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Dear Clients,



Just back from the Field Days at Christchurch. Pretty pleasing event it was. Thanks to you all who came onto our site, good to meet some of you for the first time. CHCH has had heaps of the wet stuff and setting up was a nightmare. I had to get towed in and out and gumboots were to the fore. On the first day one of you reading this arrived with no gumboots so I offered you mine which was gratefully accepted.

Not a big crowd there but were farmers and wanted to talk, not like Hamilton Fielddays where you can have you toes pedicured no problem.



The trip down by my ute was not as bad as I was expecting. I had heard all about a 9 hour trip ahead of me, trucks crashing into each other and the like. Well it took me 7.5 hours going the long way from the ferry to CHCH and I really enjoyed the trip. Yes it was a long way but I had to do it re all the site gear I had to transport to CHCH and flying and I do not agree big time. I did the trip on the weekends so hardly any road works being done. One of the few lollipop ladies I met on the way told me that the crashes that have been occurring were because while the roads are tar sealed they are not very wide. Evidently some trucks were losing wing mirrors as they were passing each other so close. Also the roads were not built for that high tonnage of freight and the edges are starting to weaken. A very scenic drive and I noted plenty of dairy farms as well. The Kaikoura to Blenheim road also is coming along quite well I was told. They are saving heaps of money and time by dumping all the waste into the sea instead of carting it. Probably a few crayfish get the chop as well.



Early March you would have seen in the news about the rain in the Coromandels. Well our bach was right in it, 170 mls over two nights. The good thing about it is that we are on the western side of the Coromandels which are quite steep and the water runs away pretty quickly. The other side e.g. Whangamata, Tairua, Whitianga are flat areas so the deluge has nowhere to go so just floods. We got some water into the bach but not much. Worst was trying to watch the Chiefs play the Canes and rain fade was not nice at all.



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Thanks to Abri Stegmann
DON'T JUST STAND THERE ... PRAY
SOMETHING

11-06-2006

I had a near disaster a couple of months ago, I was fishing beside a mussel barge in the Firth of Thames that was harvesting and I drifted behind it. The skipper could not see me and when he went into reverse he went almost over the top of me. One third of my 16 footer went under him and we filled up with water in seconds. Luckily some other fishos saw it happening and yelled to the skipper and he then went forward at great speed and we popped out. Then he came to our aid and put grapnels onto the boat and held us steady so I could pump it out plus some fast baling was done as well. A lesson well learnt for sure. The mussel guys are very good to the fishermen and let them come in close. I do not do soft baiting but watch in awe as some boats are fishing right beside the residue that comes from the barges and they get their limits in no time. Our neighbour one day went to a line that had just been harvested and it was so clear that they could see snapper below nibbling on the bruised mussels that had been left behind, amazing sight.

All good on the Gibb-Gro front, I have plenty of stock and no price increases are on the horizon. Grass seems to be a growing all over the place, but remember it goes away quickly as well. Eight years now we have been going so as we were registered about a year after Pro Gibb easy maths show that Gibberellic has been around for some nine years. There were trials done in the 60s where Gibb was put up against Urea. The Gibb I am told at the time actually beat the N but it was recommended that farmers stick with the N as the Gibb was too expensive, things have



changed.

PLEASE NOTE our website has been hacked so is not working at the mo, we are working on it.

Cheers,

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