

Federated Farmers will be promoting New Zealand's world class agricultural sector by holding Farm Open Days from Kaitaia to Bluff.

The Federated Farmers 'Farm Open Days' have become an annual event to provide a fun and friendly connection for urban dwellers to see how the rural community lives and breathes.

This year's Farm Day theme 'The Green Farmer' will have a strong focus on the environment and sustainability.

The Wairarapa event will be hosted at New Zealand's leading agricultural training provider Taratahi at their Masterton campus on Sunday 28th March from 10am-3pm.

Visitors will have the opportunity to join guided walks, hear a good yarn and see how a real commercial farm operates on a daily basis.

Sustainable farming means managing farm operations to ensure that the environment is protected, their animals are healthy and their business is successful and viable.

The Farm Day is for the whole family to enjoy. Admission is free and the programme will include a milking display at 1.30-2pm at Taratahi's onsite dairy unit where they milk around 600 cows daily. There will also be sheep shearing and handling, as well as demonstrations of spinners and weavers at work showing how the wool is turned into fibre.

Everyone will have the chance to see farm animals up close, check out the working dogs as well as enjoy the fencing and chainsaw displays, Taratahi's new technology workshop and the opportunity for a ride on a tractor or ATV.

Federated Farmers want all visitors on the day to go home with an understanding and insight into the daily running of a typical farm.