## Ararua Hills Farm, Ararua

Location Ararua Hills, Northland

Farm Size Total area 267ha. Effective 200ha

Contour/Soil Type Flat to rolling

Farm Production

	2024 – 2025	2023 - 2024	2022 - 2023
Milking Area (ha)	200	220	340
Cows peak milked (1 Dec)	440	420	465
Total kg MS	151,000	140,408	143,000
Kg MS per hectare	756	638	421
Kg MS per cow	320	334	308
Nitrogen Applied/ha	48	92	33
Greenhouse Gas Emissions per t FPCM	898	1021	925
Feed Grown on Farm	91%	91%	97%

**Policies** 

10 Farming Objectives for Cullands Ltd; The three that relate to the Farm Manager role are;

- 1. Best life possible for animals.
- 2. Connect with likeminded people to amplify outcomes.
- 3. Produce the most nutritious food.

Mating

Split Calving – Goal of 85% incalf at 5 weeks.

- 50% autumn calving Mated 20<sup>th</sup> June 31<sup>st</sup> July, 4 weeks AI + Bull
- 50% spring calving Mated 20<sup>th</sup> October 30<sup>th</sup> November, 4 weeks AI + Bull

Calves

160 annually

**Animal Health** 

Animal Health plan – In relation to the Annual Vet Plan.

Herd

Friesian Cross

- Targeting 300 days in milk,
- Milk Production 90% of Kg liveweight

**Current Staffing** 

Farm Owner, 1 Senior Herd Manager, 1 Herd Manager

**Grazing Policies** 

50-day round in winter, 21-day round height of Spring.

Feeding Systems Feed Pad – Maize, grass silage and PKE fed out

Infrastructure Full Automated 50-bale Rotary Cowshed

Water Gravity feed reticulation system, treated water for shed

No Irrigation

Effluent Travelling Irrigator (covering 20ha) from a storage pond with a tractor stirrer.

Fertiliser Annual application applied in Autumn

90 Units of N

Machinery Motorbike per employee

Side by side

Tractor Digger Spreader Sprayer

Housing 1 x 4 bedroom house.

Schooling Paparoa is 15minutes away, Ruawai is 20minutes away, Managawhai and

Dargaville are each 45minutes away.

Primary – Matakohe School and Ruawai School Secondary – Otamatea College and Ruawai College

