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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

With all the wild weather happening around New Zealand at the moment we are basking in warm days and frosty cold nights. This wouldn't normally be a problem but for grape growers a hard frost can wipe out your total crop overnight, so we can do preventative measures like mowing the grass and spraying the weeds out early to lessen the risk.

This is just another challenge we face in farming and with the upcoming velvet and venison season underway we can also take measures to lessen the impact of the market uncertainty. Cutting velvet on time and making sure the presentation is the best that it can be, will certainly help to sell your product at the best price on the day.

Venison has certainly come along way over the last 30 years as well and by providing a well grown animal that meets the right grading a reasonable price can still be obtained in these uncertain times.

The New Zealand Deer Farmers Association will be holding the Branch Chairs Meeting in Wellington next week. This is a time for all the NZDFA Branch Chairs from around New Zealand to get together and have the time to raise your concerns about the challenges and problems that you encounter in everyday deer farming in New Zealand. If you have any issue you'd like raised or questions for the DINZ Board and Executive team please feel free to contact your local branch chair or Tony Pearse (tony.pearse@deernz.org (mailto:tony.pearse@deernz.org)) over the weekend so those issues can be added to the discussion and reported back to you.

We also have 8 newer or younger Deer Farmers attend this meeting to encourage them to take on leadership type roles in our wonderful industry. So, if you have ever thought "why can't they look at doing this or that particular activity in our industry?", approach your local Deer Farmers Association and put your hand up to have your say.

Alternatively, you can always ring one of the four on the New Zealand Deer Farmers Executive Committee and tell us what direction you would like to see the deer industry take. Your concerns are always our concerns as well and remember that we work for you.

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HEARD OF THE CARLA EBV BUT NOT SURE WHAT IT IS?

CARLA offers the first tool to select deer for resistance to internal parasites. CarLA, Carbohydrate Larval Antigen or CARLA as it is written, is a protective coat found on the surface of parasite larvae produced by ruminants. Some animals produce the antigen earlier and at much higher levels than others. The antibody it makes binds to the carbohydrate-based protective sheath around parasite larvae and makes it harder for them to establish in an animal's gut.

The trait for levels of CARLA in deer at 10 months of age is moderately heritable and there is wide variation in CARLA production between animals. This makes selecting animals for high CARLA levels feasible and means commercial farmers can now buy sires with higher than average eBVs for CARLA with the confidence that the trait will be passed on to progeny.

For more background, click on the link below to the latest edition of the Deer Industry News and an article by editor Phil Stewart – <u>August Deer Industry News (https://www.deernz.org/deer-industry-news-issue-103-augustseptember-2020?</u>
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AGRESEARCH STUDIES PROVE THE VALUE OF CARLA – SALIVA ANTIGEN TO INTERNAL PARASITES

- · Can select for higher and earlier immune response to nematode parasites
- Higher CARLA animals shed fewer parasite eggs and lungworm larvae
- Has production benefits, particularly liveweight gain in autumn
- · Complementary with good parasite management practices
- Can help with reducing anthelmintic use/reliance in time

Some Red and Wapiti breeders have been measuring and selecting on CARLA for several years now and will have young <u>stags/bulls for sale this season</u> with CARLA breeding values. There will be stags/bulls with a range of merit to suit different production systems with above-average CARLA breeding values available.

A positive CARLA breeding value (>0) is good, over 50 is high and over 100 very high. Half of the sire's merit will be passed to the progeny.

Click on the image below to watch Jamie Ward, AgResearch present on CARLA as part of the Deer Industry NZ conference 2020: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uNg-hz7l88 (https://www.you



There are two ways the deer industry can benefit from utilising CARLA:

- 1. Commercial farmers can CARLA test their replacement hinds as rising yearlings (at 6 months or 10 months). The results will be raw data and there are limitations with this. They are farm/herd specific and cannot be compared with other farms. However, the invaluable information is that the raw data will provide relativity within a herd. This will allow selection decisions to be made on replacements. This should be supported by purchasing sires with improved CARLA BVs to ensure on-going improvement
- 2. **Breeders** can CARLA test their rising yearlings and those on Deer Select will then get CARLAeBVs for their deer. The CARLAeBV of an animal provides the genetic component of CARLA that an individual animal will pass on to its progeny. This provides a powerful tool for farmers to use when selecting a sire.

Saliva sampling to determine CARLA responses can be carried out by deer farmers using sampling kits provided by AgResearch. Saliva is collected by swabbing the cheek area of deer with a cotton swab. Contact the CARLA Saliva test unit at: Carlasalivatest@agresearch.co.nz) or phone: 0800 422 752.

TICK, TICK

When even your pet rabbit is covered in ticks, then you know the problem is getting bad. That was one of many anecdotes at "Time to talk about ticks", a P2P Regional Workshop hosted by the Waikato DFA in North Waikato on 1 October.

Ticks in deer used to be seen as a northern North Island problem, but not any more. The "tick line" in New Zealand is now Cook Strait and it's steadily shifting south, according to AgResearch parasitologist Dave Leathwick, one of three speakers at the workshop. He was joined by recently retired AgResearch scientist Geoff Asher and Waikato deer farmer and vet Ian Scott. They shared valuable advice on an animal health problem that's been largely under-rated in other parts of New Zealand.

But as the climate warms, ticks are heading south and there have been instances of them surviving more than a season on imported stock as far south as Gore.

While it was a self-selected audience, all motivated to get advice on ticks, the overwhelming majority of attendees said it was their biggest single animal health problem.

Fallow deer are especially susceptible and many reported losing fawns to ticks.

lan Scott advised farmers to have a good animal health plan covering ticks and to stick to it. ":Don't just do the treatments when it suits you – do it when it's needed."

Scott said it was important to get in early in spring before the first generation of ticks for the season got a foothold. He said rotational grazing and keeping grass growth under control helped suppress numbers. "Ticks hate UV light."

Geoff Asher said animals that were stressed or under-fed would be more prone to attack by ticks. He said it was likely that ticks were developing resistance to the chemical treatments available, but the extent wasn't known.

Dave Leathwick updated the workshop on research into ticks, including a look at their intestinal flora and possible pathogens that could kill them and be used as a pasture treatment.

There will be a full report on the workshop, which also covered facial eczema (another big issue in northern regions) and gastrointestinal parasites.



Photo: Geoff Asher speaks to attendees at the tick workshop.

VELVET TAGS

Most of you should now have received your supply of the new deer velvet tags. They may look shorter than the cable ties but this is just an illusion owing to the greater width.

Applying the tag

To facilitate airflow, 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) or John Tacon (mailto:John.Tacon@deernz.org) if you have any questions

REGULATED CONTROL SCHEME - REMINDER

The prime purpose of the RCS is to ensure that deer velvet intended for export complies with overseas market access requirements throughout its harvesting, handling, storage, and transport. This is a regulation under the Animal Products Act 1999 and therefore now a law.

The <u>RCS should be read (https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/19379)</u> and understood by any person who harvests, stores, handles or transports velvet. This is important because any failure to comply with the RCS may result in velvet or velvet product being ineligible for export with an official assurance to markets that require MPI oversight of velvet harvesting.

In order for the farmer to sell their velvet into the food chain they are required to sign a Velvet Status Declaration form stating that their velvet has been removed in accordance with the RCS requirements and that the velvetting was undertaken in facilities that met those requirements.

All farmer/velvetters are offered the opportunity to have their facilities audited to RCS requirements regardless of whether they are part of the NVSB. For anybody to be able to legally sell their velvet for export their velvet must come from compliant facilities.

Farmer/velvetters may choose to "opt out" of having an audit and that is their prerogative however when a veterinarian goes to remove that velvet the veterinarian cannot issue new velvet ID tags or issue a VSD form. Likewise, if a farmer/velvetter is part of the NVSB but has "opted out" they are not eligible to use any new velvet ID tags or legally sign a VSD.

If velvet is removed on your property and you haven't yet had an RCS audit please make contact with Pam MacLeman at DINZ 04 471 6114 or pam.macleman@deernz.org (mailto:pam.macleman@deernz.org).

NEW BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR DINZ - NOW WITH BNZ

Please note the change of bank details.

BNZ AND IS **02 0506 0234007 000**

This is for any payments to the NVSB and any payment to DINZ such as levies.

For any payments made by cheque please make out to (Deer Industry New Zealand).

DFA payments are still with the ANZ.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR LOCAL DFA BRANCH CHAIR?

Here's a list of your Local and National NZDFA representatives. Remember the DFA are here to as advocates for you as members. If you have anything you want to discuss, please reach out.

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If you have any updated information for this list, please email info@deernz.org (mailto:info@deernz.org) with updated details.

A TIMELY REMINDER – THE KEY TO UNLOCKING TIME OFF THE FARM



(https://farmstrong.co.nz/unlocking-the-key-to-time-off-the-farm/)Recently deer farmers Olivia and Tahi Doonan (Marlborough Branch Chair) featured on the FarmStrong website talking about the key to unlocking time off farm.

"Aspen Farm's Olivia Doonan has a great trick up her sleeve to ensure her family gets regular breaks off the farm.

She books a family holiday with husband Tahi Doonan and their three kids several months ahead of time, so they have no choice but to go away.

"If I didn't book anything then we probably wouldn't end up going anywhere because things always come up. But because it's locked in, it makes us take a break," Olivia says."

To read the full article, head to <u>farmstrong.co.nz/unlocking-the-key-to-time-off-the-farm (https://farmstrong.co.nz/unlocking-the-key-to-time-off-the-farm/)</u>



(https://farmstrong.co.nz/unlocking-the-key-to-time-off-the-farm/)

2020 NORTH ISLAND VELVET COMPETITION – SAVE THE DATE!

<u>Click here to download the flyer (/sites/dinz/files/NIVC%202020%20new%20class%20ad%20%28002%29.pdf)</u> or see <u>deernz.org/2020-north-island-velvet-hard-antler-competition</u> (https://www.deernz.org/2020-north-island-velvet-hard-antler-competition)



If you know of a velvet competition coming up and would like this to be added to the website, please email through details to cenwynn.philip@deernz.org (mailto:cenwynn.philip@deernz.org). Velvet competitions will be uploaded to deernz.org/202021-velvet-and-hard-antler-competitions)

GISBORNE - WAIROA FARMER OF THE YEAR

Congrats to deer farmers Malcolm and Caroline Rau on winning the Gisborne - Wairoa Farmer of the Year. If you're in the area, why not head along to their field day at Puketia Station on Tuesday 6th October. <u>Click here to view flyer >></u> (/sites/dinz/files/Wairoa%20Farmer%20of%20the%20Year.jpg)



NOTICEBOARD

LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE DEER INDUSTRY

Hi there,

I am very interested in working in the deer farming industry.

I have many years experience farming with beef, deer and sheep.

I would appreciate if you could let me know if you know of any positions available for starting in Jan 2020 as that is when I will arrive in New Zealand.

Kind regards, Willem Smit

If you think you can help Willem out or want to request a CV, please get in touch directly on swillem201@gmail.com (mailto:swillem201@gmail.com)

METSERVICE OUTLOOK LA NIÑA UPDATE

North Island eastern regions continue drier than normal

The combination of a ridge of High pressure over the upper North Island (favouring Northland) and westerly gales have continued a drier than usual run for eastern locations of the North Island. The only exception is the Wairarapa, which picked up some more reliable rainfall totals in September.

For all of the locations shown in Figures 1 through 3, this drier-than-usual early spring period is a continuation of below normal rainfall for 2020-so-far, and follows on from an unusually dry 2019.

Whitianga has recorded 58 mm of rain in the first 28 days of September, with a year-to-date rainfall accumulation currently sitting at only

79% of normal.

Gisborne has seen 49 mm in the rain gauge in the first 28 days of September, with a year-to-date rainfall accumulation currently sitting at only 85% of normal.

Napier has recorded 49 mm of rainfall in the first 28 days of September, with a year-to-date rainfall accumulation currently sitting at an extremely low 58% of normal.

Masterton picked up several rain events during September, (139mm), and annual rainfall is running close to normal (99% of year-to-date average).

Typical La Niña impacts for New Zealand

La Niña only becomes an important driver for New Zealand over longer durations (for example, across 2 to 6 months), when a moderate or strong event is in force.

During a typical La Niña late spring and summer, more Highs than normal lie over the South Island and Chatham Islands (i.e. east of the country). This usually leads to below normal rainfall across much of the South Island. Easterly winds are more common than usual across the upper North Island during La Niña, with fewer westerly regimes across the lower North Island. Often, but not always, above normal summer and autumn rainfall is observed over the far north of New Zealand (Coromandel northwards).

BOTTOM LINE: September ran unusually dry for northern and eastern regions of the North Island, with the notable exception of the Wairarapa. This was due to a combination of prevailing High pressure over Northland, and westerlies.

You can sign up for the MetService's Monthly Outlook right to your inbox - <u>click here to subscribe (https://about.metservice.com/our-company/ways-to-get-the-weather/weather-email-lists/monthly-outlook-email)</u>.

Source: www.metservice.com/rural/monthly-outlook (http://www.metservice.com/rural/monthly-outlook)

Joke of the Month

Tourists in the Museum of Natural History are marvelling at some dinosaur bones. One of them asks the guard, "Can you tell me how old the dinosaur bones are?"

The guard replies, "They are 65,000,011 years old."

"That's an awfully exact number," says the tourist. "How do you know their age so precisely?"

The guard answers, "Well, the dinosaur bones were sixty five million years old when I started working here, and that was eleven years ago."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Details
Gisborne – Wairoa Farmer of the Year Field Day	Tuesday, 6 November 2020	Hosts: Malcolm & Caroline Rau Where: Puketia Station Woolshed, 451 Koranga Valley Road, Matawai (sign posted direction on the day) When: 9.30am Click here to download flyer >> (/sites/dinz/files/Wairoa%20Farmer%20of%20the%20Year.jpg)
Hawke's Bay Regional Workshop	Thursday, 15 October 2020	SAVE THE DATE - MORE DETAILS TO COME Making high quality supplements Come along and hear what the Hawke's Bay AP groups have been up to and see how your baleage stacks up with Trish Lewis! Venue TemcoAg, hosts George Williams and Laura Billings.
Kaipara Regional Workshop – 'Making high quality supplements'	Friday, October 16, 2020	Time: 1.00 – 4.30pm Where: Sheerwater Farm, 32 Donahue Road, South Head Come along and hear what the Kaipara Advance Party group have been up to and see how your baleage stacks up with Trish Lewis! All are welcome, but we would appreciate registrations for afternoon tea and tracing purposes RSVP: amy.wills@deernz.org (mailto:amy.wills@deernz.org? amy.wills@deernz.org? subject=Central%20Regions%20Velvet%20AP%20Regional%20Workshop%20-%20Making%20high%20quality%20supplements) or please register here now CLICK TO REGISTER (https://form.jotform.com/202612122830844) More info here >> (https://www.deernz.org/kaipara-regional-workshop-making-high-quality-supplements#.X3UddWgzaUI)
2020 North Island Velvet & Hard Antler Competition	Saturday, November 21, 2020	"Attention Velvet growers in the North Island" the North Island Velvet & Hard Antler Competitives on Saturday 21st November 2020, in Napier. It is with great excitement the NIVC committee have decided to proceed with running the NIV event. We believe we all need something to look forward to after the ups and downs of late. For more info, see item above or click here Lick here Lick here

Event	Date	Details
Deer Workshops for Rural Professionals	Various	We are running Deer Workshops for Rural Professionals around the country. For more information on the course please go to www.deernz.org/workshops-rural-professionals (http://www.deernz.org/workshops-rural-professionals? (http://www.deernz.org/workshops-rural-professionals (



