



# farmer initiated technology transfer (FITT) programme

FITT is a Beef + Lamb New Zealand initiative to improve farm profitability. It offers funding for groups of sheep and cattle farmers to trial new approaches or farming systems.



## Send your completed application to:

FITT Co-ordinator  
Beef + Lamb New Zealand  
PO Box 39085  
Harewood  
Christchurch 8545

### How FITT works

Farmers within a region or district are encouraged to get together and apply for funding for a project to address a local problem or opportunity.

### Suitable projects

The project must have immediate and relevant application on-farm.

The emphasis must be on developing practical systems to solve immediate farming problems or develop opportunities, which means any research component will probably be small.

Projects can address any beef or sheep production issue that aims to improve productivity and profit for farmers.

### Sharing the results

The results of the project must be shared with other farmers in the area. Project reports may be published and reported in the media, as well as shared through farmer networks, field days and meetings. Groups

are expected to seek publicity and extension opportunities for their projects.

### Reporting back

A progress report is due midway through the project and a final report is due one month after completion.

### Using funding

Funding can be used for sampling, testing, consultancy, expert advice and other necessary expenses. Farmers provide capital items such as land, stock and their time. Funding from other sources can also be used but it must be shown in the application.

Successful applications are usually funded for one year to a maximum of \$10,000 plus GST.

### Need help?

Contact your local Beef + Lamb New Zealand Extension Manager on 0800 BEEFLAMB (0800 233 352).



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# application for FITT funding

Name of the group (e.g. Awatere Blowfly Busters)

Name of project (e.g. Flystrike control in Merino wethers)

Number of farmers in group

Project leader (must be a farmer)

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Email address:

Outline of the problem of opportunity

Project objectives:

Project plan (attach additional information if necessary)

