

**SFF Project Grant No. 04/089**

***Brief update on progress with the Willow & Poplar project  
Jan-Mar 06***

- \* Further updating of Planting and Management Plan following feedback from farmers, regional council staff, researchers/consultants.
- \* Commenced grazing trial at Riverside Farm, Wairarapa - progressing well.
- \* Widely publicised field day in central Hawke's Bay to be held on 4 April.
- \* Measured regrowth of coppiced/pollarded trees in Otago and Hawke's Bay trials.
- \* Further revision of economic analyses in consultation with project team members.
- \* Further treatments imposed in trials determining herbicide techniques (product, rate, timing) to kill large trees.
- \* Several media releases distributed, 2 papers offered to Nov06 NZGA conference.

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Apr-June06***

- \* *PWNews* Issue no. 4 distributed to 200+ people.
- \* Articles published in *Tree Grower* (2) and *Growing Today* (1); other publicity in CADB's June newsletter, and in press/radio.
- \* Field days held in central Hawke's Bay and Otago.
- \* Presentation to annual conference of Tree Crops Association held in Masterton.
- \* Planting & Management Plan guidelines and economic analyses updated.
- \* Analysis of data to date from Riverside Farm parasite/hogget mating trial, and Otago trials.