

# STAGLINE ONLINE

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

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

With greening grass, flowering daffodils and dropping buttons the annual signs of spring are once again arriving. While these traditional signs of nature are on display the world we are now living in and through is anything but what we would describe as normal. With sparse but green shoots emerging in our venison markets and the demand for health products such as velvet continuing to have strong demand in Korea and China there is cause for quiet optimism, although some uncertainty still remains.

While our offshore markets have a significant impact on our farming enterprises, the implementation of legislation here at home promises to have a greater impact and potentially longer lasting effect for our farming futures. The Essential Freshwater regulations became law from the 3rd of September and the implications at a farm level are now being realised. It is worth noting that there have been some minor amendments made already to some of the impracticable rules, indicating that there is still an opportunity to end up with a sensible workable outcome for farmers. Then before we can barely catch a breath “He Waka Eke Noa” (greenhouse gas emissions reduction) has begun the behind the scenes consultation process, which if implemented is also likely to have a profound effect on pastoral farming.

While the hard work of DINZ and the NZDFA has achieved some real gains for deer farmers some significant issues remain, particularly around winter cropping and grazing. We expect most farmers will now need to apply for a consent for winter grazing which will add cost to our businesses. Time spent on applying for a consent and administration will quite likely result in no real difference to freshwater quality or what most of us are already doing around good wintering practices of deer. These issues are going to have a major effect in the colder regions of the country where winter crops play a vital role in ensuring animals are well fed during a period where pasture growth is minimal. Farmers are constantly trying to balance mitigating any negative environmental impacts with the welfare of their stock. I would strongly urge all deer farmers to get an understanding of the effects this legislation will have on their farming businesses. Both DINZ and B+LNZ have plenty of resources that can help in this area.

Although this legislation was driven by poor examples that we have all seen on display, sadly the flawed consultation process and the inability of government officials to understand the on the farm implications of this policy has landed us in this current position, which for many is unworkable. This will also have a negative economic flow on that will not only affect farmers, but also local businesses and people who live and work in our rural and provincial communities. It is therefore quite understandable when the South Island Federated Farmers president urges farmers not to get a resource consent for some aspects of winter grazing as a protest against the regulations. We share his sentiment when he says “Surely it must always remain about outcomes, not about regulation, especially when it adds nothing to the environment”.

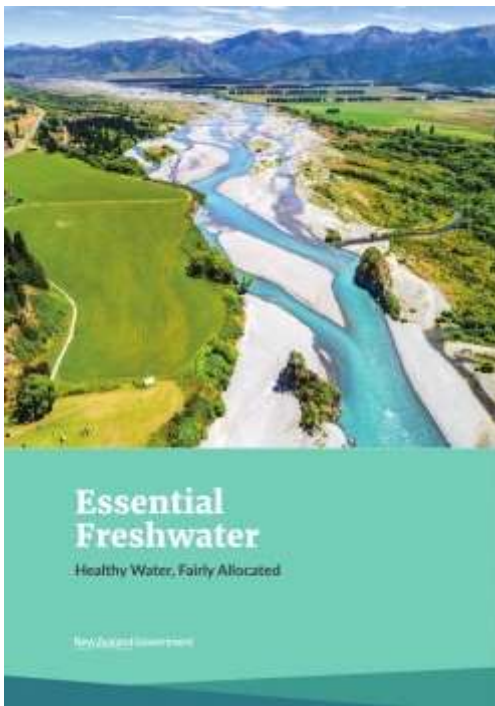
Regional councils around the country have been given the role of implementing and enforcing this legislation, but the majority would far prefer to continue to work alongside farmers and have no desire or capacity to become central governments policemen. The combined efforts of farmers, regional councils and other stakeholders have driven the creation of a large number of catchment groups around the country and farm environment plans at an individual level. These efforts have focused on positive environmental outcomes and achieved significant gains that span many years and are constantly improving and evolving with the use of sound science and water testing. Regrettably, the positive impact and community good these have delivered has not been acknowledged by this central government at all. This highlights the huge disconnect between policy makers and the farming community.

I would encourage you all to support the organisations that are attempting to achieve sensible outcomes for farming and get involved in your own way wherever possible. This may be actions such as contacting your local MP or regional council with your concerns or an open conversation with your non-farming friends and family educating them on the work being done on farm and the negative impact these regulations will have. The NZDFA is your deer farmer voice, with the Branch Chairs and New Faces meeting on 5th & 6th of October, I would urge you all to air your concerns to your local branch Chair so these can be heard. While we have some challenges ahead, the combined forces of deer farmers should never be underestimated. We remain strong if we stick together.

*- Mark McCoard, NZDFA Executive Committee*

# ESSENTIAL FRESHWATER AND WINTER GRAZING RESOURCES

## ESSENTIAL FRESHWATER



(<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Fresh%20water/action-for-healthy-waterways-information-for-sheep-beef-and-deer-farmers.pdf>) The government's Essential Fresh Water reforms became law last month and these reforms affect all land users. In the future, livestock farmers:

- Need to obtain a resource consent before intensifying land use, such as converting forests to farming, or grazing land to dairy.
- Must protect some wetlands and streams. This means they cannot drain or develop them, except in very limited circumstances.
- Apply best practice to winter grazing on forage crops. This means getting a resource consent to graze forage crops on more than 50 ha or 10 per cent of a farm (whichever is the greater), or on paddocks with more than a 10-degree slope. Fodder crops sown this spring should be planted with these requirements in mind, to ensure compliance when they are grazed next winter.

Here are some resources for farmers to get up-to-speed on what these rules are all about.

#### Factsheets and weblinks:

- **Beef + Lamb NZ/Federated Farmers factsheet is here >>** (<https://deernz.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7bedab485d071c3f411be07e9&id=4dd2f5fba1&e=5f48d83567>).
- **The government factsheet is here >>** (<https://deernz.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7bedab485d071c3f411be07e9&id=74bedd6ee3&e=5f48d83567>).
- **B+LNZ Essential Freshwater Consultation webpage:** (<https://beeflambnz.com/freshwaterconsultation>). This page contains key information and updates about the Ministry for the Environment's consultation on its essential freshwater reforms. [beeflambnz.com/freshwaterconsultation](https://beeflambnz.com/freshwaterconsultation) (<https://beeflambnz.com/freshwaterconsultation>).
- **Spotlight on the proposed winter grazing rules webpage:** (<https://beeflambnz.com/news-views/key-things-know-about-winter-grazing-light-new-freshwater-rules>). The winter grazing rules in the new environmental (freshwater) regulations are those that have the most immediate impact as farmers are starting to think about paddock and crop selection for next winter. [beeflambnz.com/news-views/key-things-know-about-winter-grazing-light-new-freshwater-rules](https://beeflambnz.com/news-views/key-things-know-about-winter-grazing-light-new-freshwater-rules) (<https://beeflambnz.com/news-views/key-things-know-about-winter-grazing-light-new-freshwater-rules>).

#### New rules:

- **National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020** (<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/fresh-water/national-policy-statement-freshwater-management-2020>).
- **National Environmental Standards for Freshwater** (<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/fresh-water/freshwater-acts-and-regulations/national-environmental-standards-freshwater>).
- **Resource Management (Stock Exclusion) Regulations 2020** (<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/fresh-water/freshwater-acts-and-regulations/stock-exclusion-regulations>).

**B+LNZ Webinar:** B+LNZ provides information for farmers about the freshwater rules that were released on 5 August 2020. Hear from Corina Jordan, B+LNZ's Environment Strategy Manager, about what these rules mean for farmers. [youtu.be/TyEd18N17Yc](https://youtu.be/TyEd18N17Yc) (<https://youtu.be/TyEd18N17Yc>)

## BEEF + LAMB NEW ZEALAND – ESSENTIAL FRESHWATER AND YOU / ESSENTIAL FRESHWATER & BIODIVERSITY MEETINGS

Join B+LNZ for a policy talk about:

- what the new regulations mean for you
- how they compare to your regional rules
- what you can do about it.

### LOCATIONS AND DATES

- Otago - Wed 9 September (tonight) 6-8pm (<https://beeflambnz.com/events/beef-lamb-new-zealand-essential-freshwater-and-you-otago>): Essential Freshwater and You
- Haast - Thu 10 September 4-7pm: (<https://beeflambnz.com/events/blnz-essential-freshwater-biodiversity-meetings>) Essential Freshwater & Biodiversity Meetings
- Marlborough - Wed 16 September 5-7pm (<https://beeflambnz.com/events/essential-freshwater-and-you-marlborough>): Essential Freshwater and You
- Greymouth - Thu 17 September 4-7pm: (<https://beeflambnz.com/events/blnz-essential-freshwater-biodiversity-meetings>) Essential Freshwater & Biodiversity Meetings

While physical attendance is always best, this event will also be livestreamed (see event link for the individual livestream Facebook pages) and uploaded to YouTube afterwards – this will be advertised in the local B+LNZ e-diaries.

Please click on the links above to register. If you are having trouble registering, please email [Rebecca.Brownlie@beeflambnz.com](mailto:Rebecca.Brownlie@beeflambnz.com) (<mailto:Rebecca.Brownlie@beeflambnz.com>).

## WINTER GRAZING ACTION GROUP GUIDELINES



(<https://www.agriculture.govt.nz/dmsdocument/41683-short-term-expected-outcomes-for-animal-welfare>) If you didn't see this article DINZ eNews last month, it is important that you are aware of and familiarise yourself with the Winter Grazing Action Group (WGAG) short-term expected outcomes for animal welfare (<https://www.agriculture.govt.nz/dmsdocument/41683-short-term-expected-outcomes-for-animal-welfare>) document.

This guidance to farmers when wintering stock is intended to give confidence to farmers who are already meeting or exceeding industry expectations and suggestions to those farmers “who still have a way to go”. The sole focus of the advice is animal welfare. It does not set minimum standards or requirements.

The Task Force identified seven welfare outcomes farmers should aim to achieve, regardless of their wintering system:

1. Our animals give birth in the right environment
2. We are prepared for all weather conditions
3. Our animals can easily access acceptable drinking water
4. We plan for successful winter feeding
5. Our animals can lie down comfortably
6. We work together to provide care to our animals during winter



7. We find opportunities to improve.

The WGAG's role has been to identify ways for farmers to successfully achieve these outcomes, bearing in mind the challenges of managing stock during winter. The things that farmers can do in the short-term (the next two winters) are detailed in the group's document 'Short-term expected outcomes for animal welfare,' [here >>](https://www.agriculture.govt.nz/dmsdocument/41683-short-term-expected-outcomes-for-animal-welfare) (<https://www.agriculture.govt.nz/dmsdocument/41683-short-term-expected-outcomes-for-animal-welfare>).

Further details on winter grazing and mud can be found on [agriculture.govt.nz/protection-and-response/animal-welfare/safeguarding-programme/winter-grazing-and-mud/](https://www.agriculture.govt.nz/protection-and-response/animal-welfare/safeguarding-programme/winter-grazing-and-mud/) (<https://www.agriculture.govt.nz/protection-and-response/animal-welfare/safeguarding-programme/winter-grazing-and-mud/>).

The *Deer Fact*, 'Intensive winter feeding – minimising the environmental risk' is [here >>](https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_IntensiveWinterFeeding_V8_Web.pdf) ([https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact\\_IntensiveWinterFeeding\\_V8\\_Web.pdf](https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_IntensiveWinterFeeding_V8_Web.pdf)).

# VELVET SEASON REMINDERS



## VELVETTING REMINDERS:

With the velvet season just around the corner, it is important to remember that velvet is a high value health product and should be treated as such. To ensure value and product safety, some key points to remember include:

- A suitable, effective tourniquet must be applied to the pedicle before administration of local anaesthetic to minimise the chance of it getting into the velvet antler.
- Ensure the tourniquet is applied first, regardless of whether the ring block or direct nerve anaesthesia is used.
- Ensure that the anaesthetic dose used is correct (neither too much nor too little) and the nick test is used to ensure that analgesia has been achieved.
- Apply the local anaesthetic as a high-dose ring block below the tourniquet (Refer to the National Velvetting Standards Body (NVSB) Farmer Velvet Antler Removal Manual or check with your veterinarian for details). The ring block is the recommended option for local anaesthetic position (at a dose of 1 ml of 2% lignocaine per cm of circumference).
- Manage stags to avoid them lowering their head during velvet removal. Lowering the head can increase pressure pushing the anaesthetic into the antler.
- Completely disinfect all equipment used, between stags.
- Take safety precautions when applying and removing the tourniquet.
- Brush down velvet and ensure it's clean before freezing.
- All first cut velvet should be individually tagged with the NVSB tags.
- In the case of spiker velvet and second cut, tag the bag.
- Freeze velvet as soon as possible after cooling. Do not hang velvet too long (to avoid blood pooling inside the antler). If resting velvet after cutting, sit it on racks at about 15 degrees slope to avoid blood pooling in the tips. Before use check your freezer temperature and controls to ensure that it operates at -15degrees C as required under the RCS rules
- Make sure freezers are clean. Ideally, walk-in freezers should be used. If a chest freezer is used, velvet should be placed so that the tips of tynes are not placed on other velvet so that they could become indented.
- Store velvet in airtight plastic bags to avoid any ice forming on antlers.
- Keep velvet hard frozen at all times. Minimise transfer between freezers to avoid any possibility of thawing.
- Transport velvet frozen in sealed plastic bags which your velvet buyer/company may provide for this purpose.
- The removal of velvet without veterinary supervision or anaesthesia is a contravention of the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and is accordingly a prosecutable criminal offence.
- Deer velvet removal may only be performed by: a veterinarian, a supervised veterinarian undergraduate, or an approved owner of stags/ an approved employee in accordance with the [NVSb programme](https://www.deernz.org/productivity-improvement-hub/deer-) (<https://www.deernz.org/productivity-improvement-hub/deer->

[information/antlers/velvet/nvsb](https://www.deernz.org/nvsb/information/antlers/velvet/nvsb)).

- All certified velvetters must pay an annual NVSB fee, have a supervisory contract with a supervising vet in place and ensure velvetting records are kept.
- Those certified for Local Anaesthetic and Chemical Restraint must have a Supervisory Veterinarian visit at the start of each season.

See [deernz.org/nvsb](https://www.deernz.org/nvsb) (<https://www.deernz.org/nvsb>), for further information on the above or contact either [Pam MacLeman](mailto:Pam.MacLeman@deernz.org) (<mailto:Pam.MacLeman@deernz.org>), for NVSB programme questions.

## REGULATORY CONTROL SCHEME (RCS) REMINDERS: A REMINDER ABOUT KEY DETAILS

- The RCS applies to a farmer, a velvetter, any person who handles or stores deer velvet, and any person who transports deer velvet after harvest.
- The prime purpose of the RCS is to ensure that deer velvet intended for export complies with market access requirements throughout its harvesting, handling, storage and transport.
- The RCS sets out the requirements that must be met in order to be able to sell your velvet for the purposes of export.
- The RCS requires all consignments of velvet going off-farm to be accompanied by a Velvet Status Declaration (VSD) to identify the velvet moving through the supply chain.
- When selling velvet for export, velvetters will need to sign off a VSD stating that the harvest, handling, storage and transport of their velvet has met all the requirements of the RCS.
- Auditing of velvet facilities to ensure they meet the RCS requirements can only be undertaken by MPI recognised persons. Current NVSB auditors are recognised persons under the Act. Other recognised persons such as MPI compliance officers can also audit velvetting premises in future.
- Copies of the Q&A explanation sheets can also be found on the DINZ website: [deernz.org/nvsb](https://www.deernz.org/nvsb) (<https://www.deernz.org/nvsb>).
- A photo gallery of examples of velvetting facilities is on the DINZ website: [deernz.org/shed-examples-new-standards](https://www.deernz.org/shed-examples-new-standards) (<https://www.deernz.org/shed-examples-new-standards>).
- A list of maintenance compounds (cleaning/sanitising products) is on the DINZ website: [deernz.org/approved-maintenance-compounds](https://www.deernz.org/approved-maintenance-compounds) (<https://www.deernz.org/approved-maintenance-compounds>).

If you are a velvetter or you have velvetting done on your farm by someone else and are concerned, confused and or unsure what to do and need assistance then please contact any of the following NVSB persons:

### NVSB Executive

- John Tacon 021 242 2873

### NVSB Committee

- Ian Scott 027 473 2657
- Peter Allan 03 201 6313
- Paddy Boyd 03 680 6637
- Andrew Scurr 027 687 5448

To download a copy of the Checklist of Shed & Cold Storage Facility requirements of the RCS, [click here >>](http://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DINZ%20Shed%20%20Cold%20Storage%20Facility%20check%20sheet.pdf) (<http://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DINZ%20Shed%20%20Cold%20Storage%20Facility%20check%20sheet.pdf>).

Also, please remember, any velvet antler removal must only be performed by a certified NVSB operator or a veterinarian. For further information on the NVSB programme, please contact Pam MacLeman on 04 473 4500 or John Tacon on 04 471 6117.

## VELVET TAG REMINDERS:

We are well underway sending out velvet tags to vet clinics for distribution to farmers. A reminder, they may look shorter than the old cable ties but this is just an illusion owing to the greater width.

### **Applying the tag**

To facilitate airflow if the sticks are being processed by dry heat, if possible please leave some space between the tag and the stick - hang like a bracelet.

### Tag order

If you prefer to apply the tags to your velvet in a strict sequential order (*not mandatory*), unfortunately not all sleeves of 50 seem to be ordered in that way. You will therefore need to reorder the tags yourself. You can do this by omitting the last digit of the barcode number. We have checked and all 50 tags in the sleeve do fall within the range identified on the label (again, where the last digit of the barcode is omitted).

Please contact either [Pam MacLeman \(mailto:Pam.MacLeman@deernz.org\)](mailto:Pam.MacLeman@deernz.org) or [John Tacon \(mailto:John.Tacon@deernz.org\)](mailto:John.Tacon@deernz.org) if you have any questions.

Finally, all the very best for the up-coming velvet season and remember to support your local velvet competitions.

## FUTURE DEER FARMERS EXPERIENCE 2020

Applications were received from all over the country to take part in the 2020 Future Deer Farmers Experience and learn more about deer farming in New Zealand. The tour took place from 3rd - 7th August and included the Next Generation Programme in the Hawkes Bay.

Deer Industry New Zealand and the New Zealand Deer Farmers Association would like to thank the following hosts for their contribution to the tour and for showing the 5 students what this special industry is all about:

- **Venison Packers Feilding**, Feilding
- **Tim Coombs Deer & Stock Transport Ltd**, Feilding
- **Robbie Bruce**, Elgin Farm, Taihape
- **Taihape NZ DFA Branch**
- **Carl Lynch**, Silver Fern Farms Southern North Island Deer Rep
- **Ohinewairua Station**, Taihape
- **First Light Foods**, Hastings
- **Smedley Station and Cadet Training Farm**, Waipawa
- **Temco Agriculture**, Waipawa.



The five selected students learnt about the history of the industry and industry products - venison, velvet and co-products with Tony Pearce, DINZ Producer Manager. They spent time with the processors of these products as well as with Central North Island and Hawkes Bay deer farmers to learn about the industry to help them with their future farming careers.

The participants for this year's programme were (L-R in photo):

- **Renee Wood** - Primary ITO Level 4. Gladwyn Farm, Timaru, South Canterbury.
- **Erika Johnstone** – High Country Farming Programme, Otago Polytechnic, Cromwell, Otago.
- **Carey Pawson-Edwards** – Level 5 Diploma in Agribusiness Management. Coleridge Downs, Rakaia Gorge, Canterbury.
- **Jack Olsen** –First year cadet Smedley Station, Central Hawkes Bay.
- **William Bishop** - Primary ITO Level 4, Awakino Station, Kurow.

# NZDFA UPDATES



## OTAGO AGM

18 September, Rosebank Lodge, Balclutha, 3pm. Contact chair Richard Currie for any questions ([richard@blackforest.co.nz](mailto:richard@blackforest.co.nz) / <mailto:richard@blackforest.co.nz>) / 03 4157980 / 027 2760664)

## BRANCHES

In recent times there have been a few changes to branches going into recess or changing name:

- **Wairoa** has gone into recess and has merged with Poverty Bay
- **Fiordland** has gone into recess and has merged with Southland
- **Taihape** has changed its name to Taihape Ruapehu

## BRANCH CHAIRS

Welcome to new **Taihape Ruapehu Branch Chair Sean de Lacy** and new **Elk and Wapiti Society NZ Chair Grant Hasse**.

If you'd like to view contact details of the local Branch Chairs, Executive Committee and Selections and Appointments Panel, [please click here >> \(/sites/dinz/files/List%20of%20NZDFA%20contact%20details%20-%20Branch%20Chairs%2C%20EC%2C%20SAP%20090920.pdf\)](#)

As always, if you are aware of any details that need updating, please email them through to [cenwynn.philip@deernz.org](mailto:cenwynn.philip@deernz.org) (<mailto:cenwynn.philip@deernz.org>).

# DINZ FARMER TECH WEBINAR SERIES 2020



DINZ in conjunction with the NZ DFA recently organised a series technical webinars via the online platform Zoom. If you missed them don't worry, **video recordings of the webinars can be found by clicking on the banner images below.**

**The first webinar**, Developments in NZ Velvet Antler Production, was presented by AgResearch scientist David Stevens. Together with DINZ market manager Rhys Griffiths, and DFA producer manager Tony Pearce they explain the production gains in New Zealand velvet in recent times.



(<https://www.deernz.org/media/video-gallery/dinz-farmer-tech-webinar-series-2020#1>)

**Webinar two** saw 2019 Deer Industry Award recipient and senior scientist Geoff Asher provide his deer reproduction presentation in an online forum. In a not to be missed episode, Geoff covers the basics of deer reproduction. Joining Geoff in this webinar, Solis Norton, gives an insight into DeerPRO and the options available for you and your farm.





<https://www.deernz.org/media/video-gallery/dinz-farmer-tech-webinar-series-2020#2>

In the third of this series, Tony Pearce, DINZ representative on the pan-sector Winter Grazing Action Group provides an update on the work of the government's Winter Grazing Taskforce. He is joined by Bryan Thompson, a deer farm systems scientist from AgResearch who provides an update on DEERResearch's Hill and High country water quality monitoring study involving 10 deer properties throughout the country. Lindsay Fung also contributes as DINZ Environmental Stewardship manager.



<https://www.deernz.org/media/video-gallery/dinz-farmer-tech-webinar-series-2020#3>



More webinars will be made in future, if you're interested in deciding topics for these webinars, please complete the short feedback form in the following survey monkey link >> [click here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DINZFarmerTechWebinars2020Feedback)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DINZFarmerTechWebinars2020Feedback>

*These webinars were produced in conjunction with the NZ Deer Farmers Association and as part of the Passion2Profit programme, a Primary Growth Partnership co-funded by Deer Industry New Zealand and the Ministry for Primary Industries.*

## 2020 BRANCH CHAIRS MEETING



The annual DFA Branch Chairs and New Faces leadership conference will be held in Wellington on the 5th and 6th of October, a slightly earlier date than usual due to the ongoing disruptions of covid-19.

While the programme is being worked on, there will be the usual updates from DINZ executives which will be supported by external keynote speakers on relevant industry topics.

If you have any commentary, issues, or requests of this important annual conference, contact your chairman direct or the Executive committee or drop a note to [tony.pearce@deernz.org](mailto:tony.pearce@deernz.org) (mailto:tony.pearce@deernz.org) for inclusion in the business and discussion.

## PRIMARY ITO – FREE APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINING

Keen to study deer? Primary ITO are offering FREE apprenticeships and training! Get on qualified on the job! Livestock husbandry, feeding, breeding and more!

As of 1 July 2020, the Government will cover training fees until 31 December 2022 for training in many of our primary sector industries.

Full information can be found on our website page here, including FAQ's: <https://www.primaryito.ac.nz/grow-your-career/free-apprenticeships-and-training/> >> (<https://www.primaryito.ac.nz/grow-your-career/free-apprenticeships-and-training/>).

## KELLOGG RURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME



[\(ruralleaders.co.nz/who-is-kellogg-programme-for/\)](https://ruralleaders.co.nz/who-is-kellogg-programme-for/) Applications for the first intake of 2021 are now open and applications close on Monday 19 October 2020.

**It is a great opportunity for people from your staff/suppliers/customers!**

Rural Leaders have a goal to develop leaders behind and in front of the farm/orchard gate and have been very successful in achieving this through the programme.

They are seeking emerging leaders from across the primary industries and would love your help to both spread the word and help to identify them.

If you know someone who would like to apply or find out more information, [please click here >> \(https://ruralleaders.co.nz/who-is-kellogg-programme-for/\)](https://ruralleaders.co.nz/who-is-kellogg-programme-for/).

If you would like to apply, [register your interest here >> \(https://ruralleaders.co.nz/interest-form-kellogg/\)](https://ruralleaders.co.nz/interest-form-kellogg/)

## NOTICEBOARD

### VET STUDENTS LOOKING FOR FARM PLACEMENTS

We've been contacted by two BVSc students from Massey university in Palmerston North about deer farm placements. Bhavya Puri and Ben Treadwell are required to spend two weeks (any time between Nov 20 and Feb 21, with a minimum of 40 hours per week) on farm to gain experience with deer (activities to include cleaning, feeding and handling).

If you can help Bhavya or Ben out, please get in touch with them directly:

- Bhavya [shdwpuri@gmail.com](mailto:shdwpuri@gmail.com) (<mailto:shdwpuri@gmail.com>)
- Ben [b.n.treadwell@gmail.com](mailto:b.n.treadwell@gmail.com) (<mailto:b.n.treadwell@gmail.com>)

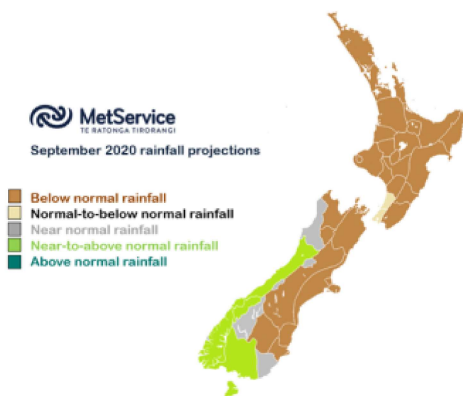


## INAUGURAL RED MEAT REPORT – B+LNZ AND MEAT INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

If you haven't already seen it, B+LNZ and MIA have produced the New Zealand Red Meat Report. This publication is aimed at providing an overview of key priorities and initiatives within the New Zealand beef and sheepmeat sector in areas like trade, environment, innovation, research, and people and capability.

**Read the August 2020 report here >> ([https://beeflambnz.com/sites/default/files/levies/files/RMR\\_Aug2020-low.pdf](https://beeflambnz.com/sites/default/files/levies/files/RMR_Aug2020-low.pdf))**

## METSERVICE OUTLOOK – SEPTEMBER 2020



In the short term, the persistence of Highs in the NZ region, and the resurgence of the spring westerlies, will matter considerably more than any La Nina development.

High pressures are expected to prevail over the North Island during most of September, with frequent westerlies over the South Island. While we will still see travelling fronts and lows producing rainfall over the country, these are expected to be less frequent than usual. A drier than usual September is signaled for the entire North Island, as well as the north and east of the South Island. By the end of the month, there is an indication that the Highs may well drop southwards onto the South Island, allowing easterlies back over Northland.

After today's cold snap (and associated low snow over the South Island), temperatures are expected to bounce back to above average by the weekend. While temperature volatility is fairly normal during September, monthly temperatures are expected to run above average across the country, overall. Well above average monthly temperatures are likely for eastern areas of both Islands, with a risk of some extreme temperatures in the mix.

**The Bottom Line:** Highs are expected to hold firm over the North Island, with westerlies over the South Island. A drier than usual month is forecast for most of the country, with the exception of the west and south of the South Island (normal to above normal September totals). Monthly temperatures are expected to run above average for all regions, with eastern areas of both Islands likely to see well above temperatures (and possibly some extremes).

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## NIWA'S CLIMATE BRIEFING TO NATIONAL ADVERSE EVENTS COMMITTEE

For those interested, see the link below for NIWA's Climate Briefing presentation to the National Adverse Events Committee. The first four slides are most relevant.



[\(/sites/dinz/files/NIWA\\_NAEC\\_Presentation\\_2Sep2020.pdf\)](/sites/dinz/files/NIWA_NAEC_Presentation_2Sep2020.pdf)

# Joke of the Month

## QUESTION

*How many Facebook group members does it take to change a light bulb?*

## ANSWER

- 1 to change the light bulb and to post that the light bulb has been changed.
- 14 to share similar experiences of changing light bulbs and how the light bulb could have been changed differently.
- 7 to caution about the dangers of changing light bulbs.
- 17 purists who use candles and are offended by light bulb discussions.
- 6 to argue over whether it's 'lightbulb' or 'light bulb'.
- Another 6 to condemn those 6 as stupid.
- 22 to tell THOSE 6 to stop being a\*\*\*holes.
- 2 industry professionals to inform the group that the proper term is 'lamp'.
- 15 know-it-alls who claim that they were in the industry and that 'light bulb' is perfectly correct.
- 49 to post memes and GIFs (several are of Michael Jackson eating popcorn with the words added: "I'm just here for the comments.")
- 19 to post that this page is not about light bulbs and to please take this discussion to a light bulb page.
- 11 to defend the posting to this page saying that we all use light bulbs and therefore the posts are relevant here.
- 24 to discuss the merits of LED/swirly fluorescent light bulbs
- 44 to claim LED and fluorescent bulbs will kill you.
- 12 to post the letter "F".
- 8 to ask what F means.
- 7 to post 'Following' despite the 3 dots at the top right that mean you don't have to.
- 3 to say "can't share".
- 2 to reply "can't share from a closed group".
- 36 people to post photos of their own light bulbs.
- 15 people to post "I can't see S\$%^!" and use their own light bulbs.
- 6 to report the post or privately message an admin/moderator because someone said "f+×\$"
- 4 to say "Didn't we go through this already a short time ago?".

13 to say "Do a Google search on light bulbs before posting questions about light bulbs".

1 to bring politics into the discussion by adding that (insert politician of choice) isn't the brightest bulb. This usually takes place within the first three comments.

50 more to get into personal attacks over their political views.

3 to state sanctimoniously that this is supposed to be a friendly Facebook group and that all of this petty nonsense is a result of people abandoning courtesy.

5 admins to ban the posters who were insulting.

3 who come up with a conspiracy theory about light bulbs which either involves them catching Coronavirus or that they will fry their brains.

1 late arrival to comment on the original post 6 months later and start it all over again.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Details
Beef + Lamb New Zealand – Essential Freshwater and You / Essential Freshwater & Biodiversity Meetings	Various	<p>Join B+LNZ for a policy talk about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ what the new regulations mean for you</li> <li>▸ how they compare to your regional rules</li> <li>▸ what you can do about it.</li> </ul> <p><b>Locations and Dates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▸ <u>Otago - Wed 9 September (tonight) 6-8pm</u> (<a href="https://beeflambnz.com/events/beef-lamb-nz-freshwater-and-you-otago">https://beeflambnz.com/events/beef-lamb-nz-freshwater-and-you-otago</a>): Essential Freshwater and You</li> <li>▸ <u>Haast - Thu 10 September 4-7pm</u>: (<a href="https://beeflambnz.com/events/blnz-essential-freshwater-meetings">https://beeflambnz.com/events/blnz-essential-freshwater-meetings</a>) Essential Freshwater &amp; Biodiversity Meetings</li> <li>▸ <u>Marlborough - Wed 16 September 5-7pm</u> (<a href="https://beeflambnz.com/events/essential-freshwater-meetings-marlborough">https://beeflambnz.com/events/essential-freshwater-meetings-marlborough</a>): Essential Freshwater and You</li> <li>▸ <u>Greymouth - Thu 17 September 4-7pm</u>: (<a href="https://beeflambnz.com/events/blnz-essential-freshwater-meetings-greymouth">https://beeflambnz.com/events/blnz-essential-freshwater-meetings-greymouth</a>) Essential Freshwater &amp; Biodiversity Meetings</li> </ul> <p>While physical attendance is always best, this event will also be livestreamed (see event live stream Facebook pages) and uploaded to YouTube afterwards – this will be advertised in our diaries.</p> <p>Please click on the links above to register. If you are having trouble registering, please email <a href="mailto:Rebecca.Brownlie@beeflambnz.com">Rebecca.Brownlie@beeflambnz.com</a> (<a href="mailto:Rebecca.Brownlie@beeflambnz.com">mailto:Rebecca.Brownlie@beeflambnz.com</a>)</p>
Managing Wetlands as Farm Assets: Demonstration Site Field Day	Friday, September 18, 2020	<p>Otamatakau Wetland Friday 18 September 2020 11am to 3pm Old Cook Shop, 2791 Otomatata Station Road</p> <p>Every wetland has a story and likewise every farmer has a tale to tell which is why NZ Landcare has a brave conversation about what managing our wetlands as farm assets looks like on 15 dives across the length and breadth of Canterbury. Hugh, Joe and Pip Cameron from Otomatata are first in a series of field days focusing on wetland management planning, willow control tech control and ecological survey activities.</p> <p>The aim of this three year project is to work with farmers and the wider community to provide knowledge about the range of benefits wetlands offer the farming system, the environment and the community.</p> <p>RSVP: Angela Cushnie 027 603 3457 or <a href="mailto:angelacushnie@outlook.com">angelacushnie@outlook.com</a> (<a href="mailto:angelacushnie@outlook.com">mailto:angelacushnie@outlook.com</a>)  <a href="#">Click here to view the event flyer &gt;&gt;</a>  <a href="https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/Wetland%20Demonstration%20Site%20Invitation16.pdf">https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/Wetland%20Demonstration%20Site%20Invitation16.pdf</a></p>

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Deer Industry NZ Parasite Management Workshops 2020	Various	<p>Deer Industry New Zealand with support from the New Zealand Deer Farmers Association workshops throughout the country focusing on parasite management on deer farms.</p> <table><tr><th>Location</th><th>Date</th></tr><tr><td>Hawkes Bay</td><td>24 September 2020</td></tr><tr><td>Taihape</td><td>Date TBC</td></tr></table> <p><u>To read more information and see where these events are being held, click here &gt;&gt; (<a href="https://industry-nz-parasite-management-workshops-2020#.Xv5qvSgza70">https://industry-nz-parasite-management-workshops-2020#.Xv5qvSgza70</a>).</u></p> <p><u>&gt;&gt; TO REGISTER CLICK HERE &lt;&lt; (<a href="https://form.jotform.com/201738292178865">https://form.jotform.com/201738292178865</a>).</u></p>	Location	Date	Hawkes Bay	24 September 2020	Taihape	Date TBC
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Central NI Velvet Advance Party Regional Workshop	Thursday, October 1, 2020	<p><i>Making high quality supplements</i> Date: Thursday 1 October 2020 Time: 1.00 – 5.00pm Where: Argyle Hotel, Hunterville Come along and hear what the Central North Island Velvet Advance Party group have been stacking up with Trish Lewis!</p> <p>Trish is a forage and nutrition consultant with an Agriculture BSc(Hons). An independent consultant with knowledge on making better silage and how best to utilise home grown feed. All are welcome, but we would appreciate registrations for afternoon tea purposes. RSVP: <a href="mailto:amy.wills@deernz.org">amy.wills@deernz.org</a> (<a href="mailto:amy.wills@deernz.org?subject=Central%20Regions%20Velvet%20AP%20Regional%20Workshop%20-%20Making%20high%20quality%20supplements">mailto:amy.wills@deernz.org?subject=Central%20Regions%20Velvet%20AP%20Regional%20Workshop%20-%20Making%20high%20quality%20supplements</a>) or register here <a href="https://form.jotform.com/202079166055050">CLICK TO REGISTER (<a href="https://form.jotform.com/202079166055050">https://form.jotform.com/202079166055050</a>)</a>. <u>To read more information, including the programme, click here &gt;&gt; (<a href="https://www.deernz.org/advance-party-regional-workshop#.XyuS7SgzaUk">https://www.deernz.org/advance-party-regional-workshop#.XyuS7SgzaUk</a>).</u></p>						
North Canterbury Advance Party Regional Workshop	Friday, October 2, 2020	<p>Date: Friday 2 October 2020 Time: 1.00 – 5.00pm Where: Mairaki Downs, Fernside Come along and hear what the North Canterbury Advance Party group have been up to and stacking up with Trish Lewis!</p> <p>RSVP: <a href="mailto:amy.wills@deernz.org">amy.wills@deernz.org</a> (<a href="mailto:amy.wills@deernz.org?subject=Central%20Regions%20Velvet%20AP%20Regional%20Workshop%20-%20Making%20high%20quality%20supplements">mailto:amy.wills@deernz.org?subject=Central%20Regions%20Velvet%20AP%20Regional%20Workshop%20-%20Making%20high%20quality%20supplements</a>) or register here <a href="https://form.jotform.com/202177899046062">CLICK HERE TO REGISTER (<a href="https://form.jotform.com/202177899046062">https://form.jotform.com/202177899046062</a>)</a>, NOW</p>						

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Deer Workshops for Rural Professionals	Various - TBC	<p>Due to popular demand we are running an Introductory Deer Workshops for Rural Professionals country. For more information on the course please go to <a href="http://www.deernz.org/workshops-rural-professionals?fbclid=IwAR0ytNmYVUGpdauVi1DoWZubnkn6aTxME_aIM7ngN7hgFNBP41BT86wYZv0">www.deernz.org/workshops-rural-professionals?fbclid=IwAR0ytNmYVUGpdauVi1DoWZubnkn6aTxME_aIM7ngN7hgFNBP41BT86wYZv0</a> <b>charge</b>. Contact <a href="mailto:amy.wills@deernz.org">amy.wills@deernz.org</a> (<a href="mailto:amy.wills@deernz.org?subject=Rural%20Professionals%20Workshop">mailto:amy.wills@deernz.org?subject=Rural%20Professionals%20Workshop</a>) for more information.</p> <p>We will also be running specialist topic workshops, so register your interest and we will contact you if one is happening near you. <b>REGISTER HERE NOW</b> (<a href="https://form.jotform.com/2017385918628">https://form.jotform.com/2017385918628</a>)</p>

