

Job Information Pack

Position Summary

Property Name:

Colbrae Ltd

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Colbrae Ltd is a family owned farming operation situated under the Ruahine Ranges in the farming district of Ashley Clinton, 1 hour south of Hastings.

This diverse property offers steeper hill country through to intensive flats with sheep breeding & finishing and cattle finishing.

The property boasts excellent infrastructure and is a progressive farming business using a Racewell Auto Drafter and Farmax.

Job Title:

Experienced Shepherd

Position Overview:

The Farm Owners encourage personal development and are looking for an Experienced Shepherd that they can support and nurture through to the next stage of their farming career.

The current employee has been at Colbrae for the last 4 years and the Owners are fully supporting him into a farm leasing opportunity.

This Experienced Shepherd role covers all aspects of farm work from stock work through to general maintenance. You will be keen to learn and progress and be willing to take direction but also have the confidence to make constructive decisions and back yourself.

You will need to be capable of mustering on steep hill country through to the intensive blocks and will need a competent team of 3-4 working dogs.

A strong understanding of R & M fencing both conventional and electric will be required.

Casual staff is employed when needed and there may be times when you will be responsible for organising them.

The Farm Owners use the reporting programme Farmax and you will be encouraged to be involved with this.

You will report directly to the Farm Owner and will work alongside them to organise the day to day running of the property.

Specialist Skills Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stockmanship (handling of stock) • Repairs and Maintenance • Pasture Management • Strong communication skills • Good time management skills • Tidy and organised • Desire to learn and progress
Duration of Position:	Full-time Permanent
Proposed Start Date:	May 2018
Accommodation:	A tidy 3 bedroom cottage, with modern kent fireplace and new carpet.
Staff Structure:	Owner/Employer - Marcus Kynoch Experienced Shepherd – TBC Casual staff – as needed
Career Opportunities/Benefits:	This role provide the opportunity to work for a progressive Farm Owner that is keen to offer further training and help you with career progression. Your thoughts and ideas will be encouraged and responsibility will be given within the role.
Partner Work Opportunities:	The property is located 25 minutes from Waipukurau, 10 minutes from Takapau and 1 hour to Hastings.

Lifestyle Information

Farm Location & Community Information:	Based in the Ashley Clinton district under the Ruahine Ranges. There is a strong local community with some excellent outdoor pursuits. There is a local fire brigade and sporting activities in Takapau, such as tennis. There is hunting and fishing nearby.
Schooling:	Sherwood Primary School Year 1 – Year 8, this is a two teacher school with a bus 5 minutes’ drive from home.

Farm Information

Farm Area (total):	1100ha
Farm Area (effective):	830ha
Contour:	Intensive flats through to extensive steep hill country. The property boundaries the Ruahine Ranges.

Soil Type:	There is a mix of volcanic to free drain ash soils.
Rainfall:	1200ml/year
Subdivision (average ha):	4ha paddocks on the intensive flats through to 10ha-30ha on the hill country.
Fences:	Conventional fencing through to electric both permanent and temporary.
Woolshed & Yards:	In the middle of the farm there is a 4 stand woolshed with a raised board and covered yards that fit up to 1200 ewes.
Other Buildings on Farm:	Implement shed Workshop
Weeds:	Mainly thistles
Water:	10% reticulated 90% Natural springs/creeks with some dams
Tracks:	There is a range of tracks; there is a good main track and a laneway through the property.
Machinery:	4 Wheelers 90Hp tractor

Farm Policy & Systems

Stock - Breeds/Number:	<p><u>Sheep</u> Kelso Romney cross 2600 ewes 800 hoggets</p> <p><u>Cattle</u> 300 steers buy in as yearlings at 300kg, sold at 580-600kg 200 Friesian bulls buy in at 100kg, sold at 400kg Plus dairy grazing as feed covers dictate.</p> <p>As of the 1st of May 2018 they are changing the farming policy phasing out the bulls and replacing them with Dairy Heifers.</p>
Stock Policy:	Breeding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maternal Policy:	Romney rams
Terminal Policy:	Black faced Suffolk rams
Mating Dates:	25 th April 5 th May

Lambing Dates:

1st October
10th October

Weaning Dates:

Weaning around 20th January

Production System

Intensive Semi Intensive Extensive
Conventional

Animal Health Practices:

We have an animal health plan with the local vet club.

Cropping Policy:

Winter crops
20ha of kale for cattle
20ha of swedes for ewes

Photos





Map

