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Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information which was transferred from Ministry for Primary Industries to Toitū te Whenua (Land Information New Zealand) to provide a response.

"The numbers of farms converted to carbon farms and or ha's by district council rohe in the Horizons District for the last five years and the Ha's converted in those years. Also, if they were sheep and beef, or dairy conversions to carbon farming"

Please see below a table showing farm to forest conversions for the period from July 2018 – June 2023 in the Horizons region that have received consent under the Overseas Investment regime. Each of these forests are production forests and are intended to be harvested at maturity.

Application pathway	Year	Region	Approved consents	Gross total area (ha)	Total new planting area (ha)
Benefit to New Zealand	2018	Ruapehu District	1	1,147.61	1,147.61
Special forestry test	2019	Manawatu District	1	734.78	581.00
Special forestry test	2021	Waitomo District	2	1,076.48	822.60
Special forestry test	2022	Manawatu District	1	329.05	230.00
Special forestry test	2022	Ruapehu District	3	2,908.76	1,656.80
Total			8	6,196.68	4,438.01

Our data has the following limitations:

- It only includes conversions by overseas persons who require consent under the Overseas Investment Act;

- We do not collate data on what the farm land was used for prior to the conversion to productive forestry; and
- It is at a territorial authority level, not a region level, therefore the boundaries are not quite the same.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us on oio@linz.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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