

First Name/s

Surname

Business Name

Address

Phone

Fax

Email (please print clearly)

Certifying Agency

Number (If applicable)

Certified Area (Ha)

Farming activities

Please circle those that apply to your farm

Sheep

Beef

Dairy

Arable

VISION

The ODPG be a source of sustainable, biological pastoral farming information, and at the same time promote organic produce as a premium product both in quality and price

VALUES

*Grow as a **united** and supportive group, sharing ideas and information, to actively promote the vision of sustainable agriculture, while nourishing and nurturing our environment*

For more information about the activities of the ODPG please contact

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Membership Brochure



The Organic Dairy and Pastoral Group Inc.

Why Organics

We are now entering an exciting era for organics. Growth in the organic food sector is occurring at unbelievable rates. This is causing a shortage of organic supplements and grazing. As the number of producers continue to grow, there is a rising need for co-ordination of processing and marketing of organic products such as meat, feed, livestock and grazing.

Who We Are

The membership of the OPDG is currently over 100 and is made up of around 60% organic dairy farmers, 15 % drystock farmers, 10% input providers and 15% conventional farmers.

We are an Organic Pastoral Group, as we believe that essentially we are all growing the same product, grass; and therefore face similar issues.

With the low density of organic farms in New Zealand there is a lot to be gained from combining resources and extending services to both sectors. This reduces duplication, enables different regions to be better serviced by extension programmes whilst still allowing for specialist groups to work across the regions. It creates a network that encourages organic growth.

What we can do for you:

- As a combined voice of producers, the ODPG has been effective in negotiating premiums, sorting out certification issues and successfully obtained funding for research and extension.
- Through discussion groups, mentoring and our email network there is support for members and communication enabling sales of feed and livestock as well as discussion on current issues.
- ODPG members have been kept informed of upcoming events and discounts off certain products have occurred.
- Funding has been granted from Organic Aotearoa New Zealand and AGMARDT for the delivery of workshops. We have also received funding from Dairy NZ to do a trial on mastitis.
- We have funding to provide a support service to organic pastoral farmers across the country. This is due to start in June and run until the end of June 2009.

Become a member of the Organic Dairy and Pastoral Group Inc.

*The Organic Dairy & Pastoral Group is a group of farmers who see a positive future for organic farmers and their customers. We are continuously exploring all opportunities that help and support farmers of NZ. We also see ourselves as a lobby group to industry and support businesses, as without such a common voice, farmers concerns are often never heard. We **welcome and encourage** anyone interested in organic pastoral farming.*

Annual Subscription

\$110.00 Plus GST

Please fill out the form on the back and send with your payment to:

**Jane Pike
239 Scherers Road
RD
Waharoa 3474**

Or direct credit to ODPG's bank account

Kiwibank # 389-0020-752469-00

Include your Name and add Subs in the details