

Job Information Pack

(To be provided to applicants)

Position Summary

Business Name:

Pukio East Dairies Ltd

Property Summary:

Pukio East Dairies is a 1000 cow dairy farm located 10 minutes from Martinborough in the south Wairarapa District. It is a well-managed dairy operation and run to a professional standard offering a great workplace with a positive culture and strong emphasis on team work.

Pukio comprises two properties – the 270 ha effective dairy platform and a 160ha run-off situated 4km down the road. The run-off supports the drystock (dairy and beef) and the MA cows are wintered there, it also provides some supplement to the platform throughout the season.

Pukio East is milking 1000 cows at peak through a 60 bale rotary shed with full automation. The production target is 410,000 kg/MS this season.

The owner operator has been there since inception of the property and continuous developments means Pukio East Dairies is well resourced with modern technologies adding to the performance of the operation.

Follow this link to see a video on the property <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PNr1CNUVuc>

Position Title:

2IC / Senior Dairy Assistant

Position Overview:

Pukio East Dairies are looking for candidates ready to take the next step in their dairy career or for a change into a high performing dairy farming operation. The 2IC/Senior Dairy Assistant will report directly to the owner operator who will be present and available to offer daily support and career development.

Key responsibilities for this role:

- Effective operation of all aspects of the milking process, including plant hygiene and somatic cell count, to maintain grade free standards.
- Assist with any feed planning or the management of feed as appropriate.
- Implement animal health programme to maintain optimal health.

- Assist with calving and the calf rearing programme to achieve minimal losses and ensure high quality replacements are available for the herd.
- Assist to manage repairs and maintenance schedule for all plant, machinery and infrastructure.
- Assist with record management and compliance.

Pukio East offers the opportunity to be part of a well-resourced operation as they use a lot of modern technology (Allflex collars, Tru-Test, automatic drafting, automated cow shed) therefore the ability to embrace new technologies and ideas would be beneficial.

Specialist Skills Required:

- A minimum of two season's dairy farming experience with experience in large scale dairy farming preferred.
- Understand the importance of feeding cows well and demonstrated pasture management skills.
- Understanding and confidence in all things animal health.
- Staff management – you will be the team leader if/when the Manager is away.
- Takes pride in farm presentation and cares for the asset.

Duration of Position:

Permanent Full-Time

Proposed Start Date:

ASAP

Staff Structure:

Owner operator – Marcel Boschma
2IC – TBC
Farm Assistant
Farm Assistant
Calf Rearer

Partner Work Opportunities:

The property is 10 minutes from Martinborough where there may be work opportunities. This property is also commutable distance to Masterton, Carterton, Greytown, Featherston and Wellington.

Lifestyle Information

Accommodation:

There is a tidy 3 bedroom house available on farm with the opportunity to move into a newly renovated house in the future.

Farm Location & Community Information:

The property is located 10 mins from Martinborough. Martinborough is famous for its vineyards, walking and cycling tracks, great sporting clubs and recreational activities. Full amenities are available in Greytown and Masterton.

Schooling:

Pre-schools and primary schools available in Martinborough. Great high schooling options in the wider Wairarapa.

| School Bus at the gate.

Farm Information

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| Farm Area (total/effective): | 270 ha Dairy platform 160ha Run-off |
| Contour: | Platform – Flat Run-off - Flat |
| Soil Type: | Silt loam |
| Pasture: | Currently 15% pasture renewal on platform. 60ha cropping for wintering. |
| Rainfall: | 1100 mls average. |
| Subdivision/Fences: | Well fenced and subdivided. |
| Shed Size & Type: | A Waikato 60 bale rotary shed. |
| Plant (Cup removers, bails, in-shed feeding) | Fully automated drafting (Tru-Test), teat spraying cowshed with ACRs. |
| Shed Wash: | Automatic shed wash. |
| Calf Rearing Facilities: | Great calf rearing facilities with 3 x 7 bay sheds. |
| Feed pad/in-shed feeding/trailer: | In shed feeding system. |
| Water: | Bore water. |
| Races: | The property is well raced with no lame cows for the last 18 months. |

Farm Policy & Systems

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| Cows - Breeds/Number: | 1000 – crossbred herd |
| Young Stock Policy: | Rear everything, all young stock is grazed within the system. Bull calves are sold at 100kg. Replacements farmed through. |
| Winter Policy: | MA cows wintered at run-off. |
| Mating Policy: | All AB assisted with Allflex collars. |
| Calving Dates: | Start of calving 20 th July. |

Feeding Systems / Equipment:

In shed feeding
Silage wagon
Bale feeders

Animal Health Practices:

Best practices at all times in conjunction with animal health plan.

Effluent Systems:

Spray irrigation.
Cobra Irrigation
GPS mapped through TracMap

Irrigation Systems:

3 pivot irrigators

Roster System:

12 on 2 off (more like 11.5 and 2.5).
The owner is open to discussing this.
Cups on 4.30am and 2.45pm – 3 hour milkings
Average 52 hours per week with overtime paid.

Production:

The farms production goal is 410,000 kg/MS

Photos





Map

