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Stagline Online is a monthly newsletter for members of the NZ Deer Farmers' Association

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Farming has always and will always be a challenge, but lately I think I must have really upset the universe in some way. From drought to pandemics, the world has been turned upside down over night and when looking at what is happening around the globe it is hard to imagine that it can get any worse. Our butcher shop is out our back door in what is running around the paddocks and I was lucky enough to have two young R2 hinds that missed the truck, so we have been dining on venison bacon, salami and steak.

Sitting where we are at the bottom of the world, it is hard to appreciate that there has been rationing of meat products in America through distribution problems and the inability to supply consumers in need. It is very frustrating, but also understandable as a producer of a fantastic product like venison to see the market end up where it has. But wait, there is light at the end of the tunnel with the recent announcement that we will be able to once again export venison into China which accounts for 10% of venison exports. Another example of a positive venison market is Singapore with a 125% increase in April exports compared to 2019. For the latest and most up to date news on what is happening in the market go online to the [DINZ website \(http://www.deernz.org\)](http://www.deernz.org), it is a great source of information.

With the recent release of the New Zealand Fresh Water policy, it will be very interesting to see what the future will bring and it is worth remembering that the new rules will be a minimum and that some councils may already have standards above those proposed. The good news is that some farmers are already working at or above the standards so for most there may be very little change and the devil will be in the detail. My only hope is that common sense will prevail with compliance and that we avoid any more complex regulation's that will hinder any form of recovery. Through our own experiences with resource consents, I don't believe that we have the experts available to cope with a big change in compliance and at the last public meeting held with our council we were informed that any future vineyard developments would require a resource consent. It is scary to imagine that could ever happen if you wanted to change from running less sheep to other forms of livestock.

While we have had nearly 100mm of rain in the past 2 weeks, many other parts of the country are still very dry, which will make for a challenging winter. We have been feeding out since March and face another 10 weeks with minimal growth. We have yet to see a lot of growth in our winter crops of which we had planted twice as many acres as normal due to the dry spell. If you want a recipe for breaking the drought, just promise and start that landscaping job around the house for your loved one and you will be surrounded in mud in no time.

Stay warm and safe over winter.

Justin Stevens

NZDFA Executive Committee

IMAGE OF NZ GROWS IN SOUTH KOREA

New Zealand's image in South Korea appears to be benefiting from our country's response to Covid-19, says DINZ marketing manager Rhys Griffiths.

He – along with DINZ science & policy manager Catharine Sayer and environmental stewardship manager Lindsay Fung – had a series of on-line meetings during April and May with marketers of NZ velvet in Korea.

Most food companies in Korea are reporting growing sales through online and home shopping channels, particularly of food and beverage products. This somewhat offsets a reduction in sales through brick-and-mortar stores. There were also positive comments about sales of products with immune function attributes (and how this might relate to velvet).

"Generally there are positive signals coming from Korea that give us some comfort as we work our way through these challenging times, though I must emphasise that there is still a lot of work ahead of us. Along with a great deal of uncertainty," Rhys says.



DINZ staff during a live Q&A session with Korean buyers (and marketers) of NZ velvet

CHINA RE-OPENS FOR NZ VENISON EXPORTS

A catalogue of approved animal species for human consumption has been issued by the Peoples Republic of China. It includes venison from farmed malú – the Chinese name for red deer – along with more traditional farm animals and poultry.

Deer Industry NZ (DINZ) chief executive Innes Moffat says the inclusion of our deer is great news for venison producers and marketers, as it will make it clear to officials across China that the sale and consumption of our venison is legal and safe for Chinese consumers.

“Chinese consumers have a growing appreciation for quality animal proteins, making China an increasingly important market for our venison. It was taking about 10 per cent of our exports until the end of 2019,” he says.

“When it became clear that the Covid-19 virus had jumped the species barrier from wild animals, China clamped-down on illegal sales of wild animal meat. Although our venison comes from farmed deer, this put a virtual halt to our exports there. Given that deer are still widely seen as wild animals, it’s easy to see how some regional and border officials might have become uncertain about the legality of our farmed venison.”

Moffat thanks officials in China’s Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs for being so responsive to the industry’s requests for the status of NZ farmed venison to be clarified.

“The news is really very timely. China has seen a dramatic slowing of the incidence of Covid-19, to the point where Wuhan, the source of the pandemic, is reporting no new cases. Restaurants in many regions are reopening, but with social distancing. It’s a good time for us to be selling our delicious venison there,” he says.



“Restaurants in some of our other main markets are also reopening before they have fully eliminated Covid. How consumers will respond to this situation is unclear; which means there is less certainty about when trade will recover to previous levels.”

China’s official catalogue of animals approved for human consumption names three deer species – malu (*Cervus elaphus*), sika and reindeer. In its *Journal of Livestock and Genetic Resources*, venison from NZ malu is the only imported red deer variety listed.

Importantly, says Moffat, deer are being treated by China the same as other livestock raised for meat. Some other species are permitted to be used only for traditional Chinese medicines, or for only for their fur, with their use as food prohibited.

For more information, please phone Innes Moffat, Tel 021 465 121

Photo: Two venison dishes created by Chinese chefs as part of a programme by DINZ to encourage more use of New Zealand venison in Chinese cuisine.

DEER INDUSTRY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATES!

A series of on-line presentations will be held in June in place of the annual Deer Industry Conference. The DINZ Executive team will report via live video online on activity for the year in short sharp 10 minute presentations with 10 minutes for Q&A and will be run on with Sarah Perriam as MC. Each session will be about an hour long and we will hold them mid-day on 23rd and 30th June and 7th July.

The presentations and discussions will also be recorded and hosted on the DINZ website for viewing at any time.

[More information to come >> \(https://www.deernz.org/events?page=1\)](https://www.deernz.org/events?page=1)

FRESH WATER POLICIES – BETTER, BUT STILL SOME ISSUES



The government's freshwater policy decisions give us more certainty about what we need to do on our farms to comply with the revised national freshwater quality standard and new regulations.

As an industry we have supported the need for farm environment plans, so making them mandatory should not be a burden, so long as the proposed farm plans address actual environmental risks and auditing reflects deer farming knowledge and understanding of deer behaviours.

We support the principle of higher freshwater standards, but we are very cautious about adding layers of bureaucracy and additional costs on deer farmers. Also there is very little expertise outside our industry about the most effective ways to minimise the impacts of deer on the environment.

The government deserves credit for listening to farmer feedback on its freshwater discussion document and for withdrawing or amending some of its more extreme proposals. The stock waterway exclusion rules are now generally focussed on intensity of land use, which will be a relief for many of you running low-intensity operations in the hills.

However, there will be issues for some beef and deer farmers who have low intensity grazing operations, particularly on tussock-covered flats in some the South Island high country. Also in some high rainfall regions, especially on the West Coast, where low-slope paddocks are criss-crossed with creeks.

Fencing all streams in these situations is unaffordable, impractical and will have very little environmental benefit.

Most of our deer farms are on hill country, in areas where winter forage cropping is practised, many of us will be required to apply for a resource consent for cropping paddocks that have a 10 degree or greater slope. We will be looking more closely at the implications of this when the government makes more information available.

As deer farmers we have been pioneers in good environmental practice and there is a good understanding within our industry of how to minimise the impact of deer during winter feeding. We are also into year 3 of a five year study into the impact of deer on water quality in hill and high country grazing situations, so we will have good data to further refine decision-making.

The summary document and guide for sheep, beef and deer farmers are useful to get a start. These are attached below, but we look forward to seeing the detail of the new National Environmental Standards for Freshwater and National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

As with all legislation, the devil will be in the detail. Our objectives are quite clear – to help the deer industry play its part along with all New Zealanders, in improving freshwater quality, while making sure that regulations achieve their desired purpose without imposing unnecessary costs or compliance hassles on farmers.

Best regards,

Ian Walker

Chair, Deer Industry New Zealand

https://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/fresh-water/decision-national-direction-freshwater-glance-summary_ (<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/fresh-water/decision-national-direction-freshwater-glance-summary>)

<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/fresh-water/action-healthy-waterways-information-sheep-beef-and-deer-farmers>

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COVID-19 HELPS TO INCREASE POSITIVITY TOWARDS FARMERS

Covid-19 appears to be having a positive impact on New Zealanders views of pastoral farmers

Close to three-fifths (63%) of New Zealanders hold a positive view of sheep and beef farming this is a significant increase of 9% compared to just eight months ago. Dairy farmers also enjoyed a similar increase in positive support now at 60% positive up from 51%.

Horticulture continues to receive the highest positive rating of 65%. Ratings for fisheries just clicked over into majority positive territory at 53% up from 47% in August 2019.

The main reasons New Zealanders gave for feeling more positively disposed towards these food-producing industries included:

- Efficient and high-quality producers of food for New Zealanders and the world
- Being an essential industry to New Zealand
- Good for the New Zealand Economy as they provide exports and jobs, and
- Farmers worked through and will help us through COVID-19.

Marc Elliott, Director of Rural Research at UMR said, "The research appeared to show that in a time of crisis New Zealanders are more clearly seeing the critical importance of their food-producing sectors."

"This should be a small shot in the arm for pastoral farmers who are facing droughts, along with looming regulations and long-term uncertainty in the markets".

"I keep hearing from farmers that one of their main challenges is negative public perception. While there are pockets of hostility towards our farmers, there is also a growing wave of warmth."

"When times are good critical aspects of our economy can be taken for granted, however in the current crisis our food producers appear to be receiving the extra credit they deserve".

For more information, please contact Marc Elliott (Director of Rural Research UMR Research) 0275437165

[Click here to view the Opinion of Primary Industries >> \(/sites/dinz/files/2020-04%20Opinion%20of%20Primary%20industries.pdf\)](/sites/dinz/files/2020-04%20Opinion%20of%20Primary%20industries.pdf)

DEER INDUSTRY PHOTO COMPETITION CLOSING SOON!

It's time to get snapping again! Gather up those great shots you have buried or head out on the farm with your camera and enter the 2020 MSD Animal Health Deer Industry Photo Competition.



(<http://www.msd-animal-health.co.nz/>) DEADLINE: THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES INTO THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION IS NOW EXTENDED TO TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2020 AT 12:00PM

There are some great prizes on offer, including;

- \$500 cash prize for the overall winner

- Category winner cash prizes
- Premium wine gift pack for "People's choice" award photographs.
- Framed photos of winning

Like last year, it will be just as easy to enter - no need to print and post your photos. [Click here to find out how to enter and to download the entry form >> \(https://www.deernz.org/media/deer-industry-competitions/deer-industry-photo-competition#.Xtml3G5uKhc\)](https://www.deernz.org/media/deer-industry-competitions/deer-industry-photo-competition#.Xtml3G5uKhc)

Due to the postponement of the industry conference, winners will now be announced on the Deer Industry website and via our social media channels.

FROM THE NVSB

Now that we have more freedom to move under the Covid-19 restrictions this is a reminder to all velvetters to get their end of seasons returns back to their veterinarians for reconciliation, signing off and the storing of all unused velvetting drugs. The NVSB certainly appreciates, that many velvetters have already completed these requirements.

The NVSB advise that due to unforeseen circumstance compounded by Covid-19 that the introduction of new electronic velvet ID tags has been delayed until the 2021/2022 velvet season. They advise that the same "Blue" wristband type ID tags will be used for the forthcoming season. All requirements around the use of these tags remain the same as the previous season.

Have you had an RCS audit of your velvetting facilities?

If the answer is yes, and you have a "passed" result then well done. If the answer is yes but you have "awaiting actions" then you need to have this work completed by the agreed time frame signed off with your auditor. Once this work has been completed you need to verify this with your auditor who will then, if satisfied, sign you off as "passed"

If you have not yet had an RCS audit and you haven't had notification from either the NVSB or an auditor, and you still wish to be able to sell velvet from your facilities then please contact Pam MacLeman pam.macleman@deernz.org (<mailto:pam.macleman@deernz.org>) or John Tacon john.tacon@deernz.org (<mailto:john.tacon@deernz.org>).

NB Very important - If your facilities have not been signed off by the beginning of this coming velvet season, then you cannot legally sell velvet into the export food chain. Your facilities must show a "passed" status. If the facilities are not "passed" then it is also illegal to sign a VSD. The only exception will be those facilities that the NVSB has officially listed as still waiting for an audit.

Velvet buyers are very aware of all requirements under the RCS and will refuse to buy or uplift velvet from non-approved facilities this coming season.

MPI compliance officers will be checking velvet consignments at RMP premises during the season to ensure all requirements are being met.

NEW RULES FOR TRANSPORTING CATTLE AND DEER

WHAT IS CHANGING?

From June 14, it will become an offence to transport an untagged animal - except for animals that have an [unsafe to tag exemption](https://ospri.co.nz/our-programmes/nait/nait-requirements/farmers-and-livestock-owners/tag-and-register-animals/animals-unsafe-to-tag/#https://ospri.co.nz/our-programmes/nait/nait-requirements/farmers-and-livestock-owners/tag-and-register-animals/animals-unsafe-to-tag/). (<https://ospri.co.nz/our-programmes/nait/nait-requirements/farmers-and-livestock-owners/tag-and-register-animals/animals-unsafe-to-tag/#https://ospri.co.nz/our-programmes/nait/nait-requirements/farmers-and-livestock-owners/tag-and-register-animals/animals-unsafe-to-tag/>)

The offence does not apply to a transport operator carrying a paper or eASD declaration from the farmer that the animals being moved are tagged and registered in NAIT.

All farmers moving animals off-farm should be prepared to provide their transport operator with a paper or eASD declaration that animals are NAIT compliant.

To avoid delays, OSPRI advises farmers to:

- Check all animals are tagged and registered in NAIT
- Declare any unsafe to tag animals in NAIT and ensure the animals are clearly marked
- Fill in the declaration (paper or eASD) ready for your transporter to collect

HOW DO I REQUEST A TRANSPORTER DECLARATION FORM?

You can request a [book of ASD forms online here \(https://ospri.co.nz/our-programmes/tbfree/tbfree-requirements/asd-form/#https://ospri.co.nz/our-programmes/tbfree/tbfree-requirements/asd-form/\)](https://ospri.co.nz/our-programmes/tbfree/tbfree-requirements/asd-form/#https://ospri.co.nz/our-programmes/tbfree/tbfree-requirements/asd-form/) or call OSPRI 0800 482 463.

You can also request the Declaration to Livestock Transporters (DLT) forms if you're still using old ASD books. [Click here for an editable DLT form.](https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/J1387%20NAIT%20declaration%20form%20FA_web%20interactive.pdf)

[\(https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/J1387%20NAIT%20declaration%20form%20FA_web%20interactive.pdf\)](https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/J1387%20NAIT%20declaration%20form%20FA_web%20interactive.pdf)

The livestock transporter declaration will be included on the bottom of new ASD forms and can also be completed in the eASD application.

CAN I EMAIL MY ASD DECLARATION FORM TO MY TRANSPORTER?

You can fill out an [editable online ASD form \(https://ospri.co.nz/assets/Uploads/J1438-OSPRI-ASD-Form-March-2020-Web-Interactive-01.pdf\)](https://ospri.co.nz/assets/Uploads/J1438-OSPRI-ASD-Form-March-2020-Web-Interactive-01.pdf). This must be sent or emailed to your transporter in advance of the animals leaving your farm. Remember you must keep copies of all ASD forms that are sent or emailed.

WHY IS THIS NECESSARY NOW?

This law has been introduced to reduce the number of untagged animals being moved without any accountability. It also aims to drive incentives for the tagging and registering of animals.

WHAT ABOUT THE LIVESTOCK TRANSPORTERS?

The transporters are united on the new legislation following extensive consultation throughout the country with members and farmers. The universal advice is not to transport animals unless they receive a completed paper ASD or eASD declaration from the farmer.

[Rural Transport Forum CEO Nick Leggett discusses the new legislation here in a recent NZME interview >> \(https://ospri.co.nz/assets/Uploads/050520-RD-EE-NAIT-Nick-Leggett2.mp3\)](https://ospri.co.nz/assets/Uploads/050520-RD-EE-NAIT-Nick-Leggett2.mp3)

[NAIT Act amendments - Farmer Q & A >> \(/sites/dinz/files/NAIT%20Act%20amendments%20-%20farmer%20Q%26A_0.pdf\)](/sites/dinz/files/NAIT%20Act%20amendments%20-%20farmer%20Q%26A_0.pdf)

[NAIT declaration form >>](/sites/dinz/files/J1387%20NAIT%20declaration%20form%20FA_web%20interactive.pdf)

[\(/sites/dinz/files/J1387%20NAIT%20declaration%20form%20FA_web%20interactive.pdf\)](/sites/dinz/files/J1387%20NAIT%20declaration%20form%20FA_web%20interactive.pdf)

[Advisory - Preparation for PICA declaration >>](/sites/dinz/files/Advisory%20May%202020.%20Preparaton%20for%20PICA%20declaration.pdf)

[\(/sites/dinz/files/Advisory%20May%202020.%20Preparaton%20for%20PICA%20declaration.pdf\)](/sites/dinz/files/Advisory%20May%202020.%20Preparaton%20for%20PICA%20declaration.pdf)

[Animal Status Declaration >> \(/sites/dinz/files/Animal-Status-Declaration-editable-pdf.pdf\)](/sites/dinz/files/Animal-Status-Declaration-editable-pdf.pdf)

[Livestock transporters: Prepare for introduction on PICA declaration >>](/sites/dinz/files/ATTENTION%20livestock%20transporters-%20Prepare%20for%20introduction%20on%20PICA%20declarationv4.pdf)

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GOOD WINTER GRAZING PRACTICE URGED AS COLD WEATHER CLOSES IN

The Winter Grazing Action Group says farmers are taking steps to improve wintering systems despite the challenges of COVID-19 restrictions and weather events.

Action group chair Dr Lindsay Burton said it was important everyone worked together to ensure farmers had the right tools to get through winter.

"Ensuring you follow a gradual transition plan when moving your animals from pasture to crop and back again will help prevent issues. This is particularly important for cattle wintered on fodderbeet," says Dr Burton.

"For farmers, the focus heading into winter should be on providing the right feed at the right time, as well as shelter and easy access to drinking water. Doing this should have the flow-on effect of limiting stock movement and help reduce damage to crop and soil."

Farmers and rural professionals should refer to the levy organisations websites – Beef+LambNZ, DairyNZ and Deer Industry NZ. They have advice on good winter grazing practices and specific recommendations for transitioning stock onto crop and balancing the diet which differs between the species.

During the lockdown period, Dr Burton says the action group has remained committed to progressing its work to improve wintering practices, meeting virtually to keep up the momentum.

"We recognise the good work that has already been done by farmers throughout New Zealand but particularly in Southland, to improve their wintering systems. The fact that everyone has been so proactive, in spite of the challenges they have faced with adverse weather events and COVID-19 restrictions, should be applauded."

Following a nationwide anti-grazing campaign which highlighted some Southland cows standing in mud, Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor set up a taskforce which undertook a review of current practices and made 11 recommendations to be taken forward by the pan-sector Winter Grazing Action Group.

The 11 recommendations – Government media release (<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/changes-recommended-winter-grazing-practices>)

The recommendations, which included some work to understand and mitigate the causes of the animal welfare consequences from intensive winter grazing practices; and work to recognise the barriers to adopting improved animal welfare practices, have been taken up by the action group with gusto, taskforce chair Dr John Hellström says.

"Improving winter grazing systems is not something that can be achieved overnight but the action group is on the right track and I'm confident that the recommendations the taskforce made are being progressed to ensure improvements for this winter and beyond."

The action group is focused on educating farmers on careful management when introducing stock to new feed types and ensuring contingency plans are in place to manage any severe or prolonged wet winter weather.

In the short-term, Burton says there are actions farmers can take now to ensure the immediate welfare of their animals, including making appropriate shelter available when needed as well as suitable areas for stock to lie down.

"That could be as simple as planning to graze the best-sheltered paddock last and keeping it 'up your sleeve' for a weather event.

"Changing practice will take a long time; this is not a one-winter solution but we will keep working with farmers and sector leaders to improve things now and in the future."

To view the full press release, please click here >> (<https://www.agriculture.govt.nz/news-and-resources/media-releases/good-winter-grazing-practices-urged-as-cold-weather-closes-in/>)

To read information about Winter grazing and mud, please click here >> (<https://www.agriculture.govt.nz/protection-and-response/animal-welfare/safeguarding-programme/winter-grazing-and-mud/>)

Deer Fact: Fodder Crop for Winter Feed >> (https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_WinterFodderCrops_Web.pdf)

Intensive winter feeding - Minimising the environmental risk >> (https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_IntensiveWinterFeeding_V8_Web.pdf)

Safer Farms - Winter 2020 edition >> ([/sites/dinz/files/Safer%20Farms%20-%20Winter%202020.pdf](https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/Safer%20Farms%20-%20Winter%202020.pdf))

OSPRI UPDATE



More deer farmers join risk based TB testing programme

OSPRI is expanding its risk-based approach to TB surveillance for deer in three areas – Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Southland. This means no more on-farm TB testing of deer but increased vigilance at slaughter. Risk-based testing (RBT) was introduced in a pilot programme in 2019 for selected deer herds in four low-risk areas; Northland, Auckland,

Taranaki and Gisborne. The wider roll-out of RBT will be considered from 2021 after an evaluation of the programme. The answers to the most frequently asked questions are here (<https://ospri.co.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/20200219-RBT-Deer-FAQs.pdf>).

Working with 'unsafe-to-tag' animals

Farmers dealing with aggressive animals that present a risk to people handling them can regard them as 'unsafe to tag' (UTT) for NAIT purposes.

- The deer must only be moved to a meat processor
- The person in charge of the animal must record a UTT movement in NAIT before the deer is sent

- The deer must be clearly marked so it can be identified by the meat processor or inspectors – a spray mark on the back of the deer is recommended
- UTT animals are subject to a \$13 levy (excl. GST) per head, collected by the meat processor.

For more information have a look at the [UTT webpage >> \(http://ospri.co.nz/our-programmes/nait/nait-requirements/farmers-and-livestock-owners/tag-and-register-animals/animals-unsafe-to-tag/\)](http://ospri.co.nz/our-programmes/nait/nait-requirements/farmers-and-livestock-owners/tag-and-register-animals/animals-unsafe-to-tag/)

Deer farmer sets benchmark for NAIT

For a great example of meeting your NAIT obligations, watch Justin Stevens of Marlborough [on this OSPRI video \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NL3gVtKoTJE&feature=youtu.be\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NL3gVtKoTJE&feature=youtu.be) and see how he uses NAIT for farm management.

NAIT TAGS FAILING?



Deer farmers often report that NAIT tags they purchase don't last the distance, which is rightly annoying given the replacement cost and the need to follow the replacement process to retain lifetime traceability. The good news is that OSPRI is listening and has a range of powers at its disposal to ensure that approved tags are fit for purpose. Not only is OSPRI commissioning research into what causes tags to fail, it wants to collect data on tag issues so that it can monitor the performance of approved tags and revoke approvals if particular tags consistently don't come up to scratch.

While farmers are always entitled under consumer law to take back non-performing batches to the retailer, to get better industry-wide visibility of the issue, DINZ urges you to report problems through the OSPRI process.

REPORTING PROBLEMS

To alert OSPRI of tag issues:

- Go to [ospri.co.nz/report-tags \(http://ospri.co.nz/report-tags\)](http://ospri.co.nz/report-tags). Provide the specific tag numbers and ideally upload an image/s of the defective or unreadable tag/s; OR
- Call the OSPRI Contact Centre on 0800 482 463 with the tag information.

FOLLOW-UP ACTION

- OSPRI will send a report to the tag manufacturer or distributor who must respond directly to you within 72 hours and take all reasonable steps to resolve the issue.
- If the tag manufacturer/distributor does not respond to you, contact OSPRI once more and OSPRI will follow up to resolve the issue.
- OSPRI will compile a register of problem tag reports which it will publish annually.
- OSPRI will refer to the register when making manufacturer licensing and tag re-accreditation decisions. The reports may also inform future tag design.

NZDFA AGM



The 45th NZDFA AGM was held on Thursday 21st May via a virtual call. For those who couldn't attend but would like to watch footage of the AGM, [please click here to watch it on YouTube >> \(https://youtu.be/-S1Atnrrl24\)](https://youtu.be/-S1Atnrrl24) Insert AGM documents are listed here:

[2019/20 NZDFA Annual Report >> \(/sites/dinz/files/2019-20%20NZDFA%20Annual%20Report%20PRINT%20FILE.pdf\)](/sites/dinz/files/2019-20%20NZDFA%20Annual%20Report%20PRINT%20FILE.pdf)

[Annual Report with appendix's >> \(/sites/dinz/files/2019-20%20NZDFA%20Annual%20Report%20-%20Updated%20financials%20%28reduced%20file%20size%29.pdf\)](/sites/dinz/files/2019-20%20NZDFA%20Annual%20Report%20-%20Updated%20financials%20%28reduced%20file%20size%29.pdf)

[Separate pages of the 2019/20 Financials >> \(/sites/dinz/files/Updated%20financials.pdf\)](/sites/dinz/files/Updated%20financials.pdf)

Copies of the Annual Report will be printed in the next few weeks. Please send a request to Rebecca (rebecca.norling@deernz.org (<mailto:rebecca.norling@deernz.org?subject=Printed%20copy%20of%20NZDFA%20Annual%20Report>)) if you would like a printed version sent to you.

COVID-19 – MOVING INTO LEVEL 1

Hopefully, we might be moving to level 1 next week. Cabinet will decide on Monday 8 June whether and when to move to Alert Level 1. Until then, Alert Level 2 measures apply.

Deer Industry at level 1:

- The office is open and staff are encouraged to return to work in the office but can continue to work from home if it isn't interfering with the ability to do their job
- Have meetings, but with contact tracing and good hygiene
- Enviro Groups, APs, workshops, committee meetings etc, can all recommence - with contact tracing and good hygiene
- Stay home if you are sick
- Necessary travel (flights and inter-regional) can be done, with contact tracing and good hygiene
- All workers and guests entering the DINZ office must either scan the simpletrace QR code or sign the visitors' register
- Good hygiene

Official words about level 1:

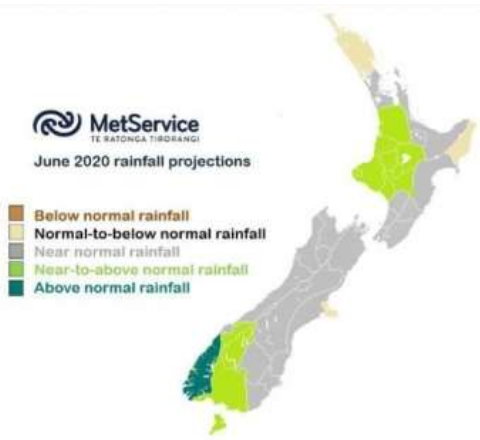
- Alert Level 1 sees everyone being able to return without restriction to work, school, sports and domestic travel, and you can get together with as many people as you want.
- Controls at the borders remain for those entering New Zealand, including health screening and testing for all arrivals, and mandatory 14-day managed quarantine or isolation.
- It's also important that we keep the basic hygiene measures. These include washing your hands and coughing or sneezing into your elbow. Remember to remain vigilant and being aware of physical distancing when out and about amongst strangers is a good habit to keep.
- We should all continue to keep track of where we've been and who we've seen to assist with rapid contact tracing if it is required.
- This will be our new normal but, while we do return to pre-COVID life, we must remember we remain in a global pandemic.

Alert Level 1 “rules”:

- If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.
- If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested.
- Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
- If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.
- If you're concerned about your wellbeing or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.
- Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed.

NOTICEBOARD

THE JUNE 2020 OUTLOOK



A Tasman Low through the middle of this week will bring mild conditions and a band of rain across the country, although this will fall as snow over the mountains of South Island. Late in the week as winds shift sharply south, the snow level will come down as cold air penetrates across the country.

That leads us into a chilly start to week two, windy as well. High pressure sitting in the Tasman Sea will be driving our weather at this point. This means cool, blustery southwest winds with little appreciable rain/snow.

By the time we reach week three the area of high pressure is expected to shift northwards allowing a more westerly or even northwesterly regime across at least the South Island, possibly further north too. This means mild, moist northwesterlies for South Island, with fronts attempting to break through the high onto North Island. Week four looks very similar but with a more westerly than northwesterly hue i.e. less wet, less mild.

Bottom Line: Changeable weather through June with an unsettled Tasman Low favouring rain for North Island, then a cold southwest regime for all. Westerly features will likely dominate the second half of the month but the orientation of a high to the north will control rainfall and temperature.

[Click here for a seasonal outlook from June to August >> \(https://niwa.co.nz/climate/seasonal-climate-outlook/seasonal-climate-outlook-june-august-2020\)](https://niwa.co.nz/climate/seasonal-climate-outlook/seasonal-climate-outlook-june-august-2020)

Joke of the Month

Gary is ploughing in a field and sees that he has ploughed up a bottle. He gets off the tractor to have a look at the bottle and starts wiping off the dirt when out pops a genie.

The genie tells Gary he can have one wish and it can't be for three more wishes. So Gary thinks for a minute and tells the genie that he has always wanted to visit Hawaii but he is scared of boats and planes. He wants the genie to build him a bridge and a highway over the ocean to Hawaii.

The genie says to Gary that he needs to realize the magnitude of the task he is asking and maybe he could think again for something a little easier. So Gary thinks a minute and says that he has always had a hard time understanding his wife and he wants the genie to fix it so he is able to understand the way women think.

Now it's the genie's turn to think a minute and he says "*Would you like two lanes or four?*"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Details
Various	Events can now be held observing appropriate health and safety requirements.	For updates on DINZ events, please click here >> (https://www.deernz.org/events)
2020 Virtual Deer Industry Conference	23rd June, 30th June and 7th July	<p>A series of on-line presentations will be held in June in place of the annual Deer Industry Conference. The DINZ Executive team will report via live video online on activity for the year in short sharp 10 minute presentations with 10 minutes for Q&A and will be run on with Sarah Perriam as MC. Each session will be about an hour long and we will hold them mid-day on 23rd and 30th June and 7th July.</p> <p>The presentations and discussions will also be recorded and hosted on the DINZ website for viewing at any time.</p> <p>More information to come >> (https://www.deernz.org/events?page=1)</p>

