Information topic	Details
Indicator name	Agricultural land use
Domain and topic	Recreational Water: Agriculture and Livestock
Indicator definition and units	 - Area (in hectares) of agricultural land, arranged by land use categories or farm type. - Area of agricultural land that is serviced by an irrigation system.
Data source	Statistics New Zealand. Agricultural Production Census. Available from https://www.stats.govt.nz/topics/agriculture
Numerator	- Area (in hectares) of agricultural land, arranged by land use categories.- Area of agricultural land that is serviced by an irrigation system.
Denominator	National and regional land area (in hectares).
Methodology	For details on Census definition and methodology, see http://datainfoplus.stats.govt.nz/ltem/nz.govt.stats/6362a469-f374-412e-ac25-d76fd0962003? ga=2.113474695.1235768849.1606789441-342389140.1583361925#/nz.govt.stats/6362a469-f374-412e-ac25-d76fd0962003/256
Time period and time scale	The Agricultural Census is published in 5-yearly intervals, from 2002 onwards.
Population coverage	N/A
Spatial Coverage	National and by regional council area.
Measures of frequency	 - Area of agricultural land, total, over time - Area of agricultural land, by type, over time - Area of irrigated agricultural land, over time.
Confidence interval methodology	Not applicable.
Limitations of indicator	Updates are only available every five years.
Limitations of data source	Variations in the census questions concerning irrigation and the response options for land use types in different years prevent comparisons between some sets of results.
Created by	Statistics New Zealand

Metadata: Number and Density of Livestock

Related indicators	Waterborne Diseases: Notifications of campylobacteriosis, cryptosporidiosis and giardiasis with recreational water as a risk factor Suitability for swimming: Concentrations of E. coli and Enterococci at recreational bathing sites
For more information	Statistics New Zealand, Agriculture https://www.stats.govt.nz/topics/agriculture
References	Nil