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NZFSU welcomes drought breaking rain

NZFSU Chairman Keith Smith today advised that “Up to 200 millimetres of rain fell across much of Uruguay with good soaking rain over the past three or four days. This level of rainfall will fully recharge soil moisture for pastures and forage crops which are expected to respond vigorously on NZFSU farms”.

“It is at times like this that the prior investment in fertiliser and high performing pastures pays off with a rapid growth response”, he said.

This will mean less supplementary feed will now be needed for milking cows. Following rains like this we would expect to be feeding the 11,500 milking cows a good proportion of their diet with high quality green grass again within a few weeks.

“The rains were a welcome boost to staff morale also”, said Mr Smith. The three months prior had seen minimal rain and the worst drought in decades in Uruguay.

The milking cows are expected to respond with a lift in per cow production and across Uruguay there is likely to be renewed interest in buying stock as farmers look to restock their farms following the drought.

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