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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Well it isn't too many days until our annual Deer Industry Conference in Invercargill on the 18th and 19th of May. The two days have a great array of topics and speakers on subjects that are hugely relevant to all deer farmers. Venison and velvet markets, animal welfare, research, climate change and environmental issues will be all covered in depth. As farmers we have to ensure we have a good understanding of all the above topics as they are integral to our businesses.

We will hear how the VelTrak rollout is progressing and hear why we need to future proof the tractability of velvet from farm to market.

The conference has great keynote speakers throughout the two days. Blake Holgate (Rabobank) giving his thoughts on New Zealand and rural New Zealand's financial outlook. The huge financial turmoil that the world has been subject to due to the Covid19 pandemic, has turned everything we took for granted in a global economy on its head, with some markets decimated and others booming. Further impacts include logistics and global freight experiencing huge delays, especially for us at the bottom of the world and the effect this is having on NZ businesses.

Lance Burdett (WARN) which stands for wellness, awareness, resilience, and negotiation. With mental health taken very seriously now and farmers under increasing pressure from financial, climate and workplace issues, it will be interesting to hear how this organisation empowers people to overcome life's pressures.

Dr Jaqueline Rowarth, who is well known to us all, will speak on defending meat in a world where it is coming under huge pressure for its part in climate change and in changing diets. As a producer of a premier quality protein with a tiny footprint, we like to think we are well placed, but are we? Hopefully we will find the answer to this and many other questions on meat's future as a major food protein.

The final keynote speaker is Kaila Colbin, who spoke to our conference a few years ago, where she talked about the future and the exponential rate of change that now creates global changes at enormous speed. She highlighted the development of the plant based "meat" burger, which as we now know is a reality and has hugely wealthy and influential backers who see it as the answer to reducing our need for red meat. No doubt we will hear more of her insightful thoughts on future global trends.

Don't forget the two nights socialising and the industry awards on the last night. And then to follow, the P2P in action with the P2P National Technical workshop event being held at the Ascot on Thursday 20th. It's a free industry event with an action packed programme and a great format.

I am sure there is something for everyone, so deer farmers in Otago and Southland and throughout the country need to support this important industry event. If there is ever a time that we need to come together, network and get a better understanding of the crucial factors that are influencing our industry and your business, this is it. Look forward to seeing you.

- John Somerville, Chair NZDFA Executive Committee

COME ALONG TO THE 2021 DEER INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

The annual Deer Industry Conference is fast approaching and we would love to see you there!

If you're keen to find out what's going on in your deer industry, this is the best opportunity to question the DINZ Board and hear from the executives, venison and velvet companies and gain understanding of both the short term and longer term prospects of the markets.

<< CLICK HERE TO REGISTER >> (<https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/2021%20deer%20industry%203-21%20-%20interactive%201.pdf>)

Registrations are open up until the 17th of May and more information on the conference can be found at [deernz.org/2021-deer-industry-conference](https://www.deernz.org/2021-deer-industry-conference) (<https://www.deernz.org/2021-deer-industry-conference>). If you have any questions on the registration process, please get in touch with organiser Melissa Bahler on positiveeventsplus@xtra.co.nz (<mailto:positiveeventsplus@xtra.co.nz>) or 027 664 3080

PROGRAMME

The programme is highlighted with some outstanding keynote speakers in Lance Burdett (Warn International), Dr Jacqueline Rowarth, and Kaila Colbin (Boma). Their speaker profiles are in the February/March issue of *Deer Industry News* >> (https://www.deernz.org/deer-industry-news-issue-106-february-march-2021#Conference_Keynote).

[Click here to download a copy of the programme >> \(https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/2021%20conference%20programme.pdf\)](https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/2021%20conference%20programme.pdf)

VENISON MARKETING SESSION – QUESTIONS FOR THE MARKETING COMPANIES

At the upcoming conference, we will be holding a Question and Answer session with the marketing managers from all of the venison marketing companies. This is a great opportunity to hear from them and ask questions about the market and the challenges and opportunities.

DINZ is collecting questions for the companies in advance of the event, to allow the marketing companies to prepare detailed responses. If you have a question you would like to ask, please email it through to nick.taylor@deernz.org (<mailto:nick.taylor@deernz.org>) by 13 May or give me a call on 021 190 8355.

NZDFA AGM – 8.30AM TUE 18 MAY, INVERCARGILL

Notice is hereby given that the 46th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Deer Farmers' Association (Inc) will be held at Bill Richardson Transport World, Invercargill on Tuesday 18th May 2021, commencing at 8.30 am.

The Chairman and Executive Committee of the NZDFA invite all members of the NZDFA, industry levy payers and interested parties to attend.

AGENDA

Subject to change

1. Apologies
2. Appointment of scrutineers
3. Obituaries
4. Notification of further items of general business
5. Confirmation of agenda
6. Confirmation of the minutes of the 45th AGM of the NZDFA (Inc)
7. Matters arising from the minutes
8. Executive Committee Chairman's report
9. Financial report
 - a. Approval of the 2020/21 reviewed financial statements
 - b. 2021/22 Budget (motion of approval sought)
 - c. Motion of confirmation for Executive Committee honorari
 - d. Motion of appointment of financial accounts reviewer
10. Constitutional amendments (if any)
11. Executive Committee remits (if any)
12. NZDFA branch remits (if any)
13. DINZ Board producer appointment. Candidate addresses to the AGM
14. General business
 - a. Confirmation of NZDFA Executive Committee and SAP appointments
 - b. Any other business

2021 PROXY FORM >> (<https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/13%20NZDFA%20PROXY%20FORM%202021-ED.PDF>)

DEER FARMERS NATIONAL TECHNICAL WORKSHOP – THU 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 after the industry conference on 18 and 19 May 2021.

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) and a tech expo with exhibitors 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.

Programme is as follows;

Time:	What:
8.30am	Doors open, registration and tech expo open (Lounge area)
8.50am	Welcome and introductions (Waiau Room)
9.00am 9.20am 9.45am	Session 1 Presentations (Waiau Room) Environment: 1. 'Greenhouse gases -know your number' Lindaay Fung (Deer Industry NZ) 2. 'Sediment traps to support good management practice' David Moate (Environment Southland) 3. 'The Southland Environment Advance Party and Winter grazing' Nicola McGrouther (Facilitator) & John Somerville
10.00am	Environment Session 1 Farmer Workshops (Orel & Aparima Rooms): Attendees will move into one of the above rooms to discuss practical take home steps 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 (Lounge foyer area)
10.45am 11.05am	Session 2 Presentations (Waiau Room) Genetics & Reproduction: 4. 'Genetics -the new Across Breed Evaluation Index' Sharon McIntyre (Deer Industry NZ Deer Select Manager) 5. 'Wind management for optimal reproductive performance' Geoff Asher (AgResearch)
11.30am	Session 2 Farmer Workshops: Genetics - Orel Room & Hind Reproduction - Aparima Room. Attendees will move into one of the above rooms to discuss practical take home steps in a facilitated session. Industry experts and relevant trade stand holders will be present to answer any questions.
12.15pm	Lunch and Tech Expo (Lounge foyer area)
1.00pm 1.20pm 1.40pm	Session 3 Presentations (Waiau Room): 6. 'How to reduce drench use in parasite management' - Dave Lawrence (Tikana) 7. 'What is CARLA ?' - Jamie Ward (AgResearch) 8. 'Valtrak - the new electronic velvet tagging system from 2021+22' John Tacon (DINZ QA Manager / NVSB)
2.00pm	Session 3 Farmer Workshops: Parasite Management & CARLA - Orel Room NVSB & Valtrak - Aparima Room Attendees will move into one of the above rooms to discuss practical take home steps in a facilitated session. Industry experts and relevant trade stand holders will be present to answer any questions.
2.30pm	Day review (Waiau Room)
2.45pm	Afternoon tea and Tech Expo (Lounge foyer area)
4.00pm	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.

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



MSD PHOTO COMPETITION – DEADLINE EXTENDED!



FINAL SUBMISSION DATE EXTENDED UNTIL THURSDAY 13 MAY AT 12:00PM

With the deadline extended, there is 1 more week to capture that potential winning shot!

There are some great prizes on offer, including:

- \$500 cash prize for the overall winner
- Category winner cash prizes
- Premium wine gift pack for "People's choice" award
- Framed photos of winning photographs.

Like last year, it will be just as easy to enter - no need to print and post your photos. Email them through to rebecca.norling@deernz.org along with your entry form.

[Click here to view more details download the entry form >>](https://www.deernz.org/media/deer-industry-competitions/deer-industry-photo-competition#.YI8htegza70) (https://www.deernz.org/media/deer-industry-competitions/deer-industry-photo-competition#.YI8htegza70)

VELTRAK™ REGISTRATIONS ROLLING IN



On Wednesday, three days after registrations opened for farmers, close to 300 farmers had logged on to the VelTrak website and registered.

DINZ QA administrator Pam MacLeman (pictured) says this is a great result. "We've also had two of us fielding phone calls from farmers and vets. We apologise to anyone who had difficulty getting through to us on the phone, but after the initial rush we expect things to settle down."

Some farmers wanted to change the email address they log-in with, or change the name of their farm business. That's easy enough for the helpdesk to sort. But, to make it easier for users, the VelTrak software is being tweaked to enable farms to change their business names on-line.

Some vet practices have had to update their obsolete internet browsers to get VelTrak to work properly, an issue that few farmers appear to have had.



Pam says quite a few vet practices have yet to register. This means farmers can't link their businesses to those practices when they register. While farmers can log in again at a later date to do this, she encourages vet practices to register – it's one less thing farmers have to think about.

"There are also a few farmers who don't have access to the internet. We have taken their names and contact details and will get back to them to discuss ways of registering on VelTrak that are right for them. Every farm situation is different, so we need to discuss their options."

DINZ QA manager John Tacon encourages farms that haven't registered to do so promptly. "It means you will become familiar with VelTrak and can have any questions answered well before the start of the new season. Our helpdesk can also help sort out any difficulties you may have logging in or updating your details."

In order to sell your velvet in the upcoming season, 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 click on the name of your vet practice. That's it. You'll be registered.

Detailed user guides are posted on the VelTrak section of the DINZ website (see link below). VelTrak presentations are also being held at industry events.

VelTrak farmer time-line

- Now: Click on the link in the email from VelTrak inviting you 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?

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

VelTrak helpdesk: Freephone 0508 VELTRAK (0508 835 872)

VIDEO RECORDING OF THE VELTRAK FARMER WEBINAR

Here's an edited version of the VelTrak farmer webinar held in late April. DINZ QA manager John Tacon explains the why, what and how of VelTrak for farmers. John is joined by QA administrator Pam MacLeman who helps answer the farmer questions that followed the presentation.

WE NEED TO GET IT RIGHT THIS WINTER

As all deer farmers know, winter grazing is a hot topic that is not about to go away.

Regional councils will be monitoring farms this winter, especially in Southland and those parts of other regions where stock are intensively wintered on heavier soils. In particular Environment Southland and Otago Regional Council will be conducting flyovers of winter grazing areas over the course of this season. Activists will also be out with their drones, looking for examples of bad practice they can share on social media and with news reporters.

The NZDFA therefore strongly encourages its members to take the topic seriously. The government will be introducing intensive winter grazing regulations in 2022. If bad practice is seen to be widespread this winter, it will be used to justify tougher regulations and more compliance issues for all farmers. Not just for those who aren't doing the right thing.



Great deer winter grazing management: Grazing from the top of the slope; baleage on site; no back-fence; wide buffer strip between the crop and the creek

Some suggestions:

- Have a wintering plan. The recently released intensive winter grazing module is a good place to start. Check out the DINZ *Deer Fact* sheets for deer-specific advice (links to documents below).
- Check your plan for 2021 against the IWG checklist 'Are you set for winter' developed by farming groups including Deer Industry New Zealand. [IWG Farmer Checklist 2021 >>](https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/IWG_FarmerChecklist%202021%20v4.pdf) (https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/IWG_FarmerChecklist%202021%20v4.pdf).
- Include provisions for what you will do if there is an extreme downpour, flood or heavy snow.
- Ensure your stock have access to clean feed every day, as well as a place where they can lie down comfortably.
- Take photos to show you are doing the right thing. Show these and your plan to regulators if, for reasons outside your control, things turn to custard.
- Perceptions are important. During winter, try to look at your wintering system through a non-farmer's eyes. How would it [look](#) if a photo or video was taken today and posted on social media?
- If you don't have a Farm Environment Plan, or need to update it to include a wintering plan, consider joining a Deer Industry Environment Group. Contact: phil.mckenzie@deernz.org (<mailto:phil.mckenzie@deernz.org>) or Tel 027 499 7809
- If you know of a neighbour who is struggling during winter, but you are reluctant to have a chat, ring the Federated Farmers hot-line 0800 FARMING (0800 327 646). They will check the situation out and offer farmer-friendly help if it is needed.

Getting it right in 2022 and beyond

From 2022 onward, farms will be required to have a winter grazing management plan. The Ministry for Primary Industries and the Ministry for the Environment have developed a module that explains what farmers need to do to meet the expectations of government, the wider public and their fellow farmers.

[IWG Module Winter 2021](https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/IWG_Module_2021-04.pdf) (https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/IWG_Module_2021-04.pdf)

[IWG Module Key Messages & FAQs](https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/IWG_Module_KeyMessages_FAQs_2021-0427.pdf) (https://www.deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/IWG_Module_KeyMessages_FAQs_2021-0427.pdf)

To download our handy *Deer Fact* sheets on winter grazing management and good environmental practice, click on the links below:

[Intensive winter feeding: minimising the environmental risk](https://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_IntensiveWinterFeeding_V8_Web.pdf) (https://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_IntensiveWinterFeeding_V8_Web.pdf)

[Planning for winter: best options for deer and their environment](https://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_Planning4Winter_V6_Web.pdf) (https://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_Planning4Winter_V6_Web.pdf)

[Protecting waterways from wallow and feed pad run-off](https://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_Protecting_W-ways_Web.pdf) (https://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_Protecting_W-ways_Web.pdf)

[Effective nutrient management on deer farms](https://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_NutrientManagement_Web.pdf) (https://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_NutrientManagement_Web.pdf)

[Farm Environment Plans: the whys and hows of preparing them](https://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_FarmEnvPlan_V5_Web.pdf) (https://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_FarmEnvPlan_V5_Web.pdf)

[Fence-pacing: costs and solutions](https://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_FencePacing_Web.pdf) (https://deernz.org/sites/dinz/files/DeerFact_FencePacing_Web.pdf)

OTAGO DEER FARMERS MAY NEED IWG CONSENTS



Happy stags on winter crop – photo Tony Pearce

The National Environmental Standard (NES) for intensive winter grazing has been deferred for 12 months, but that's little consolation for deer farmers in Otago. The region's Plan Change 8 introduced last year still applies, including rules around intensive grazing.

In certain situations this will mean farmers will need to apply for a consent for intensive winter grazing this season. If a farmer wanting to undertake intensive grazing has 'continuance rights' or can answer "yes" to all of the following questions, they do not need a resource consent:

- Is the area of intensive grazing the lesser of 100 ha, or 10% of the total landholding?
- Does the area of intensive grazing avoid any critical source areas?
- Are the stock being break- or block-fed from the top to the bottom of a slope?
- Is a vegetated strip of at least 10 m maintained between the area of intensive grazing and any water body?

Continuance rights are in effect existing-use rights. These apply where you continue winter grazing on the same scale and with the same effects as previous years.

If a farmer cannot answer yes to the above questions and doesn't have continuance rights, they will need to apply to the Otago Regional Council for a resource consent.

The council's Richard Saunders says a quick consenting process is now operating. The consents will cost \$200 based on the staff time required. For example if a crop paddock cannot be grazed from top to bottom then a "quick consent" will need to be obtained. However if the farmer wants to increase the area of winter crop from the previous season, a more thorough and costlier consent process will be required.

The NES regulations deferred by the government, subject to any amendments, are expected to take effect from May 2022.

If deer farmers have questions about the Otago Regional Council consent process they should email public.enquiries@orc.govt.nz, or phone 0800 474 082.

The resource consent application form is [here >>](https://www.orc.govt.nz/media/9825/form-51-intensive-grazing-short-term-consent.pdf) (<https://www.orc.govt.nz/media/9825/form-51-intensive-grazing-short-term-consent.pdf>)

The legal fine print about Plan Change 8 Intensive Grazing Consents is [here >>](https://www.orc.govt.nz/news-and-events/news-and-media-releases/2021/april/plan-change-8-consents-update-intensive-grazing) (<https://www.orc.govt.nz/news-and-events/news-and-media-releases/2021/april/plan-change-8-consents-update-intensive-grazing>)

For deer-specific advice on best winter management practices, please check-out the links to relevant [Deer Facts here >>](https://www.deernz.org/deerhub/farm-environment/water-soils/land-environment-planning/wintering-feed#YJjnLVljUjU) (<https://www.deernz.org/deerhub/farm-environment/water-soils/land-environment-planning/wintering-feed#YJjnLVljUjUjU>)

BIG DEER TOUR 2021



Deer Industry NZ hosted 8 undergraduate and masters university students as part of the Big Deer Tour 2021 which took place from the 12 to 16 April. The selected students were;

- Cameron Butterworth - Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Lincoln University
- Mikaela Carr - Bachelor of Veterinary Science, Massey University
- Izzy Hurst - Master of Business in Global Management and Marketing, Lincoln University
- Zach Dewhurst - Bachelor of Science, Massey University
- Archie Woodhouse - Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Lincoln University
- Abbey Dowd - Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Lincoln University
- Amy Ashworth - Bachelor Agriculture Commerce, Massey University
- Daniel Vaughan - Bachelor of Veterinary Science, Massey University

Click on the image montage below put together by Izzy Hurst to see what the group got up to on their tour of the deer farming industry in New Zealand.

Click on the image for a larger version >>



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Deer Industry New Zealand would like to thank the following industry partners and deer farmers for their contribution during the week and for agreeing to host the group;

- Mountain River Venison, Rakaia
- Provelco, Christchurch
- Deer Milking Ltd, Mt Somers
- Wayne Allan Agricultural Consultancy Ltd
- Northbank Station, Rakaia
- Tom Macfarlane and Tim Turner (Melior Venison), Fairlie
- Hamish and Pip Smith (Ben Dhu Station), Omarama
- Mandy Bell, AgResourced Ltd & WAI Wanaka, Wanaka
- Alpine Deer Group, Luggate
- Simon Glennie and Abacusbio Ltd, Dunedin
- John and Mary Falconer (Clachanburn Deer), Ranfurly
- Duncan Venison NZ
- AgResearch Invermay
- Silver Fern Farms, Dunedin

This tour was produced as part of the Passion2Profit programme, a Primary Growth Partnership co-funded by Deer Industry New Zealand and the Ministry for Primary Industries.

NOTICEBOARD

2021/22 NZDFA MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

By now, you should have received a 2021/22 subscription invoice in the mail. If you haven't received, or you know someone who might like to join, [please get in touch with us >> \(mailto:cenwynn.phillip@deerz.org?subject=NZDFA%20subscription%20invoice%20request\)](mailto:cenwynn.phillip@deerz.org?subject=NZDFA%20subscription%20invoice%20request)

2021 NEW ZEALAND RED MEAT REPORT

This is a joint Beef + Lamb NZ and Meat Industry Association publication aimed at providing an overview of key priorities and initiatives within the New Zealand red meat sector in areas like trade, environment, innovation, research, and people and capability.

[Click here to read the 2021 New Zealand Red Meat Report >> \(https://mia.co.nz/assets/Uploads/RMR-May-2021.pdf\)](https://mia.co.nz/assets/Uploads/RMR-May-2021.pdf)

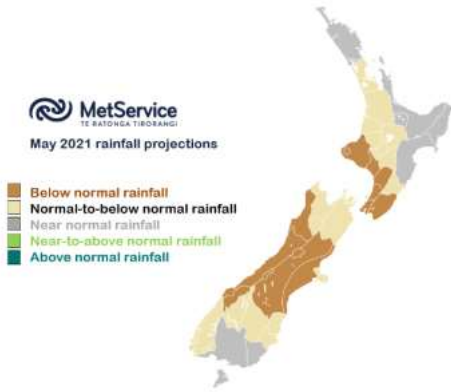
LOOKING FOR WORK ON A DEER FARM IN THE NORTH ISLAND

Jolinda Feenstra is looking to broaden her experience and work on a deer farm in the North Island. If you think you have an opportunity for her, please get in touch with her directly on jojolindafeenstrapsy3414@gmail.com (<mailto:jojolindafeenstrapsy3414@gmail.com>) or 02108735166.

"I'm known to be a bubbly happy person with a caring nature towards people and animals. I am respectful, very patient, honest, and very quiet, observant and calm in handling cattle and horses within my safety.

I do work well in a team and don't mind working on my own too, a very hard worker and reliable always smiling even on not so good days. When a problem or a situation appears, I'm there to help solve and deal with a solution to try and fix that problem."

MetService Outlook - May 2021



A large and slow-moving area of high pressure takes charge of the New Zealand weather maps to begin May. This means an almost entirely dry first third of the month with just minor fronts clipping the lower South Island as they skirt the high. South Island will likely run warm, particularly in the east, while North Island can expect cold mornings with patchy cloud of fog, and mainly fine afternoon with temperatures near normal for the time of year.

In the week beginning Monday 10th we see a change in type as the Tasman Sea pushes a low our way. Warm, humid northerlies are expected to bring a spell of rain with the upper North Island and South Island's West Coast most exposed to this. In the wake of this low, activity likely shifts to the Southern Ocean with southwesterlies likely to bring a cooler than average second half of the month, and the rain picture being dominated by just how well established the next Tasman Sea high becomes. It's likely that rain becomes limited to south/southwesterly showers without much weight to them. Right at the end of May there are signs of a low moving in north of the country which would serve to weaken the usual autumn westerlies.

Bottom Line: A very dry start to May before a warm and wet week anywhere exposed to the north. Little rain is expected for eastern South Island where soils remain very dry.

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DFA AND DINZ CONTACTS

Need to get in touch? Feel free to give us a call or email [info@deernz.org \(mailto:info@deernz.org\)](mailto:info@deernz.org)

NZDFA Executive Committee >> (<https://deernz.org/about-deer-industry/new-zealand-deer-farmers-association/nzdfa-executive-committee#.YJM7ELUza71>)

NZDFA Local Branch Chairs* >> (<https://deernz.org/about-deer-industry/new-zealand-deer-farmers-association/nzdfa-local-branches#.YJM7P7Uza70>)

DINZ executives >> (<https://www.deernz.org/about-deer-industry/contact-us/deer-industry-executives-contractors#.YJM5JLUza70>)

*Please email [cenwynn.philip@deernz.org \(mailto:cenwynn.philip@deernz.org\)](mailto:cenwynn.philip@deernz.org) if any branch chair details are out of date.

Joke of the Month

Some password jokes that might resonate with those setting up their VelTrak accounts.

WEBSITE: Please enter your new password ME: beef WEBSITE: Sorry. Your password is not stroganoff
Please enter your new password: "RomeoJulietMercutioBenvolio" Sorry, your password must be at least 5 characters long.
Set your wifi password to 2444666688888888 So when someone ask tell them it's 12345678
Website: Enter new password Me: chicken Website: Password must contain a capital Me: chickenkiev
Followed the instructions for my password but they didn't work It said, "Type Password" So I entered, "Password" Then it told me, "Your Password is Incorrect" So I entered, "Incorrect" To which it said, "Try Again" So I typed, "Again" But now for some reason I can't do anything because it thinks my account name is "Locked Out"
Why did Gmail reject the password "14days"? It was too weak!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Details
NZDFA AGM	Tue 18 May	<p>8.30am Bill Richardson Transport World, Invercargill</p> <p>Click here for more detail >> (https://www.deernz.org/nzdfa-46th-agm#.YJNM9bUza71)</p>
2021 Deer Industry Conference	Tue 18 & Wed 19 May 2021	<p>Bill Richardson Transport World, Invercargill</p> <p><u>REGISTER NOW! (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	<p>Ascot Park Hotel, Invercargill</p> <p>To register click >> <u>HERE (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NationalTechWorkshopInvercargill2021)</u> << 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 <u>rob.aloe@deernz.org (mailto:rob.aloe@deernz.org?subject=Query%20Deer%20Farmers%20National%20Technical%20Workshop%20-%20Invercargill)</u> or phone: 04 473 4500.</p>
B+LNZ Yardstick benchmarking workshop for Deer Farmers	Fri 21 May	<p>TIME: 10am-3pm DATE: Friday 21st May WHERE: Level 2 15 Joll Road Havelock North</p> <p>Beef and Lamb have created a tool called "Yardstick" to help farmers benchmark their farm performance against other farms and identify areas you may need to tweak. While it was developed with deer farm systems in mind, it's been used for Sheep and Beef farms so far, and they would like to test it for use by Deer farms as well. This workshop is partly for you to learn about Yardstick, and partly for Beef and Lamb to learn what needs to change in Yardstick for Deer farms. If you'd like to be part of the evaluation and further development of this tool for deer farmers, <u>please RSVP to Emma - emma@soter.co.nz (mailto:emma@soter.co.nz?subject=RSVP%20B%20LNZ%20FDINZ%20Yardstick%20benchmarking%20workshop%20for%20deer%20farmers)</u> or 027 438 7055 or 06 858 9797</p> <p>Please click here for more info on the day >> (https://www.deernz.org/blnz-yardstick-benchmarking-workshop#.YJNQi7Uza70)</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>The theme of this year's workshop is Adding Value. From digital technologies to added value timbers, understanding what the market loves about our product, business diversification and measuring efficiencies and more. We hope you will find new technologies, ideas and pearls of wisdom that will help add value to your business.</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 (https://form.jotform.com/210586623056051)</u> or need to get in touch you can register over the phone or by email.</p> <p>Email: advanceparty@deernz.org (mailto:advanceparty@deernz.org)</p> <p>Phone: Stu 0273728756; Pania 0277181076</p>

