

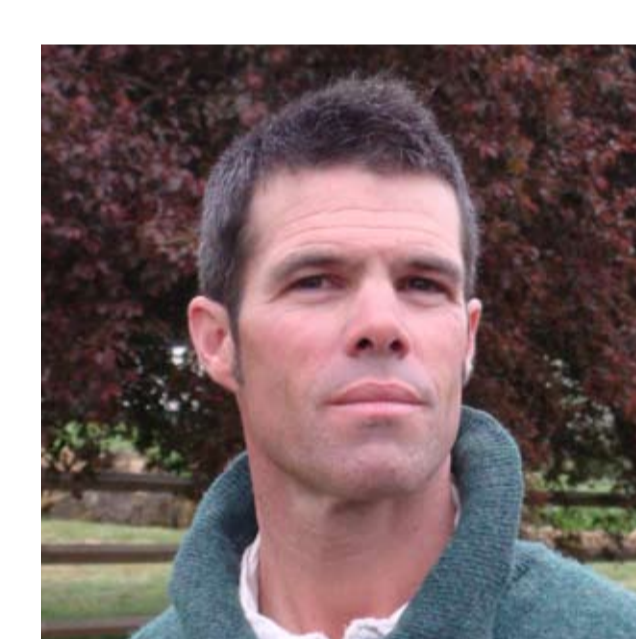
Lessons from farmers in eastern New Zealand



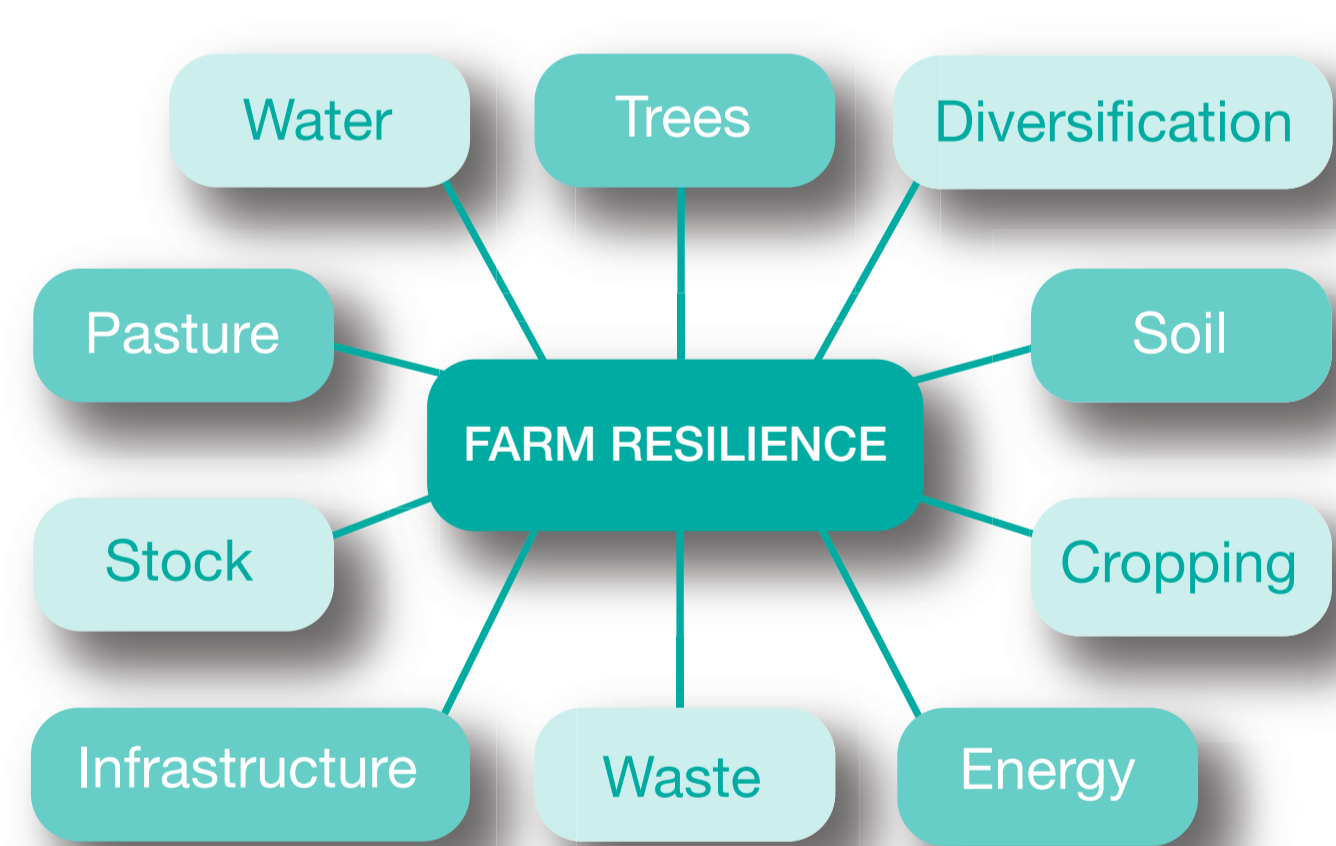
There are farmers in eastern regions of New Zealand who are already adapting to changing conditions. They are responding to changes that include drier than average climate conditions, soils that are no longer responding to high fertiliser inputs, economic challenges, declining rural populations and an aging farmer population.

These farmers are increasingly realising the need for farming systems that involve:

- Working with nature
- Developing a mosaic of land use
- Lower inputs
- A focus on soil health
- Future proofing with regards to water



David Kirk
“The key for us is to keep remaining adaptable, not to say ‘this is how we’re going to do it every year.’”



Individual farmers are doing different things towards being resilient. Collectively these individual actions form a comprehensive farm resilience picture.

Source
 “Adapting to climate change in eastern New Zealand” a two-year project funded by the Sustainable Farming Fund and six other organisations.
<http://www.earthlimited.org/projects/accenz/>



Tim Dineen
“Climate change means to me the change in how our rainfall is spread across the year and in the way that it occurs now. That’s as a farm view, and as a world view climate change means ‘Man’s greed.’”

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