

No Regrets Farming: How To *Futureproof* Your Farm

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What are 'No Regrets' actions?

They're smart, practical steps you can take now that benefit both your farm and the environment.

These actions:

- ▶ Support both your business and environmental goals
- ▶ Align with good farming practice and industry expectations
- ▶ Boost your farm's resilience to weather, regulation, and market changes
- ▶ Solve more than one problem and deliver multiple benefits
- ▶ Still make sense even if things change later
- ▶ Keep your options open for the future
- ▶ Help build trust with customers, councils and the community



What are some big picture 'No Regrets' approaches?

Keep your whole team involved

- ▶ Involve them in planning
- ▶ Bring them on the journey
- ▶ Make sure staff get training opportunities

Look to the future

- ▶ Start succession planning early
- ▶ Consider how diversification could support greater resilience
- ▶ Try to see challenges as opportunities

Be proud of achievements

- ▶ Celebrate successes as a team
- ▶ Farm with pride and confidence
- ▶ Ignore social media vitriol
- ▶ Back yourself and enter BFEA or other awards

Have a multi-generational vision for your property

- ▶ How will you finish your time on farm and leave it better for those that follow?

Be open to change and new learnings

- ▶ Make time to get off farm for workshops, field days or events
- ▶ Connect with others to learn what's worked, or hasn't worked, for them

Keep tabs on funds & expertise on offer

- ▶ There may be resources and funding available through catchment groups, councils, QEII, environmental organisations and government departments

Make the most of support available

- ▶ Keep connected with local catchment groups
- ▶ Keep tabs on industry groups' resources and websites
- ▶ Check in with RST, Farmstrong, GP or others
- ▶ Contact On Farm Support for help

Small changes add up

- ▶ Don't feel you have to overhaul your whole operation
- ▶ Start by trying out 1-2 actions this season and build from there

Farm like you're in a glasshouse

- ▶ Lead by example
- ▶ Call out poor practice and encourage better standards

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