

Job Information Pack

Position Summary

Property Name:	Knobloch Farming Limited
Property Summary:	<p>Knobloch Farming Limited is a family owned business located 20 minutes east of Waipawa. It is based on four farms that are run as one unit.</p> <p>It is a semi-intensive sheep, beef and deer farming operation with both breeding and finishing.</p> <p>They also run a feedlot to finish their bulls through June to October.</p>
Job Title:	Senior Shepherd
Position Overview:	<p>This role is based at one end of the property and will require you to have good stock management and handling skills. An understanding of finishing stock, pasture management and weight gains would be advantageous in this role.</p> <p>You will be involved in all aspects of the stock work both in the breeding and finishing and working in the larger team environment. From June through to October you will be required to help out at times at the feedlot, two hours in the morning and afternoon and potentially some weekend work.</p>
Specialist Skills Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pasture Management• Stockmanship (handling of stock)• Finishing Skills• Understanding of FarmIQ (beneficial but not essential, the appointee will be trained with this)
Duration of Position:	Full-time Permanent
Proposed Start Date:	4 weeks from job offer
Accommodation:	Tidy warm three bedroom home with two Kent fireplaces and a heat transfer system. There are two additional rooms that could be used for additional bedrooms or an office.
Staff Structure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farm Manager – Stuart McDougal• 2IC – Nathan Usherwood• Senior Shepherd – TBC• Shepherd• General Hand
Career Opportunities/Benefits:	The role provides the opportunity to work within a strong team environment and as you get a better understanding of the role you will be given further responsibility.
Partner Work Opportunities:	There may be some casual work during the busy periods. The house is located 10 minutes from Waipawa, 15 minutes from Waipukurau

| and 40 minutes from Hastings.

Lifestyle Information

Farm Location & Community Information:	The farm is located in the Omakere district, 25 minutes from Purerere Beach.
Schooling:	There is a primary school bus at the gate to Waipawa Primary school which is an excellent school. There is also a bus to Central Hawke's Bay College at the gate as a high schooling option.

Farm Information

Farm Area (total):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2270ha • 5600ac
Farm Area (effective):	2016ha effective
Contour:	Flat to easy rolling with a couple of steeper paddocks.
Soil Type:	Papa and heavy clay
Rainfall:	896ml on average over the last six years.
Subdivision (average ha):	Over the last six years there has been a lot of development with fencing and sub-division.
Fences:	Mainly conventional with some 8 wire with 2 wire electrics with no battens.
Woolshed & Yards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three woolsheds with covered yards • There is also a dagging shed at the Flemings Block • Total of 7 sets of sheep yards including satellite yards • 3 sets of cattle yards
Other Buildings on Farm:	There is a three bay implement shed with workshop at Titoki. At Fleming block there is a 3 bay shed.
Weeds:	Controlled with Contractors – mainly thistles.
Water:	Large proportion of farm is reticulated and they also use dams and natural water.
Tracks:	Reasonably well tracked with laneways.
Machinery:	Contractors are used for Ag work. There is a small amount of tractor driving to complete general tasks i.e. shingle around water troughs. There is a very large tractor at the feedlot.

Farm Policy & Systems

Stock - Breeds/Number:

Sheep:

- 7,000 MA Romney Ewes
- 2,500 2th
- Replacement Ewe Lambs
- All Ram Lambs and additional Ewe Lambs are finished

Cows:

- 160 Breeding Cows – Angus/Angus Hereford cross
- 400 Bulls
- 120 Steers
- 300 Weaner Bulls

Stock Policy:

Breeding Finishing All stock is finished on farm

Maternal Policy:

Romney rams are out for 20 days then a terminal Suffolk Texel ram is harnessed and put out for another 20 days.

Terminal Policy:

2000 ewes are put over a Suffolk Texel terminal sire

Mating Dates:

- Early ewes – 2nd March
- MA ewes – 1st April
- 2th – 6th April

Lambing Dates:

- Early ewes – early August
- Rest lambed during September

Calving Dates

Mid-September

Weaning Dates:

- Pick the early lambs off mum and usually getting between 50-70% off mum.
- Rest of the lambs are weaned.
- Male lambs go to the finishing block at Fleming Road.

Production System

Semi Intensive

Animal Health Practices:

Best Practice. Work closely with the vet.

Cropping Policy:

- 30ha Squash
- 20ha Maize for silage for feedlot
- 30 – 50ha summer crop pasture development programme

Photos



Map

