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NZAGRC welcomes BERG report

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The New Zealand Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Research Centre welcomes today's release of the Biological Emissions Reference Group summary report as a further step towards greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions mitigation in New Zealand's agricultural sector.

Almost half New Zealand's emissions come from agriculture and the NZAGRC, in close partnership with the Pastoral Greenhouse Gas Research Consortium, is working with the farming sector to find cost-effective ways of reducing biological GHG emissions.

NZAGRC Director Dr Harry Clark and Deputy Director Dr Andy Reisinger, who have been assisting the BERG since its inception stated "We welcome the BERG summary report and are proud to have contributed to this important body of work through two reports led by NZAGRC on current and future mitigation options, the latter developed jointly with representatives from key NZ industries."

These reports identify current and future mitigation good management practices and technologies that could be implemented, and assess their mitigation impact based on adoption rates and feasibility, cost and impact on other industry objectives.

Dr Clark and Dr Reisinger said the NZAGRC's contribution is one of many pieces of research work that will help BERG achieve its purpose of building robust and agreed evidence on what the sector can do on-farm to reduce emissions and to assess the costs and opportunities of doing so.

"NZAGRC is looking forward to continuing our work to expand the mitigation options and deliver solutions for farmers addressing the challenges posed by climate change," they said.

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More information

- The Report of the Biological Emissions Reference Group (BERG) is available at <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/environment-and-natural-resources/biological-emissions-reference-group/>
- The reports authored by the NZGARC are:
 - [On-farm options to reduce agricultural GHG emissions in New Zealand](#)
 - [Future options to reduce biological GHG emissions on-farm: critical assumptions and national-scale impact](#)