

STAGLINE ONLINE

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

On 30 March I, along with ~150 others, attended the Balance Farm Environment Awards East Coast field day hosted by Linda and Evan Potter on their farm, *Waipapa*. This was the third attempt of running this day due to Covid-19 lockdowns causing its postponement twice before.

This delay was somewhat fortuitous in that they had just been named as the 2021 National Ambassadors for Sustainable Farming and Growing and awarded the Gordon Stephenson Trophy by the NZ Farm Environment Trust at Te Papa the week before in Wellington and we could celebrate this achievement with them in a quite extraordinary on farm field day.

We were blessed with a great sunny Hawkes Bay day as they showcased the years of hard work, vision and substantial hours on the ground applied to their farming operation. Then, to top off a great day out, we finally had a good drop of rain overnight, which did interfere with the international cricket, but was good for the recent new grass and crops sown. Hard to please all - but the farmers will take the T20 win and the rain.

Locally we have seen a lot of ryegrass staggers in deer, more so than reported ever before, and hopefully this isn't interfering with mating programmes. Again we are dry but unlike last year there are plenty of supplements around.

Front of mind is that while we get on with mating programmes and weaner management, we need to keep our foot on the pedal of meeting the environmental regulations.

As an industry we can help ourselves by having current and active Farm Environment Plans and being aware that the requirement to know our GHG number is looming.

To repeat a comment I heard recently 'knowing your GHG number now will save you \$\$ in the future'. This will enable you to find ways of reducing this number before you get taxed on it. The sooner we get started the better we are able to do this.

There is help out there and DINZ and the DFA is working hard on your behalf to find workable solutions and tools. We as farmers can also help ourselves by showing action and intent and having great stories like the Potters to showcase our industry.

Good luck with the upcoming stag swaps for those single sire mating. I hope scanning for all goes well. See you at Conference. The industry is working hard to produce an excellent programme and event as we emerge from the ZOOM era and have the opportunity to fully engage with colleagues, industry leaders and friends in the industry.

Karen Middelberg - NZDFA Executive Committee



Gordon Stephenson Trophy: This award was announced at the National Sustainability Showcase at Te Papa on 25 March, when the Potters were picked from among 11 regional winners from the 2020 Ballance Farm Environment Awards. Presenting a trophy to mark the award was Joanne van Polanen (left), chair of the NZ Farm Environment Trust.



Attendees at the field day on 30th March.

VELTRAK™ FARMER REGO OPENS ON 3 MAY

As a reader of *Stagline Online*, you will probably be aware that VelTrak – the new web-based system for tagging, tracking and tracing velvet – is being introduced in the 2021/22 velvet season.

On 3 May, all deer farmers who have provided DINZ with their email address will be emailed an invitation to register. This will require you to have an email address, as well as internet access. Again, since you are probably reading this on-line, this should not present you with any problems.

"When you get this invitation, please register promptly, so you become familiar with VelTrak and can have any questions answered well before the start of the new season," advises DINZ QA manager John Tacon.



The VelTrak log-in page that will become familiar to everyone involved in the velvet industry by the start of the next (2021/22) season. This is where vets will order and allocate black VelTrak tags and farmers will approve eVSDs generated by their velvet buyer or receiver.

"In order to sell your velvet, you will need to be registered with VelTrak and using the new black VelTrak tags. Only electronic VSDs generated in VelTrak will comply with Deer QA rules applying to all velvet entering the human food chain."

He says VelTrak has been developed to ensure the industry has continued access to major overseas markets and to comply with the Animal Products Act.

"Both require us to have an improved traceability system for velvet. To achieve this, we have developed a system that's tailor-made for our velvet. Because no other deer industry has VelTrak, we believe it will lock-in the market premium we enjoy in South Korea and give us an edge in other markets."

You won't need to buy any new gear or install special software. To register, all you will need to do is click on a link in the invitation email, choose a password, update your business details and name your vet practice. That's it. You'll be registered.

VelTrak farmer webinars are being held this month (see below) to answer any questions you may have about VelTrak. We will also explain some of the important 'dos' and 'don'ts' when it comes to applying the new black VelTrak tags and approving electronic VSDs.

Closer to the start of the season, a summary of the VelTrak farmer user guide will be inserted in *Deer Industry News*. The detailed user guide is posted on the VelTrak section of the DINZ website (see link below). There will also be VelTrak presentations at industry events.

VelTrak farmer time-line

- 3 May: Receive an email invitation to register your farm on VelTrak
- From 3 May: Use the link in the email to register, add team members and choose your vet practice
- Before the 2021/22 velvet season: Order the new black VelTrak tags from your vet practice, as usual
- Apply the black tags to velvet when harvested
- Promptly check and approve draft eVSDs on the VelTrak website once your velvet has been sold or has gone to the packhouse

Any questions?

[deernz.org/VelTrak](http://www.deernz.org/VelTrak) (<http://www.deernz.org/VelTrak>)

FARMER WEBINARS

We will host a series of [webinars \(https://form.jotform.com/pammacleman/deer-industry-nz-deer-farmers-veltr\)](https://form.jotform.com/pammacleman/deer-industry-nz-deer-farmers-veltr) aimed to help you understand how it all works. The webinars will last roughly 45mins. If you are new to the Zoom platform, we can help you with instructions on how to join the talk.

- Wednesday 21st April 1pm
- Friday 23rd April 1pm
- Wednesday 28th April 1pm
- Thursday 29th April 1pm

If you'd like to join one of the webinars, [click here to register >> \(https://form.jotform.com/pammacleman/deer-industry-nz-deer-farmers-veltr\)](https://form.jotform.com/pammacleman/deer-industry-nz-deer-farmers-veltr).

MISSSED THE VET WEBINAR?

You can watch the webinar below or on [YouTube >> \(https://youtu.be/E9bpjKfNc9g\)](https://youtu.be/E9bpjKfNc9g).

VET, BUYER, PACKHOUSE OR PROCESSOR AND HAVEN'T YET RECEIVED AN INVITE TO VELTRAK?

If you are one of the above and haven't heard from us, get in touch. It's important that you are registered for VelTrak as soon as possible. Reach out on 0508 VelTrak or email info@deernz.org. (<mailto:info@deernz.org>).

IMPORTANT INFO FOR VELVETTERS

NVSB END OF SEASON REQUIREMENTS 2020-21



Return of and reconciliation of velvetting drugs

As we're now at the end of the velvetting season, all unused drugs and record books were due back 31st March, if you haven't got yours to your vet yet for sign of can you do so ASAP.

Vet Practices

For any vet practice that have already reconciled, and do have drugs returned, could you please continue to update us with this information.

Regulated Control Scheme (RCS)

Any farm still in Awaiting Action mode on the 3rd May, the farm status will be changed to Non-Compliant and will not be eligible to receive any of the new black NVSB tags or be able to sell velvet into the food chain until all non-compliances have been completed and your auditor has signed the velvetting facilities off as a pass. If your farm is in Awaiting Action mode, please make contact with your auditor.

If you have not been contacted by an auditor to date, please contact Pam to ensure your farm has been placed on the audit list.

Pam MacLeman: pam.macleman@deernz.org (<mailto:pam.macleman@deernz.org>) or 027 392 4795

John Tacon: john.tacon@deernz.org (<mailto:john.tacon@deernz.org>) or 021 242 2873

STILL GOT BLUE TAGS?

Please note the blue tags from the last 2 seasons will no longer be accepted in the 2021 season. Any velvet with those tags on in the 2021 season will need to have the new black and white UHF RFID tags attached and the blue tags removed.

DEER INDUSTRY CONFERENCE 2021



<http://www.deernz.org.nz/2021-conference>

Location: Invercargill, Southland

Dates: Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th May 2021 - Deer Industry Conference
Thursday 20th May 2021 - P2P in Action: National Technical Workshop

Venue: The Conference will be held at Bill Richardson Transport World in first class facilities with access to the amazing truck and car collections as part of the Conference entertainment opportunities. [Click here for information about the venue >> \(https://www.transportworld.co.nz/\)](https://www.transportworld.co.nz/)

**<< REGISTRATION NOW OPEN >>
(<https://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/2021%20DEER%20INDUSTRY%20CONFERENCE%20PROGRAMME%20-%20INTERACTIVE.PDF>)**

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 18TH MAY

Time	Session / Speaker
8.30 - 10.30 am	46th NZDFA AGM – Welcome to all NZDFA members to attend Chair: John Somerville
9.00am	Conference Registration Opens
10.30-10.45	Introduction and aims of the conference MC Sarah Periam
10.45– 11.30am	Deer Industry 2020-2021, State of the Nation Ian Walker, Chairman DINZ Board Innes Moffat, CEO DINZ
11.30 – 12.00pm	Rural and NZ Financial Outlook – sponsored by Rabobank Blake Hildgate, Rabobank Head of Sustainable Business Development
12.00– 1.00pm	LUNCH
1.00 - 2.00pm	Keynote speaker, Theme - Mental Resilience Lance Burdett, WARW International
2-2.30pm	Technical / Science Programme TBC 2021 appointment Science & Policy Manager, DINZ Jamie Ward, Innovation Research Programme, AgResearch
2.30-3.00pm	VelTrak Velvet under traceability 2021 Vision and implementation steps Mark Harris, DINZ Board Innes Moffat, Rhys Griffiths, John Tacon, DINZ
3.00 – 3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3.30 - 4.15pm	NZ Climate Change Commission: pathways to meet NZ's responsibilities Phil Wiles, Principal Analyst Intern Climate Change Commission
4.15 - 5.00pm	Keynote Speaker "In defence of Meat" Dr Jacqueline Rowarth
5.00-5.30 pm	Summary of the day and discussion Q&A MC Sarah Periam

7.00pm Welcome Function – hosted by Silver Fern Farms
Guest speaker Joe O'Donnell CEO HW Richardson Group

WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY

Time	Session / Speaker
7.30 – 8.15am	NETWORKING BREAKFAST
8.30 – 8.40am	Review day 1 and Introduction to the day MC Sarah Periam
8.40 – 9.15am	Political Leader TBC Minister for Agriculture Damien O'Connor
9.15 – 9.45am	Environment Session Keynote - sponsored by First Light Foods Environmental Reference Group Reporting Programme Lindsay Fung, DINZ Environmental Stewardship Manager
9.45 – 10.15am	Winter grazing management - Combining Animal Welfare and Environmental responsibility Winter Grazing Action group and Environment Southland Lindsay Burton, Chair Winter Grazing Action Group Rob Phillips, Chief Executive, Environment Southland
10.30 – 10.30am	MORNING TEA
10.15 - 11.45am	Version Update Nick Taylor, Version Marketing Manager DINZ Company Updates: Company Speakers Marketing managers' CEO's • Alliance Group • Duncan NZ • First Light Foods • Mountain River Version • Silver Fern Farms
11.45am - 12.15pm	Safe people, Safe farms Tory Watson, GM Safer Farms/Agricultural leaders Health and Safety Action group.
12.15 -1.15pm	LUNCH
1.15 – 2.15pm	Velvet Session Rhys Griffiths, Manager Markets DINZ John Tacon, NVSB Manager DINZ • Market update and strategies • NVSB reporting
2.15- 2.45pm	Deer farm performance - The P2P Programme and next steps towards a "P2P2" Phil McKenzie, P2P Manager Farm Performance DINZ
2.45- 3.30pm	DINZ Board Industry Perspectives and Q&A session Short presentations from Board members and Q&A
3.30 – 4.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA
4.00 – 5.00pm	Closing Keynote speaker Kaia Giblin, Global Boma
5.00 - 5.15pm	Conference Wrap Up Innes Moffat, Ian Walker, John Somerville

ACCOMMODATION

Deer Industry Conference special rates have been arranged at the Ascot Hotel and Kelvin Hotel. Unless notified otherwise, delegates need to contact your choice of hotel and book your own accommodation needs. For more information on accommodation - www.deernz.org.nz/2021-conference (<http://www.deernz.org.nz/2021-conference>).

Ascot Park Hotel

Corner of Tay Street & Racecourse Road, Invercargill

To book, call 0800 272 687 or email ascot@ilt.co.nz (<mailto:ascot@ilt.co.nz?subject=Book%20accommodation%20for%20the%20Deer%20Industry%20Conference>) and use booking reference: Deer Industry Conference

Kelvin Hotel

20 Kelvin Street, Invercargill

To book, call 0800 802 829 and use booking reference: Deer Industry booking 3566

LIVE STREAMING

The conference will live-stream on the Deer Industry NZ YouTube channel, on www.deernz.org (<http://www.deernz.org>) and links on the Deer Industry Facebook page.

MANAGEMENT AND REGISTRATION

[Registrations](http://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/2021%20Deer%20Industry%20Conference%20Registration%20form%204-3-21%20-%20Interactive.pdf) (<http://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/2021%20Deer%20Industry%20Conference%20Registration%20form%204-3-21%20-%20Interactive.pdf>) and conference management is supplied by Wellington-based Melissa Bahler, via Positive Events Plus, aided by the DFA Executive Committee and DINZ staff.

In a move designed to add attraction, a 25% discount will be offered on full registration for the second (or more) registered delegate from the same farming entity.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For programme or speaker enquires, please get in touch with Tony Pearce on tony.pearse@deernz.org (<mailto:tony.pearse@deernz.org>) or 021 719 038 (tel:021 719 038).

Sponsorship, registration or general enquiries, please get in touch with conference organiser Melissa Bahler on positiveeventplus@xtra.co.nz (<mailto:positiveeventplus@xtra.co.nz>) or 027 664 3080 (tel:027 664 3080).

AWARD AND COMPETITION REMINDERS

MATUSCHKA AWARD 2021

Nominations are called for a farmer or farming entity who or which has made a significant ongoing or lifetime of contribution to deer farming and the NZDFA in particular at Branch level. The award recognises the grass roots farmer and unsung contributor to local area activities, functions and core spirit of deer farming. Nominations must be submitted to the NZDFA no later than 5.00pm on Monday 10 May 2021.

For further information contact, head to deernz.org/nzdfa-matuschka-award (<https://deernz.org/nzdfa-matuschka-award>).

NZ DEER INDUSTRY AWARD 2021

The Award is to be presented each year to the person, persons jointly, or organisation who, in the opinion of the judges, has made the most outstanding contribution to the New Zealand deer industry, either in the previous year, or over a period of years.

Nomination forms will be uploaded to the website when available deernz.org/nz-deer-industry-award (<https://deernz.org/nz-deer-industry-award>).



2021 MSD DEER INDUSTRY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The 2021 MSD Animal Health Photographic Awards competition is now open! Deadline for entries is **6 May 2021**.

To download the entry form, please visit www.deernz.org/MSD-photo-competition (http://www.deernz.org/MSD-photo-competition?fbclid=IwAR0sdyamRHOjPYZ-MDQI0CwBO5bvgjC_6Vyrqf4_wKx2_vgQ5ATwNPVvkXjE).

Gather up those great shots you have buried, or head out onto your farm with your camera and get snapping. With a \$500 cash prize, you won't want to miss out! Entries cost \$5 per photo and there is no limit on the number of entries.

Winners will be notified, and results announced at the Deer Industry Conference in Invercargill 18/19 May.

DEER FARMERS NATIONAL TECHNICAL WORKSHOP 20 MAY



Deer Industry NZ, the NZ Deer Farmers Association and the Southland Branch of the Deer Farmers Association invites deer farmers; deer farm teams and rural professionals to a one-day Technical Workshop taking place on **Thursday 20 May 2021** in Invercargill.

The workshop will take place at the Ascot Park Hotel and registrations are now open. The day includes industry expert presentations, workshop of the topics presented (see programme below for topics) and a tech expo with suppliers of technology and advice available to answer farmer's questions about farm management and technologies.

The workshop is free to attend with lunch and smoko provided. We ask that people register for Covid-19 contact tracing and for catering purposes.

Outline programme:

Time:	What:
8.30am	Doors open, registration and tech expo open
8.50am	Welcome and introductions
9.00am	Session 1: Environment - including Winter Grazing, Indoor Wintering, Animal Welfare, the projects of the Southland Environment AP.
9.45am	Session 1 Workshop: Farmers will workshop the topic/s presented in a facilitated session. Industry experts and relevant trade stand holders will be present to answer any questions.
10.30am	Morning tea and Tech Expo
10.45am	Session 2: Genetics - the new Across Breed Evaluation Index and Hind Reproduction
11.30am	Session 2 Workshop: Facilitated farmer session with industry experts and relevant trade stand holders present to answer any questions.
12.15pm	Lunch and Tech Expo
1.00pm	Session 3: Parasite Management, CARLA and Vekvet – including NVSB and Vekrak Tracing System
1.30pm	Session 3 Workshop: Facilitated farmer session with industry experts and relevant trade stand holders present to answer any questions.
2.30pm	Day review
2.45pm	Afternoon tea and Tech Expo
3.00pm	Close of day.

To register click >> [HERE \(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NationalTechWorkshopInvercargill2021\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NationalTechWorkshopInvercargill2021) << or alternatively contact Rob Aloe, Deer Industry NZ on rob.aloe@deernz.org (mailto:rob.aloe@deernz.org) or phone: 04 473 4500.

If you are a supplier to the rural sector and would like to exhibit as a trade stand holder, then please contact Dave Lawrence on info@tikana.co.nz (mailto:info@tikana.co.nz) or phone: 027 236 4117.



The National Technical Workshop is funded by the Passion2Profit programme, a Primary Growth Partnership co-funded by Deer Industry New Zealand and the Ministry for Primary Industries.

And for those who can't get to Southland

NORTH ISLAND DEER TECH EXPO – 30 JUNE AND 1 JULY

You may like to mark your diaries for an expo at Awapuni Racecourse in Palmerston North on 30 June and 1 July 2021. With a theme of 'Adding value', the event will feature new technologies and ideas intended to add value to farm businesses.

Of course the North Island Tech Expo is open to farmers from both islands who will have plenty of opportunity to catch up, and share experiences.

Workshops will run during the afternoon of the first day and morning of the second day. Farmers will discuss selected topics, share ideas, and report on what has or has not worked for them. Each session will be facilitated by one or two trained people who will keep it on track.

"Subject matter experts will be there to answer technical questions, not to tell you everything they know," says organiser Pania Flint.

Farmers will be asked to choose their preferred workshop topics when registering. You will be able to attend four of the 10 topics on offer, but will be asked to choose six options, with two as backups in case one or two of your first choices don't go ahead.

If you would like to sponsor or exhibit your products or services at this event, please contact paniaflint@gmail.com (mailto:paniaflint@gmail.com) or tel 021 0830 8421. The first morning will focus on the expo and there will be short talks from exhibitors throughout the event.

[Click here to register for the expo >> \(https://form.jotform.com/210586623056051\)](https://form.jotform.com/210586623056051)

The North Island Tech Expo is funded by the P2P Programme.

BRIGHT LIGHTS – NZDFA EXECUTIVE AND DINZ BOARD POSITIONS

DINZ Board Producer appointed Vacancy 2021. With the retirement of director William Oliver, the NZDFA is pleased to report there is strong interest in the vacancy for the 2021-2024 term with 5 nominations.

They are:

- **Amanda Bell**, Otago. (Nominated **Andy Macfarlane** seconded **Adrian Campbell**)
- **Sarah Paterson**, Wellington (Nominated **Edmund Noonan**, seconded **Grant Charteris**)
- **Dr Jacqueline Rowarth**, Waikato (Nominated **William Oliver**, seconded **Catherine Morrow**)
- **Martin Rupert**, South Canterbury (Nominated **Chris Petersen**, seconded **Graham Peck**)
- **Simon Wright**, Southland (Nominated **Bruce Allan**, seconded **David Stevens**)

The Nominees are invited under the NZDFA constitution to present a short overview of their candidatures at the 46th AGM in Invercargill on 18th May 2021 before the meeting's General Business session. The Selection and Appointments Panel will carry out its processes and make the appointments before 1 July 2021, as required.

The DFA vacancies on the Executive Committee have received nominations for the incumbent members and no changes result nor election is required:

Nominations for the vacancies created by retirement by rotation:

Executive Committee

- **Mark McCoard**, Taihape (Nominated **Justin Stevens**, seconded, **Karen Middelberg**)

- **Justin Stevens**, Marlborough (Nominated **Andrew Fishburn**, seconded **Tahi Doonan**)

Selection and Appointments Panel

- **Steve Borland**, Waikato (Nominated **Hub Hall**, seconded **Ross Moore**)
- **Donald Whyte**, South Canterbury (Nominated **Graham Peck**, seconded **Don Bennett**)

- *AJ Pearse, NZDFA Returning Officer*

GOOD TURNOUT TO SEE AWARD-WINNING PROPERTY

As Karen has reported, it was third time lucky for Evan and Linda Potter on 30 March when they welcomed about 150 visitors to Waipapa Station in central Hawke's Bay to celebrate their clutch of well-deserved environmental awards.

There was excellent support from the local Hawke's Bay DFA, with members responding to the call to bring along as many vehicles as possible to accommodate the visitors on an extensive farm tour. There was even an e-bike or two in the convoy.

Visitors got a close look at the 720-hectare property, which has been expanded in recent years with the purchase of two neighbouring blocks. The jewel in the crown at Waipapa is the 120-hectare QEII covenanted bush-clad Hawea stream gorge, which winds its way through the original block. Evan and Linda fenced the gorge in their first few years on the property, purchased in 1997. They haven't stopped there and still have the bit between their teeth on environmental projects that aim to protect the most vulnerable land while still running a profitable business and enjoying a decent lifestyle.



DINZ chair Ian Walker presents Linda and Evan with the Supreme Elworthy Award.

They said it's possible to protect environmental values and do well financially – in fact those two aspects feed off each other.

The stock policy is approximately one-third each sheep, beef and deer – the latter is a velvetting operation with surplus stags and hinds sold through Firstlight and the velvet (currently cutting 1.2 tonnes) supplied to CK Import Export.

A long list of awards was acknowledged throughout the day. The first received were from the deer industry in 2019, with the wider world catching on since then. Awards included:

- Landcare Trust Award 2019 (deer farmers environmental awards)
- Supreme Elworthy Award 2019 (deer farmers environmental awards)
- Bayleys People Award
- East Coast Farming for the Future Award
- Synlait Climate Stewardship Award
- NZ Farm Environment Trust East Coast Supreme Winner 2020 (Ballance Farm Environment Awards)
- Gordon Stephenson Trophy

As winners, Evan and Linda are ambassadors for sustainable farming for the coming year.

- For an interview with Evan and Linda recorded during the field day, view the video below or view on YouTube >>

BIG DEER TOUR SELECTIONS 2021

Deer Industry NZ is pleased to introduce the 2021 intake for the fourth edition of the Big Deer Tour.



*(L-R): **Cameron Butterworth** - Lincoln University, **Mikaela Carr** - Massey University, **Izzy Hurst** - Lincoln University, **Zach Dewhurst** - Massey University*



To read more about these students and where they'll be headed on this year's tour, head to >> [deernz.org/big-deer-tour-2021-selections](https://www.deernz.org/big-deer-tour-2021-selections) (<https://www.deernz.org/big-deer-tour-2021-selections>)

NOTICEBOARD

CERVENA® ANTIBIOTIC FREE STANDARD CONSULTATION UPDATE

During 2019 and 2020 at the request of the Cervena licensees DINZ consulted with farmers on the possible introduction of an Antibiotic Free standard for Cervena venison. Given current challenges in global venison markets, the licensees agreed to pause the consultation process. The licensees will re-examine in early 2022 if the timing is right to resume consultation on the introduction of an antibiotic free standard, at which time a further update will be provided. Thank you once again to those that have provided feedback during the consultation process.

INTENSIVE WINTER GRAZING REGULATIONS DELAYED

"The farming sector has agreed to make immediate improvements to intensive winter grazing practices for the coming season and the Government will help them achieve this.

In return for the farming sector's commitment, the Government has deferred for a year the introduction of intensive winter grazing practice regulations in the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater 2020."

While the introduction of regulation has been delayed to ensure that it works better for farmers and their livestock, producers are still encouraged to follow best practice winter management to avoid soil loss and compaction and any welfare issues. We know that the people who spread negative images of livestock on crops will be out with their cameras again, so we hope that deer farmers will be showing how to manage the conditions well. Here's a Deer Fact on winter management>> [DeerFact_IntensiveWinterFeeding_V8_Web.pdf](https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_IntensiveWinterFeeding_V8_Web.pdf) ([deernz.org](https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_IntensiveWinterFeeding_V8_Web.pdf)) (https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_IntensiveWinterFeeding_V8_Web.pdf)

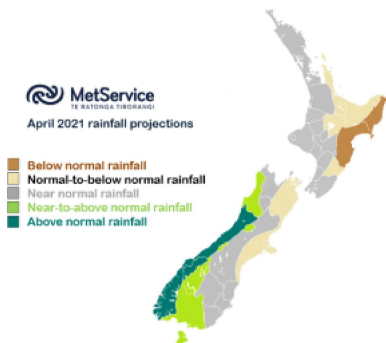
Read more from MPI on the delay >> (<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/environment-and-natural-resources/protecting-freshwater-health/>)

Taihape / Ruapehu Weaner Deer Sale
What: Combined hybrid and red weaner stag and hind sale
• Quality hill country breeding
• Renowned for shifting well
• Weaned 1 month prior to sale
• Yersiniosis vaccinated
When: Tuesday, 13 April @ 1200
Where: Waiouru Deer Selling Complex
Contact for more information: Andrew Peters 0273880039



(https://deernz.org/taihape-ruapehu-weaner-sales#_YG5HJ68zaUk)

METSERVICE OUTLOOK – APRIL 2021



(<https://sites.dinz/files/MetService%20outlook%20april%202021.png>) For the South Island, April starts off with a ridge, before a vigorous westerly regime prevails over the South Island through Easter weekend. Northern and eastern regions of the South Island should run on the drier side of the ledger for the first half of the month, under a mixture of Highs and westerlies. In contrast, western and southern areas of the South Island should see fairly typical precipitation totals during the first half of April.

The North Island is expected to see a mixture of Highs and westerlies at the start of the month, drier than normal until nearly mid-month. By mid-April, unsettled weather maps are expected across New Zealand, with a wetter than normal flavour for all regions for the second half of the month. An active Tasman Sea is forecast to contribute some wetter northerly events for the North Island, while an active Southern Ocean should produce some decent westerly fronts.

Overall, a warmer than usual April is expected for all regions - but this does not rule out typical April cold snaps or the odd snowfall event.

BOTTOM LINE: A MIXED BAG FOR APRIL. The first half of the month should run drier than usual, except for the West Coast of the South Island. A wetter second half of April is expected for all areas.

Joke of the Month

A giant ship's engine broke down and no one could repair it, so they hired a mechanical engineer with over 40 years of experience.

He inspected the engine very carefully, from top to bottom. After seeing everything, the engineer unloaded the bag and pulled out a small hammer.

He knocked something gently. Soon, the engine came to life again. The engine has been fixed!

7 days later the engineer mentioned that the total cost of repairing the giant ship was \$10,000 to the ship owner.

"What?!" said the owner.

"You did almost nothing. Give us a detailed bill."

The answer is simple:

Tap with a hammer: \$2

Know where to knock and how much to knock: \$9,998

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Details
Taihape / Ruapehu Weaner Sales	Tue 13 April 2021	<p>Where: Waiouru Deer Selling Complex.</p> <p>Contact for more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ Andrew Peters 06 388 0929 ▸ Sean de Lacy 027 778 1669
SCNO DFA AGM and DINZ Board Q&A	Tuesday 13th April	<p>WHERE: <u>Farm Barn Café</u> (https://goo.gl/maps/3VFUn2hiYkbCfJ3p8) (4 Mount Michael Road, RD 17, Fairlie 7987)</p> <p>3.00pm Refreshments 3.30pm SCNO DFA AGM 5.00pm Venison demonstration with chef Graham Brown Followed by Q&A with the members of the DINZ Board and CEO</p> <p>For any questions about the AGM, please get in touch with the South Canterbury North Otago DFA Branch:</p> <p>Chair - Graham Peck 021 022 18948 / 03 614 8006 / empeckfarms@gmail.com (mailto:empeckfarms@gmail.com) Secretary - Emma Coutts 027 739 9169 / emmacoutts175@gmail.com (mailto:emmacoutts175@gmail.com)</p>
2021 Deer Industry Conference	Tue 18 & Wed 19 May 2021	<p>Bill Richardson Transport World, Invercargill</p> <p><u>REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! (https://www.deernz.org/2021-deer-industry-conference#_YEF72MGZAUK)</u></p> <p>Visit deernz.org/2021-deer-industry-conference (https://www.deernz.org/2021-deer-industry-conference) for more information.</p>
Deer Farmers National Technical Workshop	Thu 20 May 2021	<p>Ascot Park Hotel, Invercargill</p> <p>To register click >> <u>HERE</u> (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NationalTechWorkshopInvercargill2021) << or for more information visit deernz.org/deer-farmers-national-technical-workshop-invercargill (https://www.deernz.org/deer-farmers-national-technical-workshop-invercargill)</p> <p>For more information contact Rob Aloe, Deer Industry NZ on rob.aloe@deernz.org (mailto:rob.aloe@deernz.org?subject=Query%20Deer%20Farmers%20National%20Technical%20Workshop%20-%20Invercargill) or phone: 04 473 4500.</p>
North Island Deer Industry Tech Expo and Deer Farmers' Workshop	Wed 30 June and Thu 1 July	<p>Awapuni Racecourse; Palmerston North</p> <p>Programme - outline only</p> <p>Detailed programme will be sent out closer to the time. There will be short talks from exhibitors throughout the event.</p> <p><u>Wednesday 30th June</u> 9am: Expo opens to the public, exhibitors on display 10am: Exhibitor talks - Focusing on digital technology and drones. 12pm: Lunch (BYO or pre-paid) 12:30pm: Welcome to 2021 National AP and Deer Farmers Workshops 1:30pm : Farmer workshops 1 and 2 6:00pm: Dinner (tickets must be prepurchased) Evening entertainment Travel to accommodation</p> <p><u>Thursday 1 July</u> 8:30am: A conversation with our customers (timing may change) Farmer workshops 3 and 4 1:00pm: Conclusion of National AP and deer farmers workshops Attendees are welcome to stay and interact with the exhibitors and ask further questions. 4:00pm: Close of tech exhibition</p> <p>The registration form includes further detail on the workshops.</p> <p><u>CLICK HERE TO REGISTER >> (https://form.jotform.com/210586623056051)</u></p> <p>Contact</p> <p>If you're having trouble with <u>the form</u> (https://form.jotform.com/210586623056051) or need to get in touch you can register over the phone or by email. Email: advanceparty@deernz.org (mailto:advanceparty@deernz.org) Phone: Stu 0273728756; Pania 0277181076</p>