

Quarterly Feed Production Statistics for the Quarter ending December 2024

Executive Summary

These statistics report the total tonnage of manufactured animal feed and total tonnage of raw materials used in feed production. This report does not include blended feed.

Some observations:

In the fourth quarter of 2024, total feed production in New Zealand amounted to 283,144 tonnes, representing a marginal decrease of 1.84% in overall tonnage compared to the same quarter in 2023.

In the fourth quarter of 2024, the total raw material usage across New Zealand showed varying trends across different categories and regions. The use of wheat decreased by 12% from the same quarter last year, with a total of 123,738 tonnes. Maize experienced a significant increase of 34%, reaching 16,884 tonnes. Barley declined by 15%, totalling 20,338 tonnes. Wheat by-products saw an 11% increase, amounting to 15,651 tonnes. The animal protein sources, meat and bone meal (non-poultry) decreased slightly by 2%, with a total of 5,620 tonnes while plant protein like soya meal saw a strong increase of 21%, reaching 44,019 tonnes.

There was a significant increase of 49.8% in palm kernel imports compared to the same quarter last year. No cotton seeds were imported for the current quarter.

Poultry meat and calf feed production decreased by 6% and 1% respectively compared to the same quarter previous year. Conversely, poultry layer increased by 3% and no significant change to the pig feed production compared to the same quarter 2023.

Please note all figures reported in the tables below in this Executive Summary are in metric tonnes (unless otherwise specified).

Feed Production:

North Island		South Island		Total	Comparison	
Bulk	Bagged	Bulk	Bagged	Tonnage	4th Quarter 2023	% Change
156,848	28,115	81,405	16,775	283,144	288,437	-1.84%
184,963		98,181				

Raw Material Use:

Raw Material		North Island	South Island	Total	Same quarter last year	% Change
Grains	Wheat	73,920	49,817	123,738	140,297	-12%
	Maize	16,612	272	16,884	12,554	34%
	Barley	6,033	14,306	20,338	23,873	-15%
Grain by-products	Wheat	11,304	4,347	15,651	14,079	11%
Animal Protein	Meat and bone meal (non-poultry)	3,637	1,983	5,620	5,746	-2%
Plant Protein	Soya meal	31,866	12,153	44,019	36,353	21%

Palm Kernel Imports:

North Island	South Island	Total	Same last year	% Change
419,004	274,620	693,624	463,143	49.8%

Species Specific Data Quarter Comparison December Quarter 2024 vs December Quarter 2023

Species	North Island	South Island	Total	Same quarter previous year	% Change (Same quarter previous year)
Poultry - meat	100,536	26,829	127,365	135,216	-6%
Poultry - layer	35,691	12,272	47,963	46,427	3%
Pig	7,505	26,061	33,566	33,500	0%
Calf	20,600	9,688	30,289	30,599	-1%
Dairy	16,774	15,320	32,095	31,920	1%