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Fabrizio Scrollini
Via email: fyi-request-49-9d66fad0@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Scrollini

On 12 October, 2011 you requested from Land Information New Zealand (LINZ), under the Official Information Act, information on land ownership in New Zealand.

You requested:

- 1) the percentage of land owned by foreigners
- 2) the percentage of land owned by corporations
- 3) the percentage of land dedicated to farming
- 4) the percentage of land occupied by farms above the average hectare.

You also requested the information by region where available.

On 27 October, 2011, LINZ transferred parts 3) and 4) to Statistics New Zealand, based on these being more closely connected with the functions of this department.

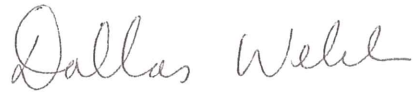
In response to part 3) of your request, please see the following information, based on the *Agricultural Production Survey: 2010*. This is a sample survey and therefore the values below are estimates only.

Percentage of land dedicated to farming			
As at 30 June 2010			
Region		Region	
North Island:		South Island:	
Northland Region	63%	Tasman Region	27%
Auckland Region	49%	Nelson Region	50%
Waikato Region	67%	Marlborough Region	47%
Bay of Plenty Region	46%	West Coast Region	8%
Gisborne Region	73%	Canterbury Region	65%
Hawke's Bay Region	64%	Otago Region	76%
Taranaki Region	67%	Southland Region	38%
Manawatu-Wanganui Region	65%		
Wellington Region	59%		
Total North Island	63%	Total South Island	49%
Total New Zealand: 55%			

In response to part 4) of your request, the percentage of land in New Zealand occupied by farms above the average size is 45%. This is again based on the *Agriculture Production Survey: 2010*, and should therefore be treated as an estimate only. This information is not available at the regional level due to data quality and confidentiality issues at that level.

I trust this information meets your needs.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dallas Welch".

Dallas Welch
Deputy Government Statistician