

# Visual Soil Assessment Score Card - Plant Indicators

## Visual indicators for assessing plant performance under hill country land uses

For more information on how to use this score card and plant indicator assessment please go to [beeflambnz.com/farmplan](http://beeflambnz.com/farmplan) and use the Visual Soil Assessment field guide – Volume 3. The plant indicator guide and instructions start at page 35.

Visual indicators of Plant Performance	Visual Score (VS) 0 = Poor condition 1 = Moderate condition 2 = Good condition	Weighting	Result of visual score (VS) x weighting
Pasture composition		x 3	
Pasture growth and regrowth		x 3	
Pasture utilisation*		x 1	
Area of bare ground		x 3	
Drought stress		x 2	
Stock carrying capacity and fertiliser use*		x 2	
PLANT PERFORMANCE INDEX (Sum of result column)			

\*Perceived

Plant Performance Assessment	Plant Performance Index
Poor	< 10
Moderate	10 – 25
Good	> 25

Refer to the soil quality assessment from your VSA Soil Indicators scorecard.

Overall Quality Assessment		Do the soil and plant indicators give a different soil quality assessment? If so, why?
Soil indicators	Plant indicators	

Notes: