



Cyclone Gabrielle – Movement of livestock to meatworks and saleyards

For farms around State Highway 2 area north of Tangoio Marae and south of Waikare Gorge.

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 outline the process for farmers needing to move livestock from farms around the State Highway 2 area north of Tangoio Marae and south of Waikare Gorge.

- 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.

Waka Kotahi has approved the following access for the two transport operators:

- Sunday – Access until 10am
- Monday – No access
- Tuesday – All day access*
- Wednesday – No access
- Thursday – Access until 10am
- Friday – No access
- Saturday – No access

*Extended access has been approved on Tuesdays to enable livestock to be moved out for Wednesday's sale.

Please ensure your livestock are property prepared and ready to be loaded at the time the transporter has provided you.

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 when the backlog is eased and as access is restored to the area.