



# Cyclone Gabrielle – Movement of livestock

## For cut-off areas including Puketitiri, Puketapu, Pātoka, Rissington, and Dartmoor.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is supporting Hawke's Bay farmers with limited road access to coordinate the movement of livestock to meatworks.

The steps below will help farmers wanting to move livestock from cut-off areas, including Puketitiri, Puketapu, Pātoka, Rissington, and Dartmoor:

- Farmers can use their normal system to book livestock for processing. Contact your agent to request a booking.
- Livestock agents and meat companies will put orders through to the transport companies. To help coordination, Farmers Transport and Stephenson's Transport will be used for livestock movements in Hawke's Bay.
- Transport operators will work with the MPI Livestock Coordinator to prioritise and schedule movements based on need.
- The transport operators will contact farmers with confirmed pick-up times.
- At the request of the transport companies, farmers should help load livestock on-farm or at the river crossing.

To help ensure an efficient process that helps as many farmers as possible, consignments should be in these volumes:

- Loads of lambs -180 for the river crossings, unit loads of 550 from Dampney Rd.
- Loads of cattle – 18 for the river crossings, unit loads of 36 from Dampney Rd.
- Loads of ewes – 150 for the river crossing, unit loads of 360 from Dampney Rd.

At present, this is currently only for livestock going to the meatworks or internal shifts within the area.

If you have any concerns, please contact your livestock agent in the first instance.

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Please note, the above will be adjusted as access is restored to areas.