

# PASTURE WALK AND MACHINERY TALK

14TH JUNE 2022

**Theme of the day:** Perennials in Rotational Grazing, including sowing

**Location:** Eganu

## Paddock 1: Characteristics

- White, sandy non-wetting soils
- Perennials with cover crop (moby barley and/or cereal rye)
- Priority was maintaining groundcover

**Total Farms Visited:** One

**Total Attendees:** 22

## Key Discussion Points

- Sharing experiences in using cover cropping during intense grasshopper damage
- Establishing perennials over poor soil and the synergies between perennials and cover crops.
- Information about grasshopper control

## Paddock 2 & 3: Characteristics

- Similar soil characteristics across the farm
- Established tagasaste plant and perennials (established within the interrow)
- Perennial mix established with high groundcover percentage from the use of Rhodes grass.

## Key Discussion Points

- Perennial sowing experiences, including optimal time of sowing, seed mixes and seeding depth
- grazing options with tag, and how tagaste can be used as a grazing strategy for poor seasons (requires correct management).

## Questions from the event - what is next?

- Identified a need for regionally specific and regularly updated information to be available to growers

