Hawke's Bay Irrigated Land Area

Landuse	Irrigated Area (ha)	landuse Percentage of Irrigated Area	Irrigation water use 2019/20 (Mm3)	Percentage of Total Irrigation Volume
Cropping	9,940	23	13.5	18.5
Pasture	16,159	37.3	27.9	38.3
Orchard/vineyard	16,679	38.5	29.8	40.9
Unknown	494	1.1	0.1	0.1
Unmapped consented	**	**	1.5	2.1
Sum	43,272	100	72.8	100

Numbers are based on an arial photography assessment by Aqualinc (Dark 2020) for the Ministry for the Environment - National irrigated land spatial dataset: 2020 update (Dark, 2020). This national level data set was then further refined by HBRC (using consent data mapping, land use mapping, and local knowledge). While the data set is not absolute, it is currently the best estimate of irrigated land use in Hawke's Bay.



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Then we had Cyclone Gabrielle....



IRRIGATED PARCELS AFFECTED BY FLOODING

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Landuse	Flood	Full Parcel Size	Number of
	Affected	of Affected Area	Parcels Affected
	Area (Ha)	(Ha)	
Cropping	3,303	5,124	209
Pasture	1,882	3,234	174
Orchard/Vineyard	3,523	5,118	445
Unknown	9	42	5
Sum	8,718	13,518	833



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But it wasn't just water...

Gabrielle took soil and deposited soil



Hawke's Bay Soil





Hawke's Bay Land Use Capability





AREA OF ANALYSIS FOR SEDIMENTATION



Depositional Area Hawke's Bay 0.10m Cyclone Gabrielle Aerial Photos (2023)

The mapped extent overlaying the aerial imagery captured by HBRC after Cyclone Gabrielle





Hawke's Bay Land Use Capability – Pre Cyclone



Legend

Land Use Capability

- 1 Land with virtually no limitations for arable use and suitable for cultivated crops, pasture or forestry
- 2 Land with slight limitations for arable use and suitable for cultivated crops, pasture or forestry
- 3 Land with moderate limitations for arable use, but suitable for cultivated crops, pasture or forestry
- 4 Land with moderate limitations for arable use, but suitable for occasional cropping, pasture or forestry
- 5 High producing land unsuitable for arable use, but only slight limitations for pastoral or forestry use
- 6 Non-arable land with moderate limitations for use under perennial vegetation such as pasture or forest
- 7 Non-arable land with severe limitations to use under perennial vegetation such as pasture or forest
- 8 Land with very severe to extreme limitations or hazards that make it unsuitable for cropping, pasture or forestry

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Kilometers

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Hawke's Bay Land Use Capability and Deposition Post Cyclone



Legend

Areas with deposition

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Hawke's Bay Land Use Capability – Pre Cyclone

Hawke's Bay Land Use Capability and Deposition Post Cyclone

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Story Star	LUC Class #	Land with deposition (Ha)	Hawkes Bay Region LUC Class area (Ha)	% of LUC Class with deposition (Ha)	
	1	3,280	17,585	19%	 with deposition Capability and with virtually no limitations for arable use and
	2	6,618	26,606	25 %	ble for cultivated crops, pasture or forestry and with slight limitations for arable use and suitable litivated crops, pasture or forestry
2	3	5,087	138,160) 4%	and with moderate limitations for arable use, but ble for cultivated crops, pasture or forestry
1	4	2,487	100,827	2%	and with moderate limitations for arable use, but ble for occasional cropping, pasture or forestry ah producing land unsuitable for arable use, but on
6	5	47	23,853	0%	limitations for pastoral or forestry use on-arable land with moderate limitations for use und
	6	1,600	573,292	2 0%	on-arable land with severe limitations to use under inial vegetation such as pasture or forest
Pa	7	3,000	317,601	. 1%	and with very severe to extreme limitations or hazar nake it unsuitable for cropping, pasture or forestry
	8	68	203,361	. 0%	
15	NO Class	4,258	18,171	. 23%	
	Sum	26,445	1,419,456		
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Irrigation?

There is uncertainty around how these 'new' soils will behave and how they will develop over time

- Changes in soil types will likely affect soil properties:
 - Soil water holding capacity
 - Available water
 - Drainage
 - Nutrient imobilisation and mineralisation
- May have to reassess irrigation management and infrastructure in some areas:
 - Repair or replace damaged irrigation systems
 - Irrigation depths,
 - return periods etc



Hawke's Bay Regional Water Assessment



64%

of all water use in Hawke's Bay is for agriculture and horticulture.

Agriculture (incl. irrigation)	64%
Municipal Water Collection and Supply	19%
Manufacturing and Processing	13%
Non-reticulated Households	2%
Service Industries*	2%
TOTAL	100%



64%

of all water abstaction is from aquifer systems.

Source	m³	%
Ground Water	88,681,000	64%
Surface Water	48,908,000	35.3%
Collected rainwater	1,058,000	0.07%
TOTAL	138,647,000	100.0%



That's assuming significant improvements in water use efficiency and conservation By 2040, the region could experience a shortfall between demand and supply of freshwater of nearly 25 million cubic metres, increasing to 33 million cubic metres by 2060. These estimates are under medium scenario projections that assume significant improvements in water use efficiency and conservation.

