

# THE VALUE OF PHOSPHORUS FERTILISER TO THE NEW ZEALAND ECONOMY

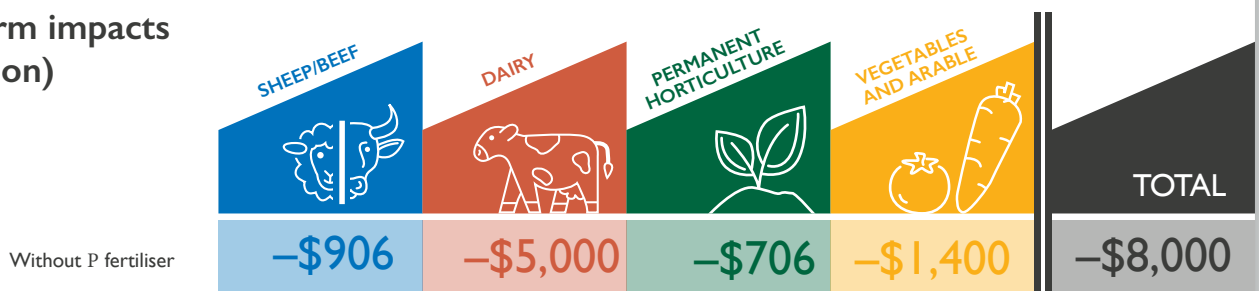
The Fertiliser Association of New Zealand commissioned a study to analyse the value of phosphorus fertiliser to the primary sector, both at the farm gate and to the wider New Zealand economy. The study assesses the economic impact of the decline in soil fertility if phosphorus fertiliser was not available. Here is a summary of the key findings.

## Financial impact at the farm gate

While the removal of phosphorus as a farm input would reduce (by a small amount) farming impacts on water quality and green house gas emissions, at the farm gate this is estimated to cost:

**\$8 billion**

### On-farm impacts (\$million)



## Impact on the New Zealand economy

