

FARMERS LIFESTYLE/ BLOCK VIEWS –

Due to the difficulties of holding in-person workshops with COVID-19, we conducted a telephone survey for the rural communities for our three case study sites; Far North/Te Hiku District, Tararua District, and The Masterton District.

Some of our key findings involved:

- **89%** wish to conserve the streams and rivers for the future.
- **59%** agree that planting trees can help improve water quality. However, there is some doubt on the role of trees in improving water quantity with **34%** disagreeing.
- Soil erosion mitigation and shelterbelts were the main motivations for planting trees
- Drought was the main environmental risk perceived to impact most farming activities across the study sites (**65%**).

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