

Comparison: Forecast 5 vs Futrli vs Spotlight

We often have prospects comparing Forecast 5 with Futrli and Spotlight and wondering what the differences are. Our research shows the Spotlight and Futrli are focused primarily on reporting capabilities, with 75% reporting and 25% forecasting. Forecast 5's primary focus is the budgeting and forecasting process, with 90% budgeting and 10% reporting.

Compare Futrli and Spotlight to our forecasting and budgeting tool, Forecast 5!

DATA ENTRY	Forecast 5	Spotlight	Futrli
Sections (Sales, Costs, etc.)	✓	✓	✓
Folders / Groups	✓ 5 levels	✗	✓ 1 level
Departments	✓	✗	✗
Assumptions	✓	✓	✗
Memo / KPI Records	✓	✗	✓
Accrual / Prepaid Options	✓	✓	✓
Separately Invoiced Income / Costs	✓	✗	✗
Stock	✓	✗	✗
Manufacturing / Stock Made	✓	✗	✗
Wages / PAYE	✓	✗	✗
Foreign Currency Accounts	✓	✗	✗
Currency Conversion	✓	✗	✗
Auto-calculated Fixed Assets	✓	Manual only	Manual only
Auto-calculated Depreciation	✓	✗	✗
Cash Receipts Options	✓	✓	✓
Per Record Cashflow Flexibility	✓	✗	✗
Opening Balances	✓	✗	✗
Calculated Loans	✓	✓ partial	✗
Manual Loans	✓	✓	✓
Pensions & Kiwi Saver	✓	✓ partial	✗
Taxation	✓	✓	✗
Seasonal Profiles	✓	✗	✗
Formula	✓	✗	✓
Per Record GST/VAT Rates	✓	✗	✗
PAYE Calculations Tables	✓	✗	✗
Payments in Advance	✓	✗	✗
Flexible Record Options	✓	✗	✗
Fixed Asset Purchase & Disposal	✓	✗	✗
PROCESSES	Forecast 5	Spotlight	Futrli
Extent	✓ 15 Years	✗	✓ 10 years
What If	✓	✓ 3 only	✓
Actuals	✓	✗	✓
Consolidations	✓	✓	✓
Rolling forecasts	✓	✗	✗
Hot Links	✓	✗	✗
Import Data	✓	✓	✓

Export data	✓	✗	✗
Templates	✓	✗	✗
REPORTING	Forecast 5	Spotlight	Futrli
Export Reports	✓	✓	✗
Excel Integrated Reports	✓	✗	✗
Integrated Reports	✓	✓	✓
Management Reports	✓	✓	✓
Actuals & Variance Reports	✓	✗	✗
Profit & Loss	✓	✓	✓
Balance sheet	✓	✓ partial	✓ partial
Cashflow	✓	✓	✓
Funds Flow	✓	✗	✗
Visuals / Graphs	✓	✓	✓
Fixed Asset & Employee Schedules	✓	✗	✗
One Touch Reporting	✓	✗	✗
SYSTEM	Forecast 5	Spotlight	Futrli
Error-Free Forecasting	✓	✓	✓
Detailed & Comprehensive	✓	✗	✗
Financial Planning	✓	✓	✓
Full Double Entry Rigour	✓	✗	✗
Database	SQL Database	Cloud	Cloud
Annual License Fee	✓	Monthly	Monthly
Free Updates	✓	✓	✓
Multi Users	✓	✓	✓
Integration	Xero, Sage 50, MYOB Exo, Sage 300	Xero, QuickBooks, Excel, MYOB	Xero, Quickbooks
Dashboards	✗	✓	✓
Supported	✓	✓	✓
User Management	✓	✓	✓

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