



# Commodity Levy Requirements for Vegetable Growers

All vegetable growers are required to pay a levy if they sell produce in a commercial capacity (levy orders are a legal requirement). This will include cash sales from road side stalls and farmers markets.

**There are 3 levies to pay for all vegetable growers:**

1. Commodity Levy to the Product Group – e.g., onion grower pay levy to Onions NZ.
2. Commodity Levy to Horticulture New Zealand – all vegetable growers.
3. Biosecurity Levy to the Product Group – e.g., tomato grower pay biosecurity levy to TomatoesNZ (NB: a biosecurity levy has not been enacted by all product groups)

Please note, levy rates are fixed before the start of the levy year by a vote at each product groups annual general meeting (AGM).

**CURRENT VEGETABLE LEVIES\***

\* Values accurate as of February 2021

PRODUCT GROUPS	LEVIES
New Zealand Asparagus Council	Commodity Levy: <b>\$120</b> per/ha planted
Vegetables New Zealand Inc	Commodity Levy: Domestic - <b>\$0.30</b> per \$100 of sale Export - <b>\$0.20</b> per \$100 of sale Biosecurity levy (domestic and export): currently set at <b>\$0.05</b> per \$100 of sale
Horticulture New Zealand	Commodity Levy: <b>\$0.14</b> per \$100 of sale
New Zealand Buttercup Squash Council	Annual grower registration fee: <b>\$230</b> Export Fee: <b>\$1.50</b> per tonne Sector fee: <b>0.225%</b> of sale to exporter
Onions New Zealand	Grower Commodity Levy: <b>\$2.50</b> per tonne onions Voluntary Exporter Levy: <b>\$1.00</b> per tonne
Potatoes New Zealand	Commodity Levy: <b>\$0.85</b> per \$100 of sale
Process Vegetables New Zealand	Commodity Levy: <b>\$0.80</b> per \$100 of sale Biosecurity Levy: <b>\$0.00</b> per \$100 of sale
Tomatoes New Zealand	Commodity Levy: <b>\$0.35</b> per \$100 of sale Biosecurity Levy: <b>\$0.10</b> per \$100 of sale



## Worked Example

A grower growing potatoes, carrots and onions is required to pay levies to Horticulture NZ, Potatoes NZ, Vegetables NZ and Onions NZ separately. See below.

**GROWER LEVY CONTRIBUTION PER CROP**

CROP	POTATOES	CARROTS	ONIONS
<b>SALES VALUES</b>	\$35,000	\$20,000 (Domestic) \$.05/\$100 (biosecurity)	70 tonnes @ \$500 per tonne= \$35,000
<b>LEVY PAYABLE TO:</b>	Potatoes NZ		
		$(35,000/100) \times 0.85 = \mathbf{\$297.50}$	
	Vegetables NZ	Commodity Levy - domestic $(\$20,000/100) \times 0.30 = \mathbf{\$60}$ + Biosecurity Levy $(\$20,000/100) \times 0.05 = \mathbf{\$10}$ <b>\$60 + \$10 = \$70</b>	
	Onions NZ		$\$2.50 \times 70 = \mathbf{\$175}$
	Horticulture NZ	$(\$20,000/100) \times 0.14 = \mathbf{\$28}$	$(35,000/100) \times 0.14 = \mathbf{\$49}$



# Contacts Regarding Levies

For any questions regarding levies please contact the designated contact person for each entity associated with a commodity order as below:



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