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Ballance supports Northland Women in Agriculture field day

Nutrient management was the hot topic at the Northland Women in Agriculture field day held near Kerikeri.

Approximately twenty women from the Northern group attended the field day held at Ian and June Wilson's property west of Kerikeri this month. The Wilsons were the winners of this year's Northland Ballance Farm Environment Nutrient Management Award, so their farm provided an ideal setting for a field day with a nutrient management focus.

Ballance Agri-Nutrients' Technical Sales Representative for Kerikeri/Kaikohe Louise Shepherd spoke at the event on the importance of nutrient management and provided all those who were interested with an Overseer booklet, enabling the women to fill in their own farm information which could then be used by Louise or another Ballance representative to determine a nutrient programme for their farm.

Northland Women in Agriculture committee member Daphne Graham says the committee chooses current topics to discuss at their field days.

"The term nutrient management is being used a lot at the moment so we felt it was important for farming women to know exactly what it's all about. The best thing of all is that we could find a woman who was knowledgeable on the subject to talk to the group."

The Northland Women in Agriculture group has approximately 50 members involved in sheep, beef and dairy farming, including some from smaller lifestyle blocks, who meet at least six times a year to learn about different areas of farming.

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