

## Job Information Pack

### Position Summary

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<b>Property Name:</b>	Kiwitahi
<b>Property Summary:</b>	This family owned farming business is based just 10 minutes from central Taupo. In total the property is 1400ha, with 1200ha for the sheep and beef part of the farming business and 180ha as part of the dairy platform. These two farming identities are separately run.
<b>Job Title:</b>	Shepherd
<b>Position Overview:</b>	<p>Reporting to the Farm Manager, you will have the opportunity to build your existing skill-base. You will gain exposure to a first class stud operation, acquiring valuable experience and opening doors for future prospects in the industry.</p> <p>The role comprises 85% stock work with the remainder being general duties; you will only require two or three dogs.</p> <p>Your duties will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stock work such as mustering, yard work, drenching, lambing beat, calving and some basic stud recording work</li><li>• Shifting electric fences in winter</li><li>• Some hand piece work (dagging, crutching)</li><li>• Basic fence repairs and trough maintenance</li><li>• Assisting the Stock Manager with any other jobs</li></ul>
<b>Specialist Skills Required:</b>	We are in search of someone dependable who values loyalty and is clearly motivated to learn. Sound numerical skills are essential in this role, as is attention to detail. You must be reliable, honest and diligent.
<b>Duration of Position:</b>	Full-time permanent
<b>Proposed Start Date:</b>	4 weeks from job offer
<b>Accommodation:</b>	Accommodation is a modern, cosy one bedroom cottage
<b>Staff Structure:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Farm Owner</li><li>• Farm Manager</li><li>• Shepherd - TBC</li><li>• Stockman/General – role is mainly tractor work with some stock work</li></ul>

<b>Career Opportunities/Benefits:</b>	To gain an understanding of a stud operation and work within a well organised breeding and finishing operation.
<b>Partner Work Opportunities:</b>	The property is 10 minutes from Taupo where there is work available. There are also dairy work opportunities nearby.

### Lifestyle Information

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<b>Farm Location &amp; Community Information:</b>	1274 Poihipi Road, Taupo. This is about 10 minutes out of Taupo and very close to Kinloch. There are plenty of activities in the surrounding area to keep you occupied in your free time including hunting, fishing and in the winter you aren't too far from the ski fields.
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### Farm Information

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<b>Farm Area (total):</b>	1400ha in total
<b>Farm Area (effective):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1200ha Drystock</li><li>• 180ha Dairy unit</li></ul>
<b>Contour:</b>	Easy rolling with some steeper hill country
<b>Soil Type:</b>	Pumice and Ash
<b>Rainfall:</b>	1600ml
<b>Subdivision (average ha):</b>	The property is well sub-divided with paddocks between 7ha to 15ha, with some larger paddocks.
<b>Fences:</b>	The property is well fenced with both conventional 7 wire post and batten and electrics.
<b>Woolshed &amp; Yards:</b>	There is a 4 stand woolshed, with a night pen capacity of 1200 ewes. There are also four sets of satellite yards including two sets of covered yards.
<b>Other Buildings on Farm:</b>	Hay barn and workshop
<b>Weeds:</b>	They have contractors who spray weeds etc. but there maybe a little bit of weed spraying.
<b>Water:</b>	All paddocks have reticulated water with troughs
<b>Tracks:</b>	The property is well tracked

**Machinery:** | There are machinery operators for tractors

## **Farm Policy & Systems**

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**Stock - Breeds/Number:**

### **Sheep**

- 3000 commercial Romney ewes
- 1000 Romney stud ewes
- Replacement ewe lambs are kept and the rest of lambs are finished on farm

### **Cattle**

- 350 Angus breeding cows
- 150 dairy heifers for grazing
- 100 replacement & finishing beef heifers

**Stock Policy:**

Breeding  Finishing  Stud

**Maternal Policy:**

All ewes to Romney ram

**Terminal Policy:**

No terminal policy

**Mating Dates:**

Between 10th - 20th April

**Lambing Dates:**

Lambing in September

**Calving Dates:**

Beginning of September

**Weaning Dates:**

Wean prior to Christmas, shear lambs straight after Christmas

**Production System**

Semi Intensive

**Animal Health Practices:**

Best Practice at all times

**Cropping Policy:**

Crops of chicory, plantain, clover.  
There are winter crops of Swedes and Kale.

Map

