

BALLANCE MAPPING SERVICES - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



QUESTION	ANSWER
Who do I contact to get a map?	Contact your local Ballance Nutrient Specialist, or call Ballance customer services on 0800 222 090.
What experience do GPS-it have?	GPS-it have been providing a mapping service since 1998, and have worked at scale with Zespri and Fonterra.
What are the relative accuracies of the two mapping options?	AERIAL: 30cm horizontal, 60cm vertical - with high definition imagery. GPS: 5cm horizontal, 20cm vertical, - no imagery
What sort of details do I get on an Aerial map?	Accurate 3D total and effective hectares per paddock and across the whole farm, paddock numbers/names, plus features such as buildings, troughs and water tanks.
What is a mapped area?	Mapped area is a term given to any enclosed area to feature on a farm map. Examples include paddocks, stockyards and riparian margins. It is very important to ascertain the number of mapped areas accurately as this has a bearing on drafting costs.
What is the difference between using a plane or UAV/drone to capture the Aerial map?	A plane is a cost effective way of capturing aerial imagery to create farm maps. GPS-it will make the decision for each job whether a plane or a UAV/drone will be used. The finished map will be of the same high quality and price.
Can my map be used for Spreadsmart?	Yes. The map shape file can be imported into Tracmap, the operating platform for Spreadsmart.
How long does a map take to be produced?	GPS-it will contact a customer within 7 working days of an order being placed. A customer can expect a draft map to review within 30 working days of the map order being placed.
Can my Ballance farm map be used for Health & Safety purposes?	A hard copy of your map can be used to mark hazards. However, it is not to be considered a Health & Safety system in its own right.
What is MyBallance and how do I get an account?	MyBallance is your personal online fertiliser management account. If you are a Ballance customer, you can register online from the ballance.co.nz homepage.
I have an existing map, how do I know if it is an accurate Aerial or GPS map?	Check with the mapping provider who supplied the map. If this is not possible email an electronic copy to Ballance Customer Service on customerservices-mount@ballance.co.nz