

"Making the DIFFerence"

DEER INDUSTRY FOCUS FARMS PROJECT

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South Canterbury / North Otago – WHITEROCK STATION

Next Field Day:
WHITEROCK STATION
WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 12.30PM
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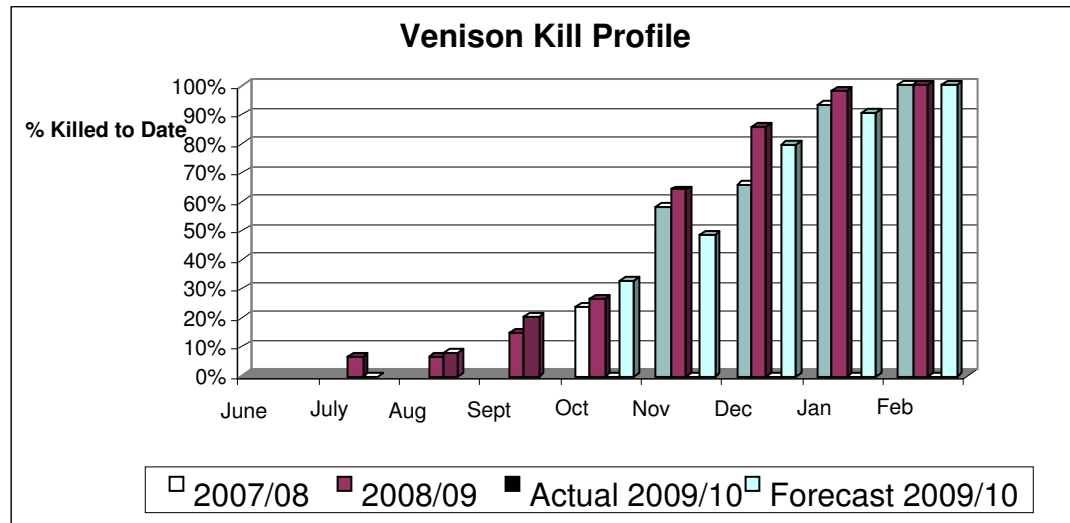
August Summary:

	Actual	Av.	Last Year		Actual	Last Month	Last Year	
MONTHLY RAINFALL	89	53	78	PASTURE COVER	1200	1100	1100	
RAINFALL TO DATE	594	459	486	PASTURE GROWTH	3	0	5	
				AVERAGE SOIL TEMP	5°C			
Aug-09	STOCK NUMBERS & FEED DEMAND (Month End)			MINIMUM FEED COVER		STOCK COMMENTS	STOCK WEIGHTS	
	No.	kgDM/hd	TOTAL	kgDM/ha	cm/ha		Weight kgLW	LWG gms/day
Br Hinds to Wap Stag	550	2.5	1375	1200	3.5	Back from Gorge Blk now on Kale + Silage		
Br Hinds to Red Stag	310	2.5	775	1200	3.5	On Hill Block + Silage		
R2 Hinds to Spikers	200	2.5	500	1200	3.5	On Rape + Silage		
Total IC Hinds	1060							
Red Weaner Hinds	240	1.5	360	1200	3.5	On Kale/balage		
Red Weaner Stags	240	1.5	360	1200	3.5	On Kale/balage		
Wap X Wnr Stags	201	1.8	362	1200	3.5	On Kale/balage + 200gms barley		160gms/day
Wap X Wnr Hinds	189	1.8	340	1200	3.5	On Kale/balage + 200gms barley		
R3 East Stags (AI)	11	4	44	1200	3.5	On grass rotation + grain- Pdks		
Sire Stags	40	4	160	1200	3.5	In Paddocks		
MA & R3 Heifers	252	8	2016	1500	5	On Hill in v good condition		
R2 Heifers	58	8	464	1500	5	On Grass + Silage		
R1 Heifers	72	6	432	1200	3.5	On Kale + Straw		
R1 Steers	130	6	780	1000	2.5	On Kale + Straw		
Sire Bulls	6	10	60	1000	2.5	In Pdks		
TOTAL			8028					
FEED DEMAND (Actual kgDM/ha/day)		0.2		Pdks	0.3	Hill	Most on Winter Feed	
FORECAST PASTURE GROWTH		15.0		Pdks	2.0	Hill		
Kilograms Liveweight/Ha		305						

- There is water seeping out of most corners of Whiterock this month. The warm August and thaw, Nor West rain on top of excellent soil moisture has all contributed. It really is looking very positive for good spring growth.



- Final discussions and planning for next years winter feed crops, new grass, cereal silage, summer rape has now been put in place. We continue to consider Lucerne in the mix which will be discussed in more detail at our next field day.
- Ross and Sally have just weighed weaners and have another 80 to go – these weaners have come straight off winter feed crops. The kill profile to date and expected is as follows:



- As of September Whiterock as finished 20% or 130hd of weaners. This is slightly higher than last years 15% - significant given that we have on hand an additional 70hd of weaners on the same finishing area.

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

**WHITEROCK STATION FOCUS FARM FIELD DAY
from 12.30pm SHARP**

BYO lunch prior to field day

12.30pm Deer Nutrition & Performance Dr Glenn Judson, Nutritionist, Agricom

1.00pm Property Tour
 Weaner Performance
 Spring Ag Program & Dryland Options Rebecca Rose, PGGWrightson
 Fodder Beet Management Allister Moorehead, Agricom

3.00pm Afternoon Tea
3.30pm Woolshed Presentation:
 Z Tags & Gallagher's RFID Demonstration

4.30pm Finish Refreshments kindly provided by South Canterbury Toyota

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