

Job Information Pack

Position Summary

Property Name:	Tunnel Hill
Business Summary:	<p>Tunnel Hill is a 1005ha property located in an idyllic coastal community 20 minutes from Wanganui. Continued growth in the off-farm business model of procuring and marketing high quality lamb has increased the demand on the Owner's time, driving the decision to lift the current job specification to a trainee management level.</p> <p>This stunning inter-generational property is a credit to the family's vision and their continuous improvement philosophy. The main enterprises are Sheep, Beef, Forestry and Maize.</p> <p>Tunnel Hill has been fencing off erosion prone sand dunes and planting them in pine trees. To date they have planted 198 ha's. The trees provide shelter and shade for the livestock, in addition to the soil stabilisation benefits.</p>
Job Title:	Trainee Farm Manager
Position Overview:	<p>This fully operational role will be supported by the Owners allowing you to transition into the management of the sheep and beef operation.</p> <p>Other key components of this role will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stock Management & Animal Health• Pasture & feed management• People management• Health & Safety• Farm fencing/repairs/maintenance
Specialist Skills Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excellent stockmanship skills• Excellent fencing and handpiece skills• Excellent communication and relationship skills• Excellent time-management skills• Record keeping capability• People mentoring skills• Sound repair and maintenance skills• A high level of personal pride and presentation• Attention to detail• Planning and organisation skills• Computer skills (Excel and Word)

Duration of Position:	Full-time Permanent
Proposed Start Date:	ASAP
Accommodation:	A 3 bedroom house with a full complement of enclosed farm yard sheds and buildings.
Current Staff Structure:	Owners Trainee Farm Manager – TBC Experienced Casual On call Casual/Maintenance person In the Owners absence a Mentor/Support Person is available
Career Opportunities/Benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career growth through transition to management competency level • Ability to grow the role to full responsibility • System development opportunity
Partner Work Opportunities:	Dependant on skill level, commutable distance to town.

Lifestyle Information

Farm Location & Community Information:	<p>Tunnel Hill is a coastal property in the Rangitikei region located at Beach Road, Turakina.</p> <p>The farm is only 20 minutes' drive to Wanganui.</p> <p>Sea fishing at Turakina Beach is located 3km from the farm gate.</p>
Schooling:	<p>There is a small rural school 6km down the road in Turakina for Year 1-8.</p> <p>A bus to secondary schools leaves from the village.</p> <p>There is a range of Primary and High School options in Wanganui (25 minute drive).</p>

Farm Information

Farm Area (total):	1005ha
Farm Area (effective):	1005ha 250ha Forestry
Contour:	Flat - Rolling

Soil Type:	A mixture of sand, clay and river silt
Rainfall:	1096mm
Subdivision (average ha):	Wide range (5-60ha)
Fences:	7 Wire fencing Around the trees – 2 barb, 4 plain
Woolshed & Yards:	Woolshed and cattle yards (x2) all in very tidy condition
Other Buildings on Farm:	Workshop
Weeds:	Gorse and thistle
Water:	Water holes in sand Reticulated – 100 troughs, bore
Tracks:	Excellent lanes
Machinery:	Four wheelers x 3 100 HP Tractor Mower Direct drill Landcruiser – spraying /docking Bale feeder

Farm Policy & Systems

Stock - Breeds/Number:	350 Angus Cows x over Hereford bull 3200 ewes
Stock Policy:	Property currently runs 3200 ewes and lambing starts in June. The warm coastal location and free draining soils create the perfect environment for early lambing. 350 Angus cows are mated to Hereford bulls, with all calves sold as weaners. Brewer Farms, one of the families supplying Coastal Spring Lamb have purchased the annual draft of weaner steers since 1996. The weaner heifers are purchased for breeding by Waipaoa Station in Gisborne. Tunnel Hill in turn purchases their replacement heifers from Te Mania Angus Stud in the South Island.
Maternal Policy:	3200 Romney ewes mated to Poll Dorset rams

Terminal Policy:	Poll Dorset
Mating Dates:	2000 ewes mated 15 th January, balance 1 st March
Lambing Dates:	Lambing starts in June
Calving Dates:	July
Weaning Dates:	Lambs weaned at 75 days
Animal Health Practices:	Best practice
Cropping Policy:	<p>The property grows 150 ha's of maize grain on a mix of sand and alluvial soils. The sand area is irrigated by a centre pivot. Just over 2000 tons of maize grain is produced annually, which is used in the dairy and poultry sectors.</p> <p>Tunnel Hill won the Pioneer Manawatu/Rangitikei Maize Grain Competition in 2011 with a yield of 19.19 tons per hectare.</p>
Irrigation Systems:	Centre Pivot over 60ha of Maize

Photos





Map

