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## PASTORAL EXTENSION GROUP.

*Facilitated biological farming groups*



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- **Members' area on website; that extra resource!**

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At present the above regions have operational **OrganicAg** groups. We are happy to start groups in other regions on demand. We endeavour to have a centre point not more than one hour from the outer.

**OrganicAg** Member's can attend days in any region. Strong networks are developed both locally and wider afield between farmers with similar soils, issues, etc. ***Check dates on the website events page.***

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**OrganicAg** groups do not meet in August due to calving/lambing. At the regional days the topics are driven by the local need, this may be regional or farm related. Topics of national or trade issues (certification, etc) are also covered. Once in the field the focus is fully on practical biological management. The group endeavours to work through issues to identify solutions/options or the people that could help. Generally it is a no holds barred, open, honest & direct approach that is managed by an experienced **OrganicAg** facilitator. Many couples attend and staff are encouraged.

**Over 300 titles in the **OrganicAg** Library—members have free use!**

The **OrganicAg** Library has a wide range of, DVDs, C/Ds, videos and print (reference, experiential, magazines, reports, books) pertaining to biological agriculture. These range from animal health cyclopaedia dating from 1905 to the latest of publications. These titles are logged out and may be held by the farmer for as long as they need (are using) them. Many use this as a means to decide if a book is worth purchasing. The library is at all **OrganicAg** days; sometimes people just need to check something on the spot!

**OrganicAg** farmers understand the importance of good information, the art of farming and the need to;

***'LEARN TO ASK THE RIGHT QUESTION OR YOU WILL GET THE CORRECT ANSWER NOT THE RIGHT ANSWER!'***

**Annual *OrganicAg* Event; 2 days -March; since 2003.**

In March members from all regions come together for a multiday event. During this time we visit input suppliers, have seminars (local and international speakers), visit farms (biological) and also non-pastoral enterprises. In the evenings we enjoy both formal and informal social events. The **BioSoils** Biological Farming Expo (open to all) has been held the following day to optimise the time off the farm.

***OrganicAg* PEG Yahoo (email) discussion group.**

This is an extension of the group meeting where issues, ideas and experiences can be shared or put to the group for help. The only people on the yahoo group are farmer members of *OrganicAg*, this keeps the discussions open and within a frame of trust. Some fairly serious issues can be covered without the concern of non-farmers involvement.

***OrganicAg* Members' area on website; that extra resource!**

Once an *OrganicAg* member, a password & login give access (on the website) to various resources including search engines, reports, technical material and generally information to apply biological farming profitably!

**Want to talk to a *OrganicAg* member? Farmer to farmer-**

Drop Bill a line at [bill@organicag.co.nz](mailto:bill@organicag.co.nz) stating the region and scale of farm you have and Bill will send you a couple of names that have similar operations.

You may like to attend a day to access the value of the group.

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