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FARM & LIFESTYLE BLOCK INSURANCE

Farm Asset



Summary of changes

Your Agriplan policy has been updated it's now written using plain language principles making it easier to navigate and understand what you are, and are not, covered for. We've also made changes to the cover provided by the policy.

This booklet provides a summary of key policy changes but it's important to take the time to familiarise yourself with this new wording. Access it online at vero.co.nz/rural. If you're unsure how changes may impact you or you have questions about the cover please reach out to your broker or adviser who can provide guidance.

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Key changes to the policy are provided below, including the page number where you can find the relevant clause in your new policy wording. Red shading indicates cover is less favourable than what was offered previously, or there is new criteria. The policy wordings are where you will see full terms, conditions and exclusions.



This policy was previously called 'Farm Assets' and is referred to as 'Farm Assets' on your policy schedule. The Farm Asset policy wording will apply from your current renewal.

Section	Overview of what's changed	Page
Breakdown	<p>Cover for mechanical breakdown for submersible pumps, surface pumps and motors has been increased. If the pump or motor is less than 12 years old, worth less than \$10,000 and not otherwise insured, we'll provide limited cover for breakdown. Previously cover was limited to certain items and only for fusion or breakdown of submersible pumps.</p> <p>To be covered for breakdown and accidental loss you need to specify the pump or motor on your schedule. Reach out to your broker or adviser for more information and to ensure your cover will meet your specific needs.</p>	4
Loss of livestock	<p>Automatic cover for loss of livestock has increased. Refer to the policy wording for full details, exclusions and qualifying criteria.</p> <p>It's important to note that wider cover is also available with the Farm Animals policy. Reach out to your broker or adviser for more information and to make sure your cover will meet your specific needs.</p>	4
Alternative accommodation	<p>This new benefit provides cover for alternative accommodation if a building, that is usually used as a home by you or your employee, cannot be used due to loss or damage covered by the policy.</p> <p>The policy will cover alternative accommodation costs up to 12 months. This will be for 5% of the building sum insured or \$30,000, whichever is more.</p>	8
Money	<p>Cover for loss of money (coins and bank notes) in relation to your farming operations has increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500.</p>	10
New property added value	<p>Previously any new buildings, or alterations, additions or improvements to existing buildings were automatically covered under the 'Capital additions' clause, until you added it to your policy at renewal.</p> <p>You're now required to advise us within 90 days of acquiring or completing the build of new property or completing enhancements to existing buildings.</p>	11

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Property under construction	<p>A new benefit providing more cover for buildings under construction. Previously you had cover for structures or buildings you were constructing, own or intending to occupy under the 'Capital additions' benefit provided the value didn't exceed \$50,000.</p> <p>The new 'Property under construction' benefit will cover buildings with a value up to \$100,000. This is also the maximum cover under this benefit.</p>	11
OPTIONAL BENEFIT: Liquidation or receivership protection	<p>You now have the option to purchase cover for your net loss resulting from supplying produce to a processor who goes into liquidation or receivership.</p> <p>Reach out to your broker or adviser to add this benefit to your policy.</p>	13
OPTIONAL BENEFIT: Lifestyle farm	<p>If you had previously selected the 'Lifestyle Farm' optional benefit, you found the terms of cover in the Farm Asset policy. These benefits have been moved to a new policy, the 'Lifestyler Home policy'. Cover remains the same, but the new policy makes it much easier to understand what you are and aren't covered for. Lifestyler Home will be listed under the heading Farm Asset on your schedule.</p>	
Asbestos exclusion	<p>We've clarified the policy doesn't cover any loss or liability related to asbestos or the presence of asbestos. However, if your farm building or farm assets have damage or loss that is covered by the policy, and the removal of asbestos is required as part of the repair then this will be covered.</p>	17
Cleaning, repairing, renovation or restoration	<p>We have reworded this exclusion to make it clear that we don't provide cover for the part of the farm assets or item of property (including any other part physically connected to it) that is being cleaned, repaired, renovated or restored.</p>	18
Land exclusion	<p>We've reworded this exclusion to clarify what we mean by erosion.</p>	20
Lifting, moving or relocating your farm building	<p>The Lifting or moving your farm building exclusion has been updated to clarify that we won't cover any loss or damage connected in any way with lifting or moving your farm building including while in transit or storage, and while placed on temporary blocks or styles. We also won't cover any costs associated with relocating your farm building.</p>	20

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What we pay for bridges, culverts, and underpasses	<p>Cover is now available up to \$5,000, for necessary earthworks where a claim is accepted under the 'Bridges, culverts and underpass' benefit. There is also clarification on what is meant by bridge, culvert and underpass under this policy.</p> <p>Take the time to read your policy wording if you have any of these features on your property to ensure you fully understand what is covered and how any change may impact you. Reach out to your broker or adviser if you have any questions or need advice.</p>	26
What we pay for farm buildings	<p>Previously you had the option to insure your farm buildings for indemnity value, replacement value or square metre replacement. There is no longer the option for square metre replacement cover.</p> <p>If you have previously insured a farm building on a square metre replacement basis this will automatically convert to replacement value for the amount shown on your schedule.</p> <p>Please review the sum insured amounts on your schedule to ensure you have enough to rebuild following a total loss. If you are unsure or have questions relating to your cover, please reach out to your broker or adviser.</p>	26
OPTIONAL BENEFIT: Minor Farm Buildings	<p>If you have purchased 'Minor farm buildings' optional benefit, your cover for farm buildings that are not individually listed on your schedule, has increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per building.</p>	
What we pay for glass, plastic, fabric, or net-cladded buildings or structures	<p>Clarification on what is covered and how we settle claims for glass, plastic, fabric or net-cladded buildings or structures.</p> <p>Take the time to read this new clause to understand how this may impact your cover. If you have questions, please reach out to your broker or adviser.</p>	27
Aerial devices, vehicles, and boats	<p>Aerial devices, vehicles, hovercrafts or boats aren't covered under your Farm Asset policy.</p> <p>If you need cover for any of these items reach out to your broker or adviser as we provide cover options under other policies.</p>	17
Communicable disease	<p>The policy won't cover anything related to human, animal, plant or other diseases that can be transmitted directly or indirectly between organisms. This includes viruses, bacterium, parasites, or other organisms. Nor will it cover claims related to infectious or quarantinable diseases.</p> <p>Refer to the policy wording for full details.</p>	17
Cyber acts and incidents	<p>The policy won't cover any loss, damage, liability, cost or expense related to cyber acts or incidents.</p> <p>Refer to the policy wording for full details.</p>	18

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Deliberate and reckless acts	Clarification that loss or damage resulting from criminal activity, deliberate, wilful or reckless acts or failure to act, will not be covered by the policy.	19
Fire and Emergency Act 2017	If you're lighting a fire, you must comply with the Fire and Emergency Act 2017, local legislation and rules, to be covered by this policy.	20
Some events in the first 72 hours of this policy	Cover for storms, floods, landslips, bush fires and volcanic eruptions will only commence 72 hours following the purchase of the policy.	22
Uncertified farm building	Clarification that the policy will not cover losses that are connected to your farm buildings failing to meet the expected standards as determined by Acts of Parliament, regulation or bylaws.	22
Pre-existing damage	Clarification that pre-existing damage will not be covered by this policy. Cover is provided for loss or damage that occurs after the policy is purchased.	21
Some other changes	We've made some terminology changes to align with the NHI Act. Volcanic eruption is now Volcanic activity, Natural landslip is now Natural landslide. The defined term Natural disaster is now Natural hazard for residential properties only applying to farm buildings that have a residential component.	15, 16, 22.

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