

Job Information Pack

Position Summary

Business Name:

Piquet Hill Farms Ltd

Property Summary:

Piquet Hill Farms Ltd is a growing and successful family farming business nestled in the heart of Te Akau, North Waikato. The stud was started by Peter Jackson in 1966 with his son Will joining the farming operation in the early 2000's. He later purchased the stud and expanded on the success of their rams by adding a bull lease business, offering quality service bulls to the dairy industry.

Piquet Hill Farms is approximately 1600ha running a total of 24,000su. It is made up of a 1200ha breeding block to be run by the Farm Manager and a 400ha block run by the Genetics Manager. There is also an additional 200ha lease block at Waingaro that Will oversees. The business is operated under an easy-care policy with no shepherding to ensure sound and hardy breeding. During busy times all the team come together to help out to get the big jobs done.

The business holds an annual bull sale in September each year.

The majority of property is medium hill country with some challenging environmental factors, including being summer dry. The major emphasis for the Stud has always been on fertility, growth rate and facial eczema tolerance.

For more information: <http://piquethillstud.co.nz/index.html>

Position Title:

Farm Manager

Position Overview:

Piquet Hill Farms are looking for a professional Farm Manager to run the 1200ha breeding block, the engine room of this established business. The block sits directly across the road from a further 400ha block which is predominately run by a Genetics Manager.

Supported by the Junior Shepherd and Head Shepherd the Farm Manager will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the property which includes looking after the ewes, dairy lease bulls, steers and heifers and co-ordinating with the Genetics Manager to complete tasks such as weighing and condition scoring the ewes and working through tugging dates (the Farm Owner and Genetics Manager will organise the rams).

The appointee will also be required to complete weekly reports for the owner.

To be successful in this role the appointee will need high level stock and pasture management skills, the ability to gain a good understanding of the strategic farm plan and policies and must be well-planned and organised.

Some previous experience with stud work would be beneficial.

This position will provide you with an opportunity for professional growth where you will gain a good understanding of genetics, adding further value to your management skills.

Specialist Skills Required:

- High level of stockmanship and pasture management
- Capable team of 6 working dogs
- Well planned and organised with the ability to prioritise tasks
- Team player with people management experience
- Computer literate with good reporting & recording skills
- Self-motivated and flexible
- High level of general maintenance skills

Duration of Position:

Full time - Permanent

Proposed Start Date:

Within 4 weeks of job offer.

Staff Structure:

Owners - Will Jackson & Nicola Bradstreet
Farm Manager – TBC
Genetics Manager
Head Shepherd
Junior Shepherd
Fencer
General Hand
Additional staff are employed during the busy period.

Partner Work Opportunities:

There is some casual work available on farm.

Lifestyle Information

Accommodation:

There are two houses to choose from with this position. One house has 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and 2 lounges and the other is a tidy 4 bedroom home with a double garage. All houses on the farm have been renovated within the last 5 years.

Farm Location & Community Information:

Te Akau in North Waikato is a small, coastal farming settlement located 62km north west of Hamilton. The local area has a play centre, primary school and community sports complex all on the doorstep of Piquet Hill Farms. There is a wide range of recreational activities available in the immediate vicinity.

Schooling:

Te Akau Primary School (Year 1 to Year 8).

There are no High School options available locally and would require your children to attend boarding school.

Farm Information

Farm Area (total/effective):	1800ha total - Piquet Hill Farms Ltd 1200ha – Stud Block
Contour: (Flats, rolling hill, steep)	Medium hill country.
Soil Type:	Clay and ash soils.
Rainfall:	Between 1200-1500ml.
Subdivision/Fences:	Traditional fencing and 2 wire electrics.
Woolshed/Other Buildings:	3 Woolsheds Main woolshed - 4 stand 1500 night pen. 2 x 3 stand woolsheds – large sets of yards. Farm has additional sets of satellite yards. There are 6 sets of cattle yards. One of these sets of cattle yards is used for their annual sale of the Angus & Hereford bulls. The bulls are sold in mobs of 2-3.
Water:	The farm is fully reticulated with water.
Tracks:	Well tracked, easy access for quad across the property.
Machinery:	Quads 3 x tractors

Farm Policy & Systems

Production System	Intensive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stock Policy - Breeds/Number:	13.7su/ha Romney/Composite/Suffolk 5000 MA ewes plus replacements 1500-1800 Hoggets lambed 1500 – Angus/Hereford/Jersey & cross breed bulls 1000-1400 – Steers & Heifers
Maternal/Terminal Policy:	Romney/Composite – maternal Suffolk - terminal
Sheep – Mating/Lambing/Weaning Dates:	25 th Feb MA ewes 15 th April Hoggets

Lambing – end July/beginning Aug
Weaning – end of Oct/early Nov

Cows – Mating/Calving/Weaning Dates:

A significant bull leasing and sale business to service the dairy industry with an annual on-farm sale in September and a store trading policy for 1 year traditional beef breed steers and heifers with a sale held in February each year.

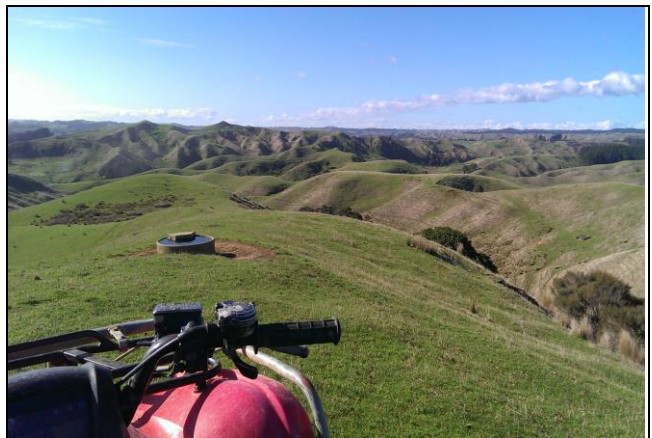
Animal Health Practices:

Best practice at all times.
The animal health plan is run through the vet.

Cropping Policy:

20ha kale
40ha summer crops - plantain or rape.

Photos





Map

