

# Fighting Parasites Together: Livestock Parasite Management Groups' impact 2024–2025



## Context

As part of their livestock parasite management (LPM) campaign, B+LNZ formed a pilot Livestock Parasite Management Group (LPMG) at the end of 2022. After a successful pilot, seven new LPMGs were launched across Aotearoa in 2024.

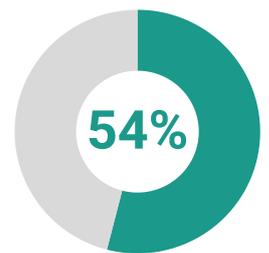
Read below about the 2024-2025 baseline evaluation results for the seven new LPMGs and the value the groups bring them\*.



## Who are the groups for?

Farmers joining LPMGs highlighted that parasites and parasite management are their largest concern.

Over half of members identified worms or parasites as the main health issue affecting their animals...

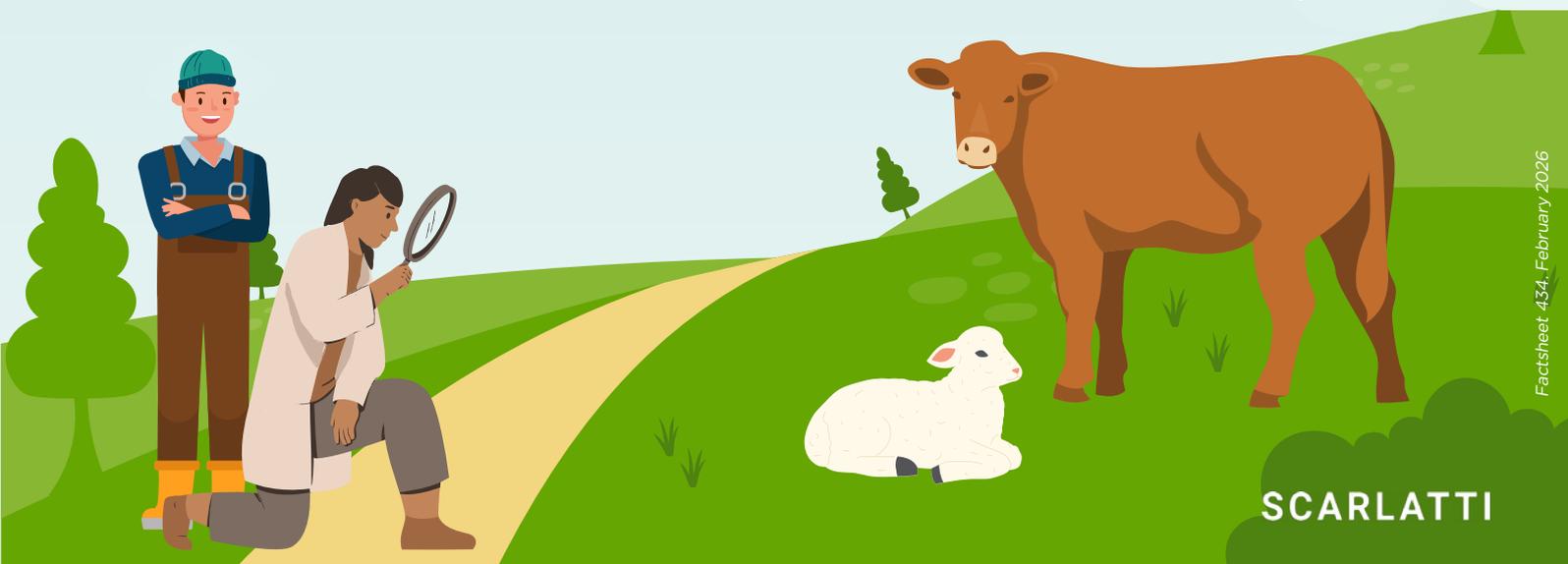


## What difference are the groups making?

### Most members are gaining customised LPM skills and knowledge

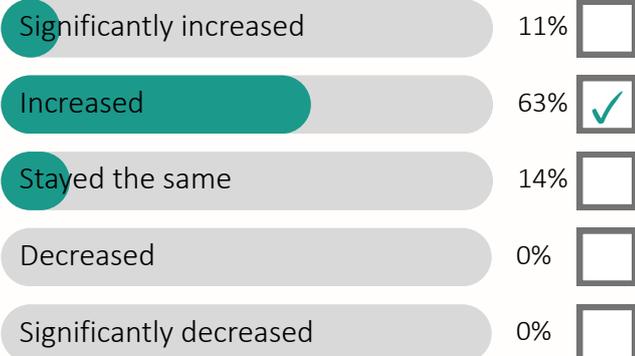
**78%** of members reported that their LPM skills have 'increased' or 'significantly increased'; since being involved in an LPMG

**63%** of members reported that their knowledge of parasites and parasite management had either improved 'a lot' or 'extremely' being in an LPMG

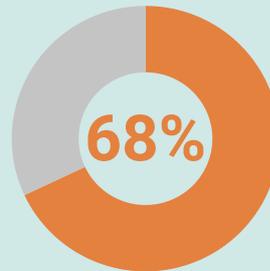


## Majority of members are gaining confidence in LPM

How has your confidence in managing parasites on your own farm changed?



Nearly **three quarters** of members (74%) reported their confidence in managing parasites on their farm has 'increased' or 'significantly increased'



...of members reported they could explain their current LPM practices to a fellow farmer and 'provide them with good advice on the principles of parasite management'

## Practice change is starting to happen

*"[In the group we] get to learn simple learnings that have a huge impact on the way you farm and your business. Not just one method but a range of techniques." – Member*



60% of members are taking action that reflects their whole farm plan



57% of members are introducing parasite monitoring



97% of members are seeking expert support, particularly from their vets



81% of members maintain and annually revise their farm LPM plan

## Are the groups worth it?

**35 out of 35 members would recommend another farmer joins a LPM.**

The key benefit of the groups and the main reason members would recommend another farmer joins a LPMG is because the group allows them to learn from, and share knowledge with, other farmers. LPMGs are making an impact even though it is early days.

**The LPMGs are worthwhile and resonate well with farmers, while also building their LPM knowledge, skills, confidence and practices. That's a win in our books.**

