

TARARUA
FARMING FOR PROFIT FIELD DAY

Pasture pests: What's eating your feed?

Porina, grass grub and other insects impacting on pasture performance

Tuesday 28 April 2026, 10.15am - 2.30pm

Hakawai (John and Katie Beech's farm), 1724 Pahiatua-Pongaroa Road,
Pahiatua (approx. 10 mins east of Pahiatua)

Join us for a practical field day exploring the pasture pests that quietly erode feed production and profitability.

We'll take a close look at porina in particular - their flights, life cycle, and the critical timing that determines whether control succeeds or fails.

With every two porina equivalent to one grazing ewe, these pests are an expensive problem to ignore! This field day will help you understand the scale of the issue and give you the tools to respond with confidence.

Speakers:

Paul Greenbank (NuFarm)
Monty White (Agricom)

Topics covered:

- Identifying key pasture pests: porina, grass grub and other insects reducing pasture performance
- Understanding porina flights, life cycle timing and how this affects control success
- Exploring effective control options - chemical, cultural and grazing management What to do if you've missed the ideal spraying window
- Pasture recovery strategies following porina or grass grub damage
- Economic analysis: weighing up the cost of control versus the cost of lost feed
- Decision making tools to help determine when and whether to intervene.

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A BBQ lunch will be provided.



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