



ELECTION MANIFESTO 2020

A predictable, science-based regulatory environment allows our industry to supply innovative and quality products that manage pests and diseases in crops and animals. This protects our \$6 billion horticultural industry and \$30 billion animal protein market from devastating losses, while also preventing pain and suffering in our farm animals and pets.

Agcarm calls on the new government to:



Incentivise innovation and newer technologies

- To double our agriculture sector export earnings, while protecting the environment and growing jobs, the government must encourage innovation and the registration of newer, safer and greener products. This ensures the continued availability of the best technology for our farmers, our environment, and our health.
- Trialling new products and offering farmers solutions for resistance management, and greener options for managing pests and diseases, is essential to maintain New Zealand's world-leading farming practices.



Modernise outdated legislation, which is arduous and disincentivises investment in science

- Review the HSNO Act to encourage leading edge scientific and biological technologies - for the benefit of our animals, our crops and our people.
- Introduce managed risk to legislation - we cannot bury our heads in the sand if we want to keep up with international best practice, minimise residues, manage resistance, and grow more food and fibre in reducing hectares of available space, while also reducing our greenhouse gasses.
- Streamline the regulations for new product approvals and base scientific decision-making on facts and evidence, not political popularity.



Animal and plant health must be at the heart of sustainable agricultural policy development

- The successful development and delivery of our food and fibre sectors will require industry, Iwi and government to rise to the challenge together.



Ban the sale and importation of illegal animal medicine and crop protection products, bought on e-auction sites like Amazon, into New Zealand

- Biosecurity risks and ineffective products have serious consequences for agriculture, people and the environment.
- Ensure only regulated and approved products make it into New Zealand.

We all benefit from healthy crops, healthy animals and a healthy country.



Healthy crops : Healthy animals : Healthy business

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