

# Fonterra's decarbonisation journey

September 2022



# Our pathway to 2030 – we have made three strategic choices



**Continue to focus on New Zealand milk**



**Be a leader in sustainability**



**Be a leader in dairy innovation and science**

# Fonterra's Long Term Aspirations: To Lead in Sustainability - with a \$1 billion investment now to 2030

## WATER

- **2030**  
80% of manufacturing sites treating wastewater to leading standards.
- **2030**  
There will be an overall reduction of 15% water take across Fonterra manufacturing sites by 2030 from a 2018 baseline.
- **2025**  
100% of manufacturing sites will refresh their water improvement plans.

## WASTE

- **2025**  
100% reusable, recyclable, or compostable packaging.
- **2025**  
Zero waste sent to landfill.

## CLIMATE

- **2050**  
We aspire to be net zero emissions
- **2037**  
No more coal in our operations.
- **2030**  
30% reduction in absolute emissions from manufacturing operations from FY18 baseline.
- **2030**  
On-farm target development underway.
- **2025**  
Every Fonterra farmer has a tailored Farm Environment Plan with emissions reduction actions.
- **2024**  
Disclose our climate-related risks.
- **Today...**  
Decarbonising across our operations while working with farmers to understand their footprint and mitigation options



**15,806 kt**

Fonterra's total gross New Zealand greenhouse gas emissions for FY18.



Fonterra represents approximately

**20%** of New Zealand's

gross greenhouse gas emissions.

New Zealand's dairy sector is one of the most carbon efficient in the world, **30–50%** more efficient than the global average.

**WE KNOW  
WE MUST  
DO MORE**



**WHERE OUR EMISSIONS COME FROM:**

**89%**  
On farm

**10%**  
Manufacturing

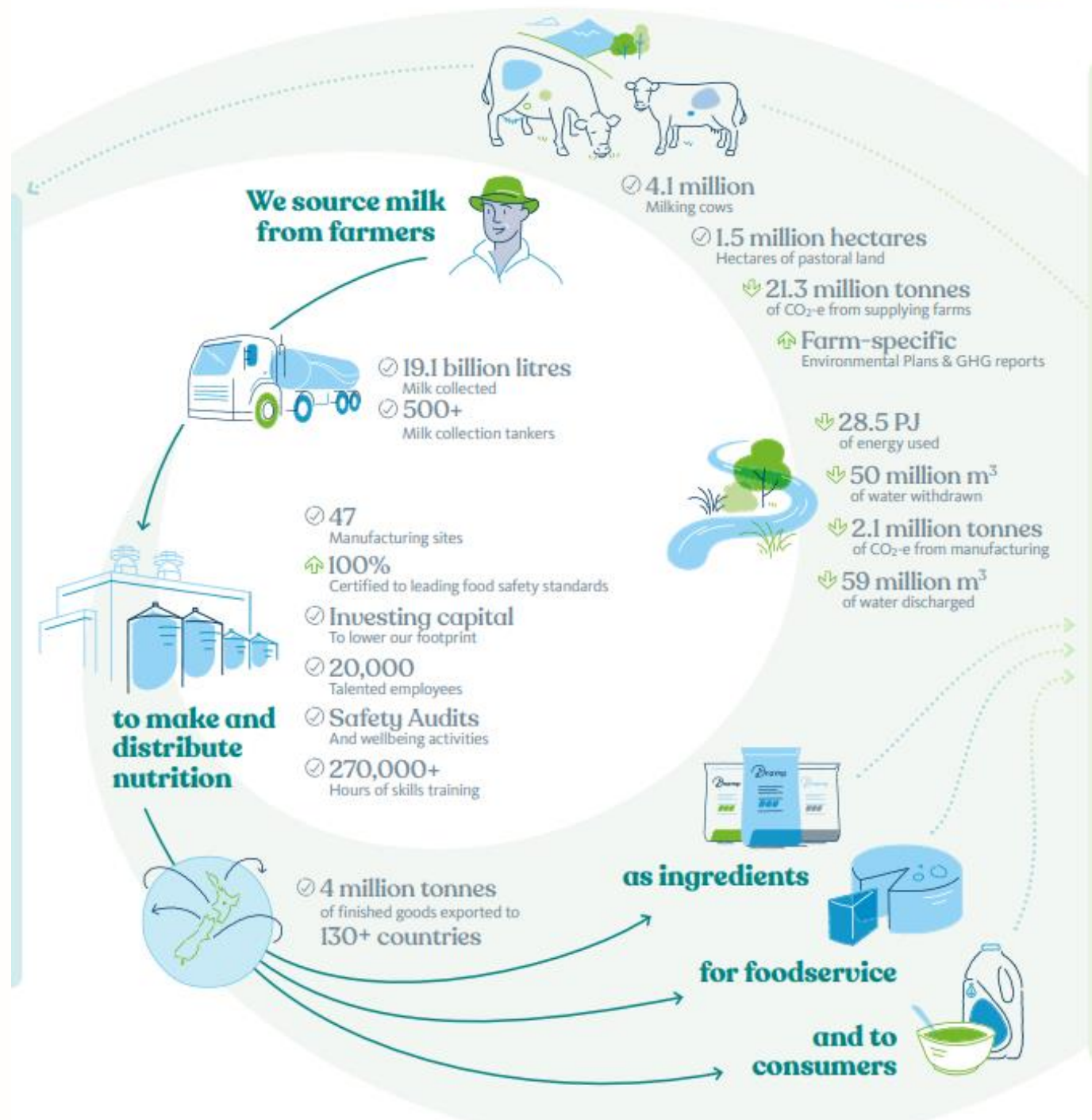
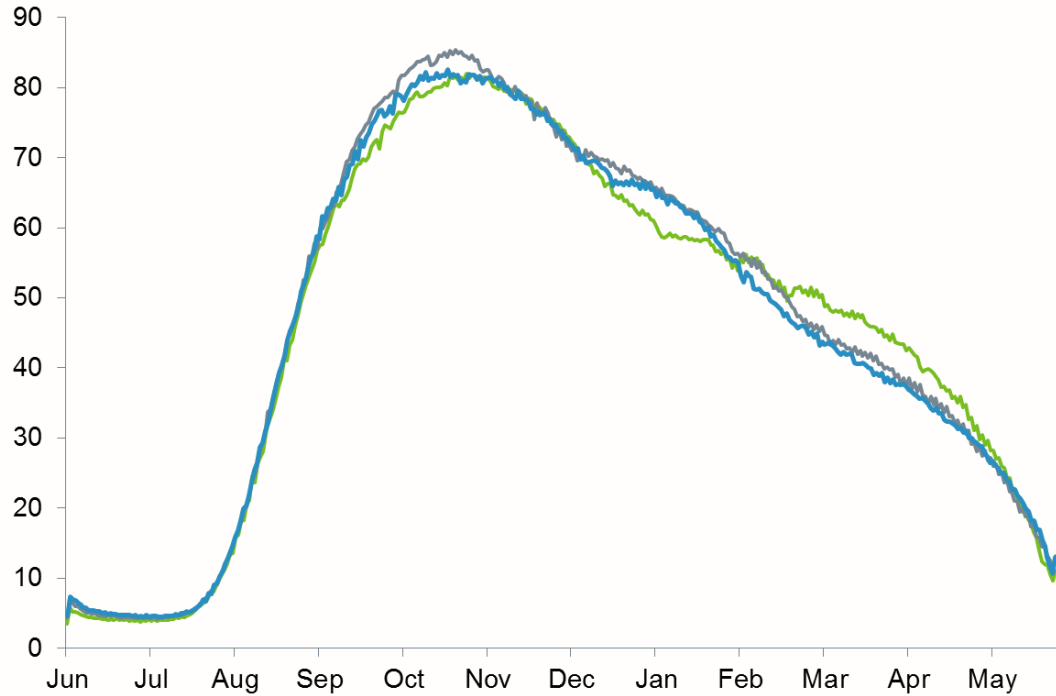
**1%**  
Distribution





# Fonterra Overview

Volume (m litres/day)

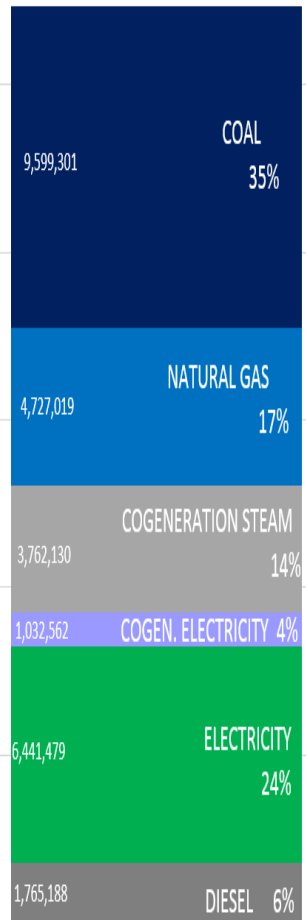


# Overview of Fonterra's NZ Energy Supply & Emissions

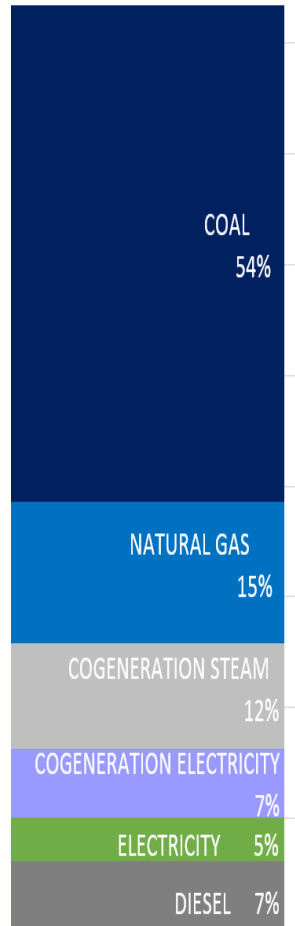
(includes supply chain and milk collection)



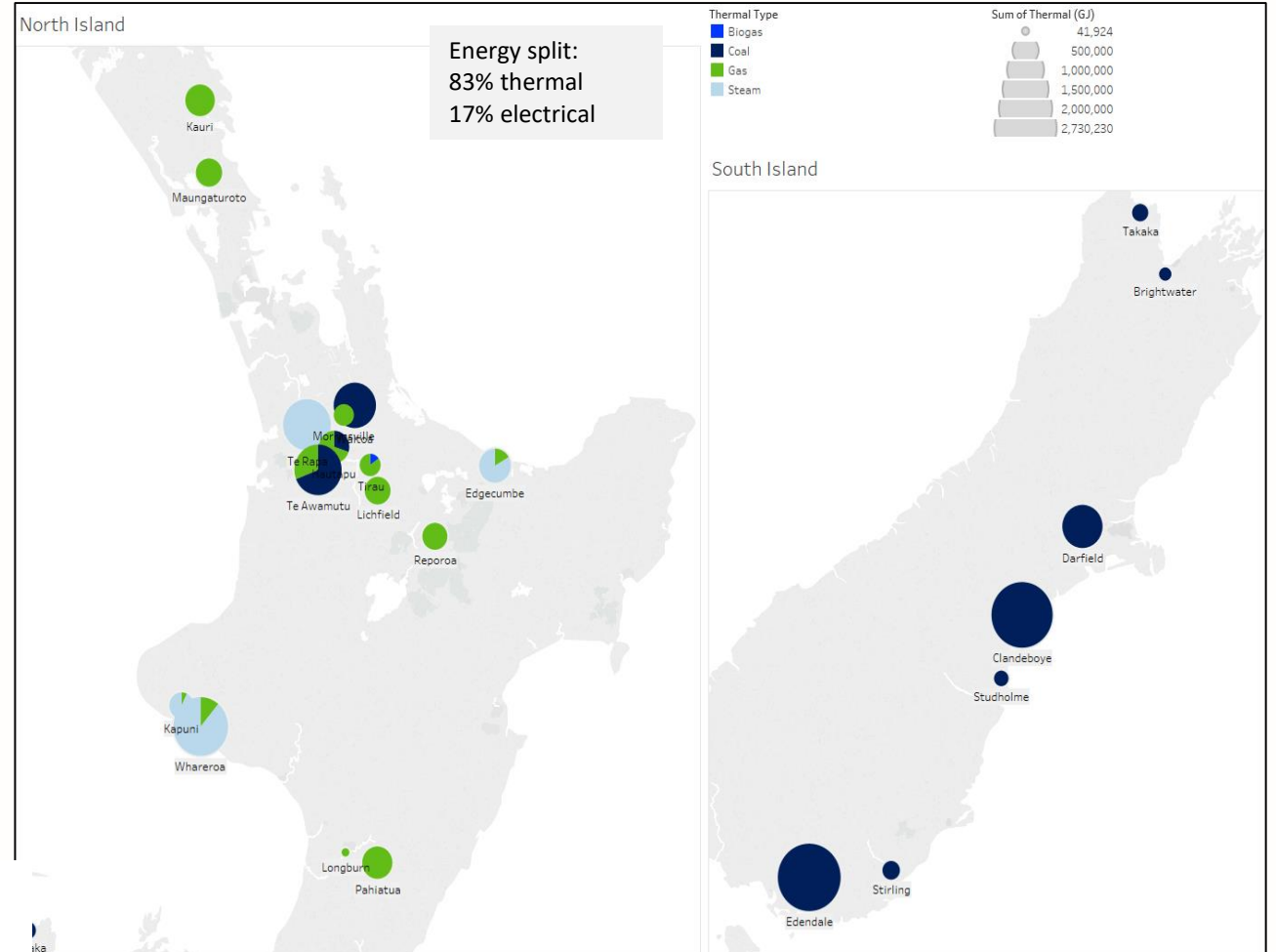
FY20 energy use  
~24 PJ



FY20 Emissions  
~1.7m tonnes CO<sub>2e</sub>



## Source and size of thermal energy supply for NZ manufacturing sites

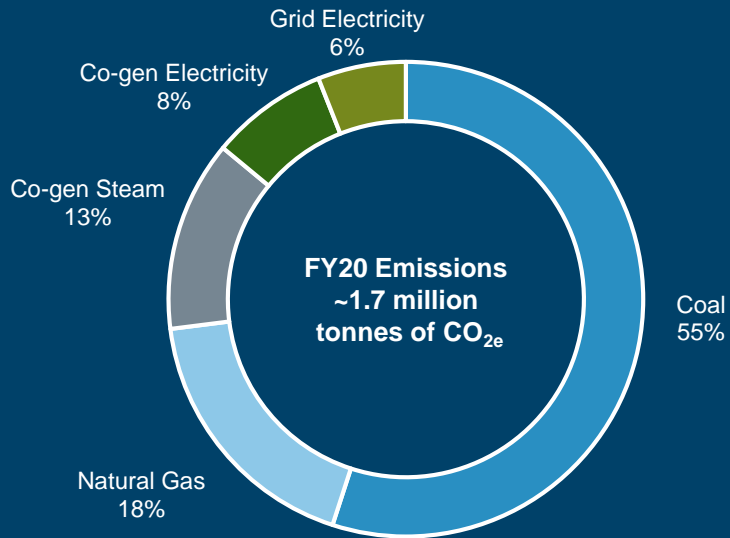


Fonterra has a national plan to transition from coal

Across Fonterra's 28 sites in NZ, there are nearly 100 boilers and air heaters, with greater than 1,300 MW of installed capacity.

Fonterra has a plan to transition the remaining 9 coal using sites (20 assets) by 2037 – this is a phased prioritised plan to manage a range of factors, including asset condition, fuel availability, resourcing (both internally & externally), and capital allocations across the business.

This plan is reviewed annually and timing and activities will change – including adoption of new technology as part of the decarbonisation plans.



## 2050: Net Zero Operations

- We will have reduced our manufacturing emissions as much as possible and will offset any emissions that remain.

## 2037: No Coal

- Continue to focus on fuel switching to renewable energy at our coal sites, including thermal demand reduction projects.
- Use learnings from transitioning away from coal to finalise a transition from natural gas on our way to 100% renewable energy for Operations.

## 2030: 30% reduction in absolute

- ~~emissions~~ emissions. Continue to implement initiatives to fuel switch, reduce thermal demand by improving heat recovery and energy efficiency across manufacturing sites.
- Work with internal and external partners to develop a sequenced approach for transitioning New Zealand assets out of coal. This includes assessing wood biomass, electricity, and low emission alternatives and expanding our capability in innovative solutions through technology trials.
- Accelerate electrification of our light passenger fleet and install charging stations across our sites.

## 2020: 20% reduction in energy

~~intensity~~ intensity. We hit our 2020 target to reduce energy intensity at our manufacturing sites by 20% from a 2003 baseline. Combined, that's enough energy saved to power all the households in New Zealand for 1.5 years and avoided emitting 3.3 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.



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# Overview of our approach for 30% by 2030 Emission Reduction & Transition off Coal use



Use Less



Emit Less

- Heat Recovery
- Heat Pumps
- New Technology

- Optimise
- Reduce
- Integrate

- Wood Biomass
- Biogas
- Emerging fuel options

- Repurpose
- Replace



# Brightwater Co-firing

## OVERVIEW

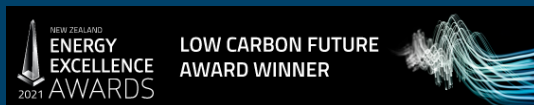
- In 2018, we converted the Brightwater 7MW coal boiler to co-fire with wood biomass
- Target for a 70:30 blend on energy basis
- Wood chip specification of ~35% moisture content - ~1,000 tonnes per annum
- Forecast to reduce initially reduce emissions by ~2,400 tonnes CO<sub>2e</sub>/pa – actual ~1,700 tonnes CO<sub>2e</sub>/pa
- Brightwater processes ~230,000 L milk a day (c.f. largest site processing ~13m L milk a day)
- Co-funding of \$250k received from EECA's Technology Demonstration Fund



# Te Awamutu Conversion to Wood Pellets

## OVERVIEW

- In 2020, we converted the Te Awamutu 43MW coal boiler to operate on wood pellets
- Challenging construction at the start of COVID-19
- Forecast to reduce emissions by ~84,000 tonnes CO<sub>2e</sub>/pa – and delivering this
- Co-funding of \$200k received from EECA's Technology Demonstration Fund
- Wood pellets supplied from Natures Flame Taupo facility – made from local sawdust & shavings using geothermal energy - ~47,000 tonnes per annum





# Stirling 11MW Wood Biomass Boiler

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## OVERVIEW

- We are currently building a new 11MW biomass boiler from Polytechnik at the site – forecast to be commissioned November 2022
- Forecast to reduce emissions by ~18,500 tonnes CO<sub>2e</sub>/pa
- This will be our first 100% renewable thermal energy supplied site
- Wood chip (P45A M40 A1 as per BANZ Wood Fuel Specifications) to be supplied by Pioneer Energy via a walking floor truck into our top load system – forecast ~21,000 tonnes per annum



# Waitoa 30MW Wood Biomass Boiler

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## OVERVIEW

- We recently announced that we will build a 30MW Bubbling Fluidised Bed (BFB) boiler at our Waitoa site
- Forecast to reduce emissions by ~48,000 tonnes CO<sub>2e</sub>/pa – commissioning forecast November 2023
- This will replace one of the three boilers at the site
- Wood chip (P63 M60 A3 specification) to be supplied by Wood Energy NZ





## Key things we are considering going forward

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When engaging with the marketplace we need to ensure that biomass is not double counted

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Competition with existing biomass users needs to be understood and managed for unintended consequences

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If selecting a pellet or dried woodchip product we need to fully understand supply chain risks and backup supply solutions

We need more of the pellet and dried woodchip solutions as this will allow conversion of existing coal boilers

The biomass supply chain needs to embrace FSC or equivalent sustainability certification with full traceability as our customers are requesting that we report the sustainability of our biomass to ensure deforestation is not occurring, as well as negative social and environmental aspects are not occurring from the biomass supply

Ngā mihi  
Thank you



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Recent published research in the Journal of Dairy Science shows our New Zealand on-farm carbon footprint is approximately  $1/3^{\text{rd}}$  the global average as reported by the FAO

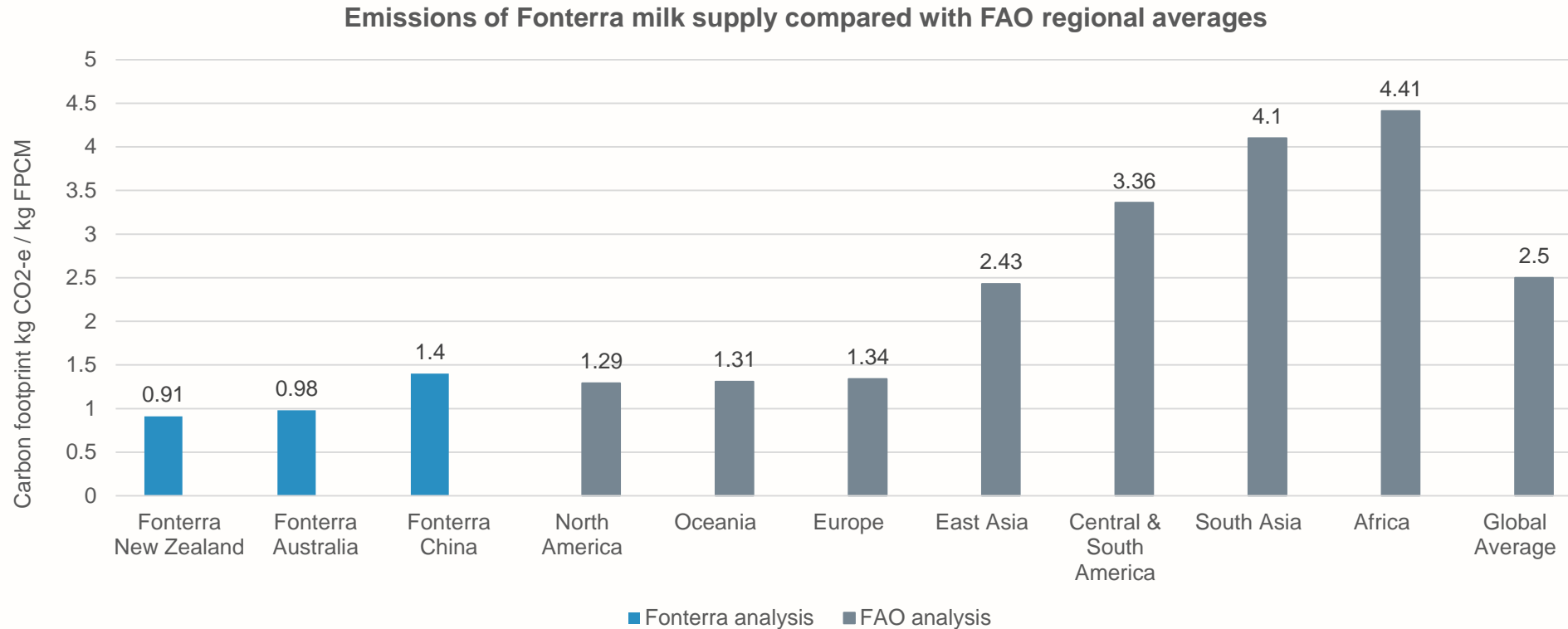


Figure 1: Emissions of Fonterra milk supply (Fonterra commissioned analysis prepared using IDF Carbon Footprint methodology 2016) compared with FAO regional averages (FAO 2018 report), including land-use change.

**SOURCE:**

Fonterra New Zealand Figures from Ledgard, S.F. et al. 2020. Temporal, spatial, and management variability in the carbon footprint of New Zealand milk. Journal of Dairy Science Vol 3 Issue 1: 1031-1046.

Regional Footprint Information provided on a regional basis using FAO 2018. FAO and GDP. 2018. Climate change and the global dairy cattle sector – The role of the dairy sector in a low-carbon future. <http://www.fao.org/3/CA2929EN/ca2929en.pdf>.

New Zealand has a low footprint due to efficient pasture-based farming systems & good management practices

## What makes New Zealand on-farm dairy emissions so efficient?



Pasture-based  
farming system



Long sunshine  
hours



Plentiful  
rainfall



Good grass  
and soil



Animal health  
and welfare



Renewable  
energy



# Healthy Environment

We are working together to achieve a healthy environment for farming and society.

Tiakina te whenua i tēnei rā, hei oranga tangata mō ngā rā e heke mai nei.

Caring for the land today, so that the land cares for us tomorrow.

To do this we are:

- Improving the health and biodiversity of our land and water by having a regenerative mindset, reducing the impacts of farming and manufacturing, and working in partnership with others.

- Leading the transition to a low-carbon future by investing in innovation and infrastructure to remove greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from our supply chain.

- Helping meet the growing nutritional demand through improvements in productivity and minimising waste from farm to consumer.

By looking after land, water and animals, and using resources wisely, we are finding a path to regenerate the environment. It's all part of our transition to a more sustainable way of dairying.

Heavy & Medium  
Vehicle Fleets

Light Vehicle Fleet

Other vehicles –  
Farm & Forklifts



## Tanker Fleet: Milk-E





### OVERVIEW

- Milk-E has a range of ~140km on a full charge and this will be tested
- Battery swap system & should take ~3 hours to charge
- 46 tonne GVM
- Will carry ~2,300 litres less milk (normally ~28,000 L)
- Based at our Waitoa site
- Co-funding received from EECA's Low Emission Transport Fund





# Fonterra's fleet decarbonisation

-  EVs
-  Vehicle chargers installed
-  Electric forklifts
-  Pilot E-tanker

96 Electric Vehicles  
82 EV Car Chargers installed  
464 Electric Forklifts  
1 Battery Electric Truck

