget for RDRML reporting purposes.

1. All irrigation scheme members must provide a nutrient budget for the 2015-16 season for all land reported under the terms of CRC121664 and the associated FEP programme.
  - a. These nutrient budgets are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2016.
  - b. The only exclusion to this requirement are blocks of land with less than 50 ha of irrigation *and* less than 20 ha of intensive winter grazing.
  - c. If these smaller blocks are used as part of a larger operation, it is more efficient to include this land as part of the FEP and nutrient budget for the larger operation.
  
2. It is important that the nutrient budgets provided are done well and that they are an accurate reflection of your farm system.
  - a. The 2015-16 season OVERSEER nutrient budget for RDRML scheme shareholders must be prepared by a Certified Nutrient Management Advisor or equivalent experienced person
  - b. For VIL and MHIL farmers Plan Change 2 uses the 2015-16 season as a reference year for future performance.
  - c. Provided in a format able to be audited in accordance with ECan's FEP Auditor Manual, preferably XML format.
  - d. The FEP Auditing process includes an assessment of the nutrient budgets and if the quality of work is poor and/or the nutrient budget is not an accurate reflection of your farm system, this will negatively affect the audit grading. Grading is linked to frequency of future audits.
  - e. Collecting the necessary information and storing this is a fundamental element of getting these nutrient budgets right.
  
3. Be aware that nutrient budgets prepared for RDRML reporting purposes may come at a cost. A number of nutrient budget providers have indicated that they will help their clients prepare a nutrient budget for little or no cost. RDRML are working with these companies to ensure their budgets meet our requirements and simplify the process.
  - a. Be clear on what you need (refer item 2) and make sure that what you are paying for is fit for this purpose.
  - b. Fonterra farmers should refer to the advice email recently sent to them. We strongly recommend taking up their offer to complete your nutrient budget if you are yet to complete one.

See the list below of suggested nutrient budget providers with their contact details.

## RDRML – List of Nutrient Budget Providers

### 1. Abron

- a. Aaron Hutton
- b. 0276777154
- c. Aaron.hutton@abron.co.nz

### 2. Agri Magic Limited

- a. Charlotte Glass (Director / Consultant )
- b. 027 270 4442
- c. Charlotte@agrimagic.co.nz

### 3. Ballance Agri Nutrients

- a. Rebecca Hyde (Nutrient Budgeting Services team South Island Team Leader)
- b. 027 838 8304 or 0800 222 090
- c. nutrient.budget@ballance.co.nz

### 4. Harper Agribusiness Services

- a. David:
  - i. 027 252 9040
  - ii. david@harperagri.co.nz
- b. Eve:
  - i. 027 236 3428
  - ii. eve@harperagri.co.nz

### 5. Irricon

- a. Nicole Phillips
  - i. 03 308 8587 Ext 6
  - ii. 027 4140 456
  - iii. nicole@irricon.co.nz
- b. Victoria Clarke
  - i. 03 308 8587 Ext 5
  - ii. 021 190 4535
  - iii. victoria@irricon.co.nz

### 6. Macfarlane Rural Business Ltd

- a. Mark Everest
- b. 0274 186 559
- c. Mark.Everest@mrbl.co.nz

### 7. Ravensdown

- a. *Ravensdown Environmental*
- b. *0800 100 123*
- c. *environmental@ravensdown.co.nz or Suzanne.Light@ravensdown.co.nz*

### 8. The Agribusiness Group

- a. Dave Lucock (Consultant)
  - i. 027 258 0771
  - ii. dave@agribusinessgroup.com
- b. Katherine McCusker (Consultant)
  - i. 022 071 0255
  - ii. katherine@agribusinessgroup.com

### 9. Fonterra