

## **Fert\$mart Plan**

Fert\$mart aims to assist Australian dairy farmers improve the efficiency of soil and fertiliser management. The "Fert\$mart Tick" means that the methods used by your advisor are Fert\$mart approved, and in preparing your fertiliser plan the following have been considered:

- ✓ Farm areas where fertiliser is to be applied have been identified.
- ✓ Soil testing has been undertaken according to best management practice.
- ✓ Soil constraints and other production limitations have been considered before making recommendations.
- Soil fertility trends based on current soil tests, previous soil test records (if available), and the Regional Soil Fertility Guidelines have been considered.
- ✓ Basic soil health indicators have been considered.
- ✓ Crop or pasture condition has been considered.
- Strategic use of on-farm nutrients (e.g. effluent and manure) has been explored and economic options for reuse considered.
- ✓ A nutrient budget has been used to work out the P, K (S if regionally applicable) maintenance requirements.
- ✓ A documented 4Rs fertiliser program has been provided to the farmer (either a soft or hard copy) which describes the products, rates, place/placement, and timing for each paddock or farm management zone.
- Managing environmental, human, and animal health risks of the fertiliser program have been assessed, documented and conveyed to the farmer.

For more detail on Fert\$mart visit: <a href="http://fertsmart.dairyingfortomorrow.com.au">http://fertsmart.dairyingfortomorrow.com.au</a> or contact the Fert\$mart Coordinator: <a href="mailto:fertsmart.coordinator@gmail.com">fertsmart.coordinator@gmail.com</a>

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