Making Quad Bike Safety a Reality on New Zealand Farms



The Safer Rides Programme, instigated by Rabobank, led by Safer Farms and supported by sector partners, has made a powerful impact in improving quad bike safety across New Zealand farms. Findings from the industry-led programme show that more than 130 farm businesses installed crush protection devices (CPDs) through the scheme, which reduced costs by up to 75%.

How It Worked:



Farmers applied for a \$400 voucher via Safer Farms





CPD suppliers added a 15% discount, creating up to 75% total savings





Vouchers distributed in three allocations





Four CPD models offered:

- · Quadbar Original
- Quadbar Flexibar
- QuadGuard
- Lifequard

Who Took Part:



Sheep & beef farmers



Dairy farmers



Heard about the programme via media articles



Of applicants had less than 5 employees



Key Achievements:



153 vouchers allocated (86% redemption rate)



133 CPDs installed



Over 500,000 people reached through the media



50% increase in CPD sales from partner retailers



84% first-time CPD users



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Beyond the Vouchers

- Farmers purchased CPDs even without vouchers
- Some chose to upgrade vehicles for safety
- Retailers saw increased enquiries and sales

What's Next?



Expanding the programme to include training and other safety technology options



Broader incentives for quad bikes and side-by-sides



Co-design with partners to shape the next phase

Farmer Voices

'We want to be as safe as possible out on the farm, so we come home each night to our kids."



"I have rolled a quad bike before and it was the roll bars on it that stopped the quad coming down on top of me, so I do think they are very important."

"I would absolutely recommend to other farmers that they get bars fitted. It was a great programme. I saw the opportunity and thought 'I'll do that.'"

"We find they do not impact at all on the serviceability of the bike. I'm very grateful to the sponsors and Safer Farms for helping to set up the initiative."

"Always wanted to install one but couldn't afford it."

Thank You to Our Safer Rides Partners:



















