

Andrew Macfarlane



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Qualifications

- Bachelor of Agricultural Science
- Life Member of New Zealand Institute of Primary Industry Management
- Registered Farm Management Consultant
- Member of Institute of Directors
- Member of International Farm Management Association
- Member of Global Dairy Farmers

Experience

- Practicing farm management consultant since 1981
- Farming on own account since 1989
- Rural sector governance
- Commercial property ownership and development
- Tourism sector governance
- Agricultural sector leadership
- International experience - education and site visits

Expertise

- Rural business management
- Rural sector governance
- Strategic advice in the NZ and global context
- Animal and crop production systems
- Irrigation systems and development
- Environmental management and farm landscapes
- Family and business succession

Andrew Macfarlane has a background of advice and practical application across all farming sectors. He is a strategic thinker who is passionate about food production processing and marketing, farm management systems, sustainable use of water, environmental values and the leveraging of science, education and communication strategies to frame business outcomes and enhance the NZ brand.

Andrew, his wife Tricia and their family farm irrigated land in Mid Canterbury, focused mainly on dairy, but also including meat and arable production. Their farms are recognised for balancing high production with environmental outcomes. Their home farm "Pencarrow" was awarded the Ballance Farm Environment Award in 2003. A second property "Kintore", in which his family has a major equity share won the Dairy Farm Award, Energy Excellence Award, and Integrated Management Award in the 2013 Ballance Awards.

Alongside the governance overview of their family farming property interests, Andrew is a registered farm management consultant. He has retired as a shareholder of Macfarlane Rural Business to concentrate on governance responsibilities, but acts as a consultant to the business he co-founded.

Andrew is a past New Zealand President of the New Zealand Institute of Primary Industry Management, responsible for New Zealand's rural professionals. He is a Director of ANZCO (one of New Zealand's largest meat exporters), Fonterra, Ngai Tahu Farming, a member of the Lincoln University Council, past Chairman of Deer Industry NZ (the body responsible for looking after the interests of New Zealand's venison and velvet producers and marketers), and a past board member of AgResearch (New Zealand's Government owned agricultural research organisation).

Andrew is a keen long distance off road runner and tramper and a close follower of New Zealand rugby. Andrew and Tricia have four children (Thomas, Julia, James & Lauren) all of whom are pursuing their own professional and personal goals.