

# MORE TO A Paddock THAN MEETS THE EYE



New Zealand farming is a pasture based system.

If you look closely you will see that our paddocks are planted with a variety of grasses and other plants, which make up the pasture. Farmers take into account the tolerance of the grass to wet or dry, its ability to fix nitrogen, its growth rate and how good it is for stock.

Paddocks are often replanted to keep the pasture healthy and producing well.

Pasture plants contribute more to a farm than just stock food. Flowering plants like clover are a great food source for bees. Other plants like plantain have deep root systems that distribute nutrients through the soil.

