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**Release of the National Standard Cost Values for 2014.....**

Inland Revenue released the National Standard Cost Values (NSC) for the 2014 year on 3 February 2014. The values have increased due to the increased costs of rearing and growing animals since the inception of the National Standard Cost scheme, mainly due to farmers grazing their livestock off-farm.

Initial indications were that the 2014 increases were going to be higher than those announced, but these increases are going to be spread over the next three years.

As expected, there were some increases relating to the rearing costs of Dairy Rising 2 year Heifers and farmers will see an increase in the NSC value of \$106.40 per animal.

The increase in the NSC value for Rising 1 year Dairy Cattle was only \$22.40, bringing the value to \$510.00.

As well as the 2014 increases, there may be further changes to the NSC values as we are now seeing increased grazing charges for the 2014 year which may have an effect on these.

Please click on the link below to see the full schedule of National Standard Cost values for specified livestock for the 2014 year.

<http://www.ird.govt.nz/technical-tax/determinations/livestock/national-standard/livestock-nationalstandardvalues-2014.html>