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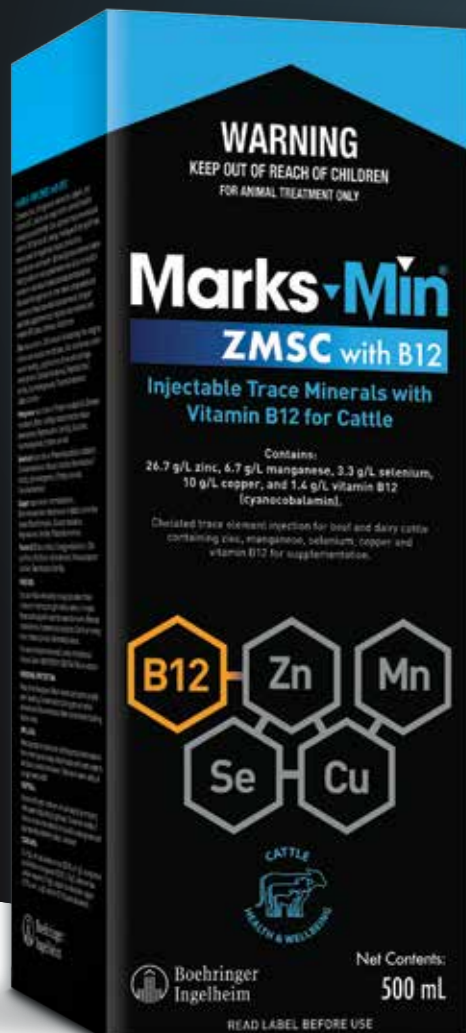
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THE PRESIDENT'S VIEW



MIKE SMITH

As we step into 2025, it is evident that the beef industry remains as dynamic and full of opportunity as ever. New Zealand's beef sector continues to evolve in response to both global market shifts and local challenges, and it is through collaboration, innovation and dedication that we will maintain our position as world-class beef producers.

The year has started with a bang, with the AngusNZ AGM and dinner on March 17 where the Generation Angus Youth auction was held, alongside the Beef + Lamb Genetics New Zealand Beef Breeder Forum, held on March 18 in Christchurch.

This forum provided an excellent platform for breeders, industry leaders, and experts to discuss the latest developments in genetics, sustainability and market trends. It is always inspiring to see the level of knowledge-sharing and progressive thinking that comes from these gatherings.

On the international front, world beef markets remain volatile, influenced by fluctuating demand, trade policies and economic pressures. NZ beef continues to hold strong appeal in key export markets, with our grass-fed, high-quality product maintaining its premium reputation. Domestically, the sector faces its own set of challenges, including regulatory pressures and shifting consumer preferences, but the resilience and adaptability of our farmers ensures we remain at the forefront of the industry.

A highlight of my recent travels was attending the Gore Show, where I had the pleasure of catching up with the young Generation Angus men and women representing NZ Angus Youth. This talented and motivated group is gearing up to head across the

ditch in May to compete at the World Angus Forum in Australia, where they will defend the title on the global stage.

Their enthusiasm, willingness to learn and commitment to excellence were evident, and I have no doubt they will do us proud. The future of our industry looks bright with such capable young leaders emerging. A special thank you to both Marie Fitzpatrick and Kath McCallum for giving up so much of their time to helm the ship.

Thank you to our sponsors Gallagher, FMG, Boehringer Ingelheim and Neogen, and to partners PBB and Beef + Lamb Genetics. We have enjoyed working with you over the past year and we continue to ask breeders and members to support these organisations.

As we look ahead, 2025 will be another big year for Angus in NZ. The passion and hard work of our breeders and industry professionals continue to drive us forward, ensuring that Angus remains synonymous with quality and performance. Here's to another year of success, innovation and collaboration within our great industry.

Best regards,
Mike Smith
Angus New Zealand President

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BEING BRAVE AND GRABBING OPPORTUNITIES



JACKIE HARRIGAN

It was a breath of fresh air for me to get out on the road meeting inspirational farmers while researching the onfarm stories for this magazine.

Last year, 2024, was a bit of an annus horribilis for us as we spent almost seven months shuttling between home and the local hospital where my husband was going through chemo.

He survived and we survived... (thanks for asking) but it was a huge rollercoaster of a year.

So we were excited to grab the opportunity to get out and travel around East Cape to Waikura Valley, and up the Napier-Taihape Road to Ohinewairua Station and then down south to cute little Okains Bay, and up the Rangitata River valley to the grandeur of the Southern Alps and the Hakarere conservancy to visit Mt Potts Station.

And, just as after you start looking at a particular car to buy, you start to see them all over town... well, when I started to look out the window and spot black Angus cattle, they really are covering the country – up every valley and down every gravel road.

Fun as it may be to visit places and look at their Angus cattle, it is meeting and chatting to the people that make the job special for me. People who were brave enough to grab opportunities and see where it took them.

The young managers at Waikura Joint Stations, Sean and Steph Roberts, with two young children and a big job, live 20km up a gravel road and two and a half hours to the nearest supermarket – they grabbed the opportunity to make a difference to the station.

Rebecca, our photographer, did a happy dance when we met her on the road as she was leaving the station – she was so excited by the scenery, the remoteness of the valley and the photos she captured – and she kept saying “thanks for the opportunity!”

Jen and Scott Hussey seized the opportunity to lease Mt Potts station and now they are producing Angus cattle in the land of Lord of the Rings and feeding LOTR fans and Te Araroa Trail walkers at the Mt Potts Lodge.

And Alastair and Jen Harvey grabbed the opportunity to buy a retirement project at Okains Bay, Banks Peninsula, fattening Angus steers.

This magazine is full of people grabbing opportunities – to start an Angus stud, travel and compete in the Youth competition at the World Angus Forum in Australia, and to attend the Angus Future Leaders programme in Tasmania.

When life sends you an opportunity, I hope you grab it with both hands and enjoy the ride.

Jackie Harrigan

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As we acknowledge and celebrate our 70 years of breeding Angus cattle, we can then reflect on the journey it has taken us, the people we have met and the cattle bred.

Genetics is unpredictable, different and intriguing to say the least – that is what keeps us trying to achieve the genetic package that we desire in our cattle.

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WAIKURA MAKES ITS MARK

THE ISOLATED SHEEP AND BEEF OPERATION RUN ON THE EAST COAST, WAIKURA VALLEY JOINT STATIONS, HOSTED THE NORTH ISLAND'S LARGEST ON-FARM SALE LAST YEAR. ITS SUCCESS MEANS THE MANAGERS PLAN TO LIFT CATTLE NUMBERS AT THE NEXT SALE.



Station manager Sean Roberts sorting some cows and calves in the yards.



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Jackie Harrigan

Being 2.5 hours from the grocery store and 20-something kilometres up a gravel road has not put the team at Waikura Valley Joint stations off hosting the North Island's largest on-farm sale.

And it didn't put off the buyers from bidding on the 11,000 lambs, 1500 ewes and 220 cattle on offer in early December.

In fact, the sale was such a great success that managers Sean and Steph Roberts are planning to lift the number of cattle they sell next year.

It's an operation in logistics and a huge undertaking for all the station staff and the Hazletts' marketing and selling team. But the pros far outweigh the downside of having to muster, wean and present a whole lamb crop and lines of ewes and older ewes in a single swoop, along with selected lines of cows with calves at foot, and 15-month steers and heifers.

BACK TO STATION SALES

In the four years that Sean and Steph have been at the station, inland from Hicks Bay on the East Coast, they have been working hard on building the performance of the stock and the reputation of that stock.

Selling lambs was a mission so they began talking to a few different stock agents, and built a relationship with Hazlett Livestock agent Richard Johnston who showed an interest in selling in an on-farm sale.

"Richard was really excited about the possibility and we were pleased to be able to reinstate the on-farm sales that all of the stations up here used to have," Steph says.

"It used to be a big deal with each station selling one after each other and buyers going from sale to sale."

Hazlett Livestock are a South Island company originally, where selling in an on-farm auction is much more common, so Richard

could see the potential because of the iconic location and the proximity to finishers in the Waikato who understood the growing reputation of the stock coming out of the Waikura Valley.

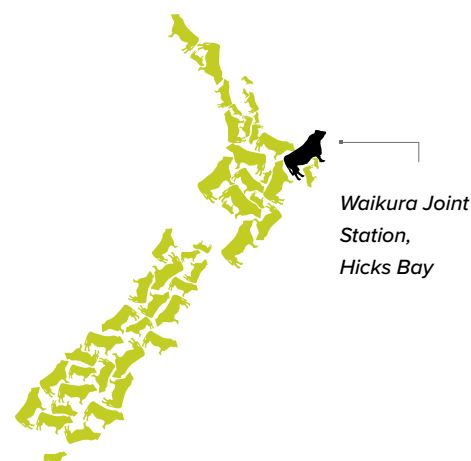
Being able to save significant cost was also a big factor – selling on-farm saved the costs of trucking, yarding and selling at store lamb sales in Gisborne, 3.25 hours away over roads still being rebuilt from the Cyclone Gabrielle wrecking-ball of February 2023, Sean says.

"It also fits really well with the lower staffing model we run here, and helps get all the lambs off before grass growth slows or we go dry. In the past we have had a big weather event and the road has been compromised and we haven't been able to get lambs out.

"At this time of year, the road is good, the lambs are looking really well grown and in two days are weaned and sold straight off mum – it's a pretty hectic time but we drop the



Sean and Steph Roberts
with Beau and Harriet.



**'WHEN YOU ARE IN HERE
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THE BUM.'**

stocking rate, reduce the worm burden and can put any feed into the other stock and then the big cheque comes in," Sean says.

"Plus the budget runs January to December and so the sale has a big effect on that – we can plan when the money is coming in and know that a certain amount of stock is going to be sold in each financial year," Steph adds.

The stockwork all happens in a week – weaning ewes and lambs from all the stations – and this year was far smoother sailing as they knew what to expect. The Hazlett Livestock agents spent three days drafting everything into lines of 500-1200 lambs, based on unit loads so that all of the 22 truckloads left the station full.

Based on feedback from last year's buyers, the station has invested in bigger sale pens to showcase bigger sample lines.

Forty buyers turned up on the day, along with seven agents and bidding over the phone

and online with BIDR was brisk for the cattle.

Richard Johnston says they were thrilled with the way the sale went and the stock and the workflow of the week was a credit to the station managers and staff.

"We planned it for six months and everyone worked towards the date – we had 10 or 12 larger lamb finishers turn up and north of 100 buyers were watching online, with 23 bidding on the livestream sale.

"We take huge pride in the fact that a sample line is a genuine sample and after getting samples of 50-60 last year, the station staff really stepped up to put in new pens to hold 150-180 lambs per line which made a huge difference to the confidence of the buyers.

"And even just coming here and buying at the station has a really different feel about it – buyers can see the stock in their home environment and know that they will do well –

FARM FACTS:

Waikura Valley, Hicks Bay, East Cape

Managers:

Sean and Steph Roberts

Five stations:

Mohau, Te Kumi, Waikura, Pakira and Rewetu stations consolidated under Waikura Joint Stations

Area:

10,500ha, 2800ha eff
(rest pine and native forest)

Stock numbers:

10500 Romdale ewes
(MA and two-tooth)

3000 hoggets

1360 mixed age Angus cows
(incl R2 + R3)

lambs were selling 20-25 cents/kg above the market, which had come back in the preceding three weeks.”

He was pleased with the prices, with 11,000 lambs averaging \$86/head and the tops selling for \$138/head to repeat customers. One unit load even went to Gore in the South Island, while the rest sold into the King Country, Waikato and Bay of Plenty finishing country.

Nine-year-old cows with calves at foot sold online into the Waikato for an average of \$1950/head and a couple of lines of smaller 15-month-old heifers and steers sold well, so that next year Sean plans to keep 350-400 steers to sell at the sale.

He keeps 300 heifer replacements for the herd and 185 heifer and 220 steer weaners are usually sold privately on-farm to repeat buyers.

STEPPING STONE TO CAREER-DEFINING ROLE

Sean and Stephanie have been at the helm at Waikura Station for four years now, and in the words of Steph, “we are not packing our bags any time soon”.

Both have families in Northland, but Otiwhiti-trained Sean had worked around the Hunterville and King Country areas and then the couple spent five years on Waikohā Station in the Hamilton area before looking for the next stepping stone for their career.

With some Lincoln Uni extramural study around feed budgeting under Sean’s belt, they were taken on as managers for half of the property, but six months into the role, the General Manager left and Sean was promoted to managing the five combined stations as one.

Staff were rationalised and now he has four shepherds and one general under him,

with casual mustering help for busy times throughout the year.

Notwithstanding the isolation, or maybe because of it, they say the community is very strong and they are surrounded by really awesome people.

“We really only go to town (Opotiki) every two or three weeks and now we have two little ones, it will be more like three or four-week intervals.”

Beau is three and Harriet was just eight weeks old at the time of the December sale.

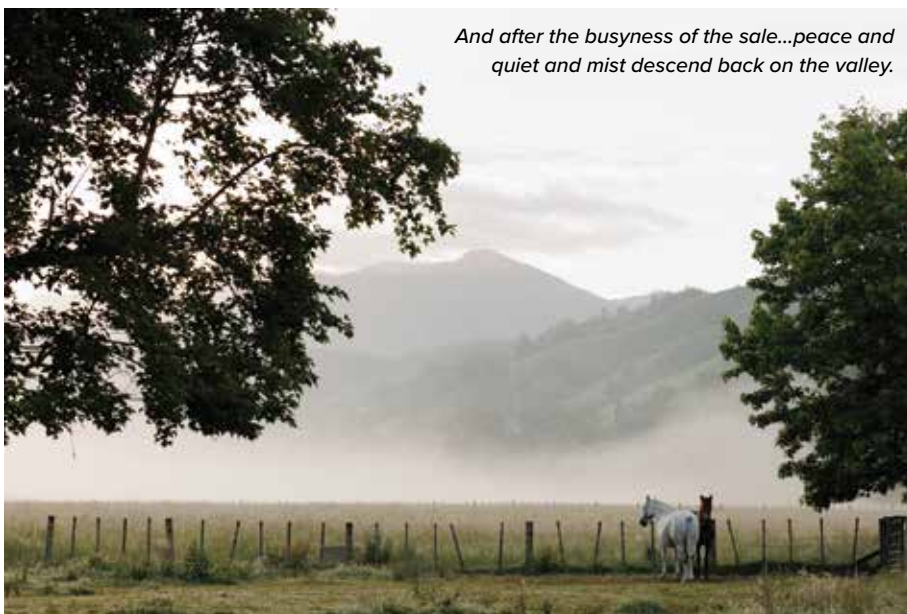
“The kids are really good travellers, but also all our rural suppliers are really good about sending stuff up with anyone passing by,” Steph says.

“We get so many visitors – probably more than we had in the Waikato.”

She has taken on the role of administrator for the Waikura Joint stations, but is currently on maternity leave.

While staffing could be an issue, the couple say all current shepherds are locals so it is home for them, however, the isolation could still have its challenges.

And after the busyness of the sale...peace and quiet and mist descend back on the valley.



Shortly after they arrived they lost a shepherd, Tau Kingi, who had worked on the station from his 20s to his 70s. Tau worked on the station until his passing and will be forever remembered as a legend, they said.

“He would’ve not wanted to live anywhere else – so he went out doing what he loved, really,” Sean says.

Another character would ask for a cheeseburger delivery from anyone leaving the valley and when in hospital in Gisborne for a procedure, the station owners took time to visit him and deliver a couple of burgers – such is the closeness of the staff and community.

The station is a stunning place to live – the narrow river valley leading in from Hicks Bay opens out to a big valley surrounded by the Raukumara ranges, a diverse mix of steep hill, flat and rolling country that grows bountiful grass due to the three-metre annual rainfall.

“It’s a very unique place,” Steph says. “When you are in here it’s awesome – it’s only when you have to go somewhere it’s a pain in the bum.”

Post-sale debrief is important.



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Bringing lambs in for the on farm sale.

LIFTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE

The family-owned station is well supported by the owners who have high standards and are very keen on it all being tidy and presentable, so the infrastructure has been improved over the years, with good lanes, housing, sheds and three new sets of cattle yards. Sean has overseen 60km of new fencing at the station.

Fertiliser application is scheduled for 2025, as there has been a hiatus of four years, and Sean is really looking forward to seeing the pastures perform.

His focus has been on fencing, pasture control and stock performance and he has seen a gradual but impressive increase in stock performance.

When he arrived, the cows were scanning 70%, but a clean out of older cows, and better

mob and pasture control through subdivision, has lifted that to 94% in the mixed age cows and 98% in the R3 second-year calvers. The yearling heifers calving first as R2 cows have been scanning about the 85% mark.

The Angus cows are mated to Hallmark and Twin Oaks Angus bulls and the B mob of 200-300 white-faced cows are joined with Snake Gully Limousin bulls.

Black Angus Limousin cross calves are left entire as bulls as they grow quick and are high yielding. The 220 straight black Angus bull calves are steered and sold privately as weaners, along with 185 heifers, but Sean is considering retaining more to sell at the December sale.

The bulls are out with yearling heifers on November 20 and mixed age cows on December 20.

Mating can be hard on the bulls due to

the broken nature of the country, so they are block-tested each year and mated at a ratio of one bull to 40 cows in mating mobs of 170 cows to 4 bulls.

"We chuck in some spares for the second cycle," Sean says.

Rogue wild bulls were a problem when Sean arrived, but now with improved fencing he encourages the shepherds to count the bulls through the gate to ensure no rogue bulls have joined in the mob.

Sean and Steph have been seeking out more 'athletic, nuggety bulls' and are happy with their selection, buying 10 two-year-old bulls and five or six yearling bulls from Hallmark and Twin Oaks Angus studs.

"We are chasing maternal EBVs, but also 200 and 400-day growth as we are selling weaners, but still want to think of 600-day growth for our clients finishing the steers."



Grass growth is bountiful in the Waikura Valley, with a 3m rainfall.



Matt Feisst



Sean Roberts



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Potential Buyers

CHANGING TIMES FOR WOOL

Sheep performance has also improved, with the stations docking twinning ewes at 175% and 145% over the whole flock. Sean has started mating hoggets and sold 800 hogget lambs at the 2024 on-farm sale, retaining the rest of the hogget lambs for trading or to go into the breeding block.

Sean and Steph work with Greg Tattersfield from FarmPro in Gisborne, who is a farm systems specialist and vet. Greg visits about four times a year and helps guide them through decision making, in conjunction with consultation with the owners who visit for a couple of months each year and have had family members stay and help with the big on-farm sale.

One decision has been to move to mating the Romdale ewes to Kaahu Genetics White Wiltshire rams and mating the B mob to Snake Gully Sufftex rams.

“We trialled the Wiltshires for one cross over the two-tooths before deciding to go all in over the ewes,” Sean says.

“Logistically it’s a long way for shearers to come as we have been using Johnny Kirkpatrick’s shearers from the Hawke’s Bay, and being this remote the clip length can vary



Lambs for sale at Waikura.

‘AT THIS TIME OF YEAR THE ROAD IS GOOD, THE LAMBS ARE LOOKING REALLY WELL GROWN AND IN TWO DAYS ARE WEANED AND SOLD STRAIGHT OFF MUM.’

if we are having trouble getting the weather and timing right.

“We are also a high-rainfall area so colour has been poor, discounting the price.

“We might just go to the half Romdale Wiltshire cross because even the half crosses have cut dagging and crutching time impressively.”



Sale day catering.



Getting the lambs ready for the big on-farm sale.



The sale attracted a good crowd of bidders and supportive locals.

DEER AND PIG PROBLEMS

Being surrounded by the Raukumara ranges means they need to manage the wild deer and pig population in order to manage the grass covers effectively.

"We run two 100-day rotations through the winter and stock are being shifted onto 3000kg DM/ha so that's pretty appealing to the wild deer – and they can eat a lot of grass," Sean says.

All the shepherds have pig dogs and enjoy pig hunting and the station pays to feed their dogs to encourage them to keep the wild pig population under control, which is working well and means there is no wild pig problem on the station.

Pig control is important for protecting new lambs and maintaining TB control as the station is under C10 movement control.

Deer are managed through staff and family taking what they need; however, with the high numbers, they have started managing the population with the helicopter, recovering as many as possible.

STATION HISTORY

Waikura No1 was originally allocated to certain Māori owners under the Native Land Court Act of 1885. In 1894, the block was sold by the owners, mainly members of the Waititi family, in a freehold title to Mr Cartwright Brown of Napier, who also had the lease of Whangaparaoa Station at Cape Runaway.

Under Cartwright Brown, development began with a few permanent buildings before Edward D Holt bought both Waikura and Whangaparaoa blocks. At the time, the only access was by the Whangaparaoa riverbed.

'BUYERS CAN SEE THE STOCK IN THEIR HOME ENVIRONMENT AND KNOW THAT THEY WILL DO WELL – LAMBS WERE SELLING 20-25 CENTS/KG ABOVE THE MARKET, WHICH HAD COME BACK IN THE PRECEDING THREE WEEKS.'

From the Cape, goods were shipped by Billy Walker's scow to Opotiki or by Richardson and Co's ships to Auckland or Napier.

Development under Holt included cutting bush and building more buildings, and slowly other settlers established other stations, Mohau, Rewetu, Pakira and Mataroa.

The work was hard and repeatedly interrupted by earthquakes, bushfires and storms.

Huge optimism and extensive clearing of bush in the 1910s/1920s was followed by rapid decline in soil fertility and economic downturn

from 1920 to 1935. In the 1940s and 50s, a new start with conservative management preceded booming production once fertiliser was applied by air.

A Swiss family consolidated ownership of Waikura, Pakira, Rewetu and Mohau under Waikura Joint stations in 2012, adding Te Kumi station in 2016. The family have established a manuka oil distillery business, where manuka brush is harvested off various established plantations. The station is also well supported by a roading division, which shows in the excellent infrastructure on the station. ■



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HIGH IN THE CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND NEXT TO THE DEFENCE FORCE'S WAIOURU TRAINING GROUNDS, OHINEWAIURUA STATION ENGENDERS LOYALTY FROM THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IT.

*Ohinewairua Station
Manager, Mark Haynes.*



Ohinewairua Station cows have 50 years of Turihaua Stud bloodlines.

PHOTOS BY BRAD HANSON

Jackie Harrigan

Wherever you look, the numbers are big at Ohinewairua Station.

Just out of Moawhango on the Taihape-Napier road, the station is on the large side at 7500 hectares, and the three main stock classes of 18,000 ewes, 1300 cows and 1200 hinds both compete and complement each other at different times of the year.

For a start, the station is high and can get cold, where windchill dips to minus 16C in winter, Mark Haynes says, but it has not put him off the place, where he has been the manager for the past 20 years.

Mark hails from Taihape but spent time working around Wanaka, and says Ohinewairua is the closest you can get to South Island high country in the North Island. The challenge of developing and improving the station and the high-performing stock has obviously been enough to keep him engaged and growing for 20 years.

Since 1946, Ohinewairua has been owned by the Williams family of Gisborne and for 50 years the cow herd has been straight Angus,

bred with bulls sourced from the family's Turihaua Angus stud.

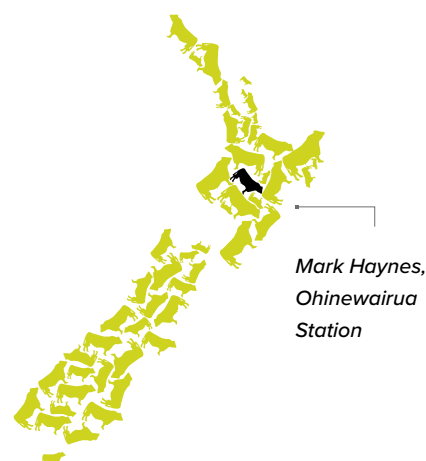
The station consists of easy-to-rolling front country, and backcountry down off a huge glacial-carved valley, where the country is easy-to-rolling to hard hill country and backs onto Defence Force land that runs all the way out to Waiouru.

The contour is surprising and formed like a large plateau at the front and a huge basin out the back.

Five sets of yards service the farm, with a 16km road in one direction out to the back country and another 9km road running in the other direction.

Thirteen full-time staff consist of three general hands under a leading general hand, six shepherds including the head shepherd/stock manager and two senior shepherds and a cook, and a revolving cast of casuals in the summer as required.

The station obviously engenders loyalty, with Mark saying finding and retaining good staff is not too difficult and the same contractors come back year after year.



The docking crew consists of a changing cast of the same family who have been coming for 43 years. The crew of 10 can blast through 22,500 lambs in 12 days if they get a good run at it, abetted by the Ohinewairua staff keeping the mobs up to them.

"They take time off work and come up and stay and treat it like a family holiday – they love it," Mark says.

So too the same Marton-based gang of shearers have been shearing the station's sheep for the past 50 years.

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FARM FACTS:

- Ohinewairua 7500ha total, 5500ha effective
- 18,000 Romney ewes plus replacements
- 1300 Angus cows plus replacements
- 1200 hinds plus replacements
- Station runs from 800 metres above sea level at the house, up to 1000m at highest spot
- Owned by Williams family, Gisborne, since 1946

50 YEARS OF ANGUS COWS

The Ohinewairua herd of Angus cows could be the largest commercial Turihaua herd in the country and Mark says they bounce back after a hard winter very quickly and the stock all shift well. To downsize stock numbers before grass growth slows for winter, and so that grass can be saved for lambing and calving, the board of management moved to holding an onfarm sale in March for selling 18-month steers and excess heifers and store lambs.

“We had the first onfarm sale last year, and it went really well – there are a lot of trucks to load up after that. We’ll carry it on next year and after that – we will sell more cattle at the next sale.”

“It’s a great way of getting rid of a lot of stock all at once, and dropping the stocking rate,” Mark says.

Taihape used to be summer-safe, but even with an annual rainfall of 1000mm, he says probably only five out of the 20 years he has been there has the summer had enough growth to be called safe.

The March sale day sees 400-500 18-month cattle (with steers 400-500kg/head and heifers weighing 400-450kg) and 7500 lambs sold and loaded onto trucks to head for finishing in Hawke’s Bay and Manawatū, a lot of them to repeat buyers.

At the inaugural 2024 sale, the lambs sold for an average of \$80/head, with no freight cost for the station a bonus.



Ohinewairua is one of the iconic stations on the infamous Taihape Napier Gentle Annie road – “as close to you get to South Island high country in the North Island”.

Cattle also sold well, with heifers averaging \$958/head and steers selling the top line of 150 for \$1409/head and another line of 140 averaged \$1193/head.

All in all, the sale attracted a great bench of buyers and was an excellent result for the station, Mark says.

“Saving freight to the saleyards is also a great bonus.”

Three hundred replacement heifers are grown on for mating as yearlings if they have reached the goal of 300-320kg liveweight. Mark says they usually get about 230 up to the weight and the heifers usually scan from 95-98%. Hips are also checked to ensure they are big enough.

Mating the heifers in December and the

cows in January is a little later than most, but the date was pushed out a month to get rid of a grass staggers problem the station used to have.

The bulls are trucked to the mating mobs and cover up to 40 cows in mobs of up to 120 cows.

The station has a great metalled road out to the back block and unloading bulls along the way makes the job so much faster, Mark says.

Calving starts in mid-October with cows and calves spread out through lambing ewes and paddocks of hinds.

“The grass usually catches up towards the end of November when the spring rotations start and we are chasing a bit of grass around – when growth overtakes demand grass silage



A big team on hand for sale day.

is made to conserve excess growth. The board is grappling with a plastic recycling problem caused by making 3500 bales of lucerne and grass silage and there is talk of ensiling in pits instead of baling in plastic wrap.

The calves are weaned in May, straight onto crops for the winter, and are supplemented with home-grown lucerne baleage.

Mark says they aim for an average cow size and stay away from American genetics as much as possible.

Bulls are chosen with a long bloodline and a moderate size, those that look like they can climb to the top of the hill and do the work they need to do. Reasonable EBVs and good fertility make up the bull package, and the cows consistently calve over 90%.

The bull team comprises 60 bulls, 10-15 new bulls are added each year from the Turihaua sale.

“The cattle have really good longevity, we have 14 year old cows here and as long as they are sound and producing a good calf they can stay,” Mark says.

Mark really rates the Angus cows for their ability to bounce back from a hard winter and for their longevity and the way all of the offspring are highly sought-after at sale because of their ability to shift and grow well.

They are also very quiet when they arrive, with a good temperament, and the staff make sure they stay like that, not letting them run or get carried away and stressed.

Mortality on the station across all stock classes is around 3%, Mark says, and he keeps the cattle out of the steep country so they don’t fall and break bones.

There are steep valley sides, that were formed in a glacial time and run between the front and back country, which have rocky

outcrops with flaxes growing on them that cattle like to chew because it has an active ingredient that they like, but Mark says it makes them too prone to falling so cattle have been excluded from the steep faces.

SHEEP

Running a straight Romney flock, Mark says they are riding out the low wool prices and hanging on for the day when the price comes back up.

“It just beggars belief to me that in the world that we live in, that wool is not worth more than it is – as well as being such a great fibre for warmth, the flame retardant properties of wool are amazing for houses and carpets.”

“We have tried all sorts of things – Merinos came and went about 65 years ago when the station leased some of the Defence Force



Checking out store lambs before the sale.



The large deer herd complements the Angus cattle on Ohinewairua, whereas the sheep compete for the same sort of pastures.

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DEER COMPLEMENTING CATTLE

Ohinewairua has 1000 hectares of paddocks deer-fenced and runs 1200 hinds plus replacements.

The cattle and deer complement each other well, Mark says, and while the sheep occasionally run through the deer blocks to tidy up the pastures, they don't actually run with the deer as they compete for food.

"The hinds and the sheep go for the same type of pastures and performance suffers.

"Our hinds used to scan 85-90% but since we have excluded the ewes the reproductive performance has increased to 98-100% at scanning."

Success from leaving fawns on until after mating has also helped weaning weights and reproduction, unlike many farmers who pre-rut wean.

Deer genetics are bought from Rotorua, from Don Love at Love Red Deer, and spikers are weaned and finished about 60kg liveweight at 12-15 months after being velveted.

land, but it's really too wet here for them, but we will keep on going with wool."

Lambing begins at the start of September and 5000-6000 are sold store off their mothers in December, then a decent pick of 7500 are grown on in the backcountry for the March sale, with the ewe hoggets being prioritised on the lucerne.

Mark says they used to fatten 5000-6000 lambs on the station but have changed policy to sell them store at the onfarm sale so replacement ewe lambs can be prioritised to get them to higher weights for their first mating as two-tooth ewes. Hoggets are not mated.

Rams are purchased from Ngāputahi stud, from Forbes and Angus Cameron in Pohangina Valley and the ewes are docking 130-137%. The station has a 110ha block of lucerne out the back, developed after a block of trees was harvested.

"We had a beautiful and pretty expensive road right through the station that we had to put in for the tree harvesting, so a good way to use it was plant the lucerne out there and make supplement and feed young stock on it. We can drive truck and trailer units right out there and it makes management so much easier," Mark says.

"We also have our own metal pits to maintain the road.

"The lucerne is subdivided into 5-7ha blocks, with water troughs, and lambs are rotated around the blocks – we have a set of yards there too."

Winter crops form the backbone of the pasture renewal programme, with 200ha each year cropped, first year into swedes and second year into kale before being sown back into grass.

Some of the ewes are lambed up to six



Romney ewes and lambs on Ohinewairua. Mark says it beggars belief that wool prices are not higher, with the warmth and flame retardant properties of wool.



Ohinewairua is at a high altitude, running up to 1000 m asl, but is generally of great contour and has sheltered areas for lambing and calving.

years old, but acknowledging lambing on the high country can be hard at that age. Mark says most are sold to Hawke's Bay easier country after five years old.

"The stock from here traditionally shift really well, we have no trouble getting repeat buyers."

DEVELOPMENT WITH A LONG-TERM VIEW

The board of directors of Ohinewairua station meet every two months on the farm for a look around and a meeting discussing capex and development plans, with Mark sometimes bringing in outside advisors to discuss aspects of the station policies.

"The board works really hard to make improvements to the station and the productivity of the stock, taking into account how the industry and climatic conditions are ever-changing," he says.

"We are always looking at tweaking and changing policies to meet the challenges of the changing season and climate.

"Twenty years ago we used to be able to walk across the dams in winter, they were frozen, but the drier summers have forced our hand and in 2004 we started a huge water reticulation programme – it's ongoing, but has really changed the way we farm."

Last year, a water system line from the backcountry made of 90mm alkathene pipe had to be electromagnetically welded as the pressure was so high, and piping water 5-6km down to the woolshed means the line will spread reticulated water through the middle of the station allowing further subdivision of some of the larger hill country paddocks.

The Aorangi River runs out of the Defence Force land to the north of the station, and over the past three or four years, 20km of the river has been fenced to exclude stock – a project that goes hand-in-hand with reticulation of stock water.

The country on Ohinewairua is very clean, with very few thistles, and Mark says the board of management is keen on minimising use of chemicals. Herbicide is applied with a weed wiper on the easy country to control thistles rather than blanket spraying.

While pines were harvested off the back of the property, Mark says they are not ideal for the station and its occasional heavy snowfalls that damage the trees, so the board are looking at alternative species like douglas fir and redwoods.

An arboretum of different species has been planted around a dam to assess the suitability of different species for the area, and Mark says planting for shelter is ongoing.

"Whenever we are subdividing or refencing, we try to retain the original fence and double fence it to plant a shelterbelt within the two fences. We have eight kilometres to plant next season."

The board also has a huge focus on staff retention and development, offering to pay for ongoing training, organising independent health and safety input, insisting on helmets on quads and having all the shepherds use radios, carry PLBs and call in to their stock manager every half hour if they are out on their own in changeable weather.

"The weather can change really fast – it's important that they understand the importance of being dressed for potential changes to keep themselves safe."

A defibrillator held at the station homestead has already been used to good effect and saved a life and the staff all have annual independent PracMed first aid training.

Building new staff accommodation is an ongoing focus, with the growth of female and male shepherds making it more important as a way to retain staff.

The shepherds use quad bikes and horses and can all break in a horse from the station herd of mares and stallions. ■

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ANNUAL ON-FARM BULL SALE



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SO, THIS IS RETIREMENT!

AFTER A LIFETIME IN STOCK TRADING AND NURSING, A CANTERBURY COUPLE COULDN'T RESIST THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY LYNDHURST FARM AT OKAINS BAY ON BANKS PENINSULA AS THEY LOOK FORWARD TO RETIREMENT FROM THEIR DAY JOBS.

Alastair and Jenny Harvey have 147ha of medium steep north-facing country that looks down to Okains Bay on the north side of Banks Peninsula.



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Jackie Harrigan

Alastair and Jenny Harvey are obviously active relaxers, because when many other 60+ year-olds are looking forward to a chilled-out retirement involving slippers, holidays and the bowling club (no offence to bowlers), this energetic Canterbury pair bought a farm at Okains Bay on Banks Peninsula in September 2022.

Alastair has been a livestock drafter for Silver Fern Farms for the past 37 years and Jenny is a registered nurse, but both grew up on Canterbury farms – Alastair on an Irwell, Leeston, mixed cropping and sheep enterprise and Jenny at Hadlow, west of Timaru – and had a yearning for life in the country and an interesting retirement project finishing cattle.

Living in Fendalton in Christchurch, Alastair was driving 70,000km each year visiting clients and procuring stock, covering the Ellesmere region for 35 years and Banks Peninsula for 27 years.

He shifts a lot of store lambs and cattle out of the Peninsula, a strong breeding area, and large numbers of cattle and particularly dairy stock from the Ellesmere and wider Canterbury region, also handling the dairy stock for the Dairy Holdings farms.

But ever the canny trader, Alastair is too polite to put a figure on how many head of

stock he would handle each year.

Needless to say, his phone runs red hot, much to Jenny's eye-rolling acceptance, and he's in the car and off to work to cut deals every day.

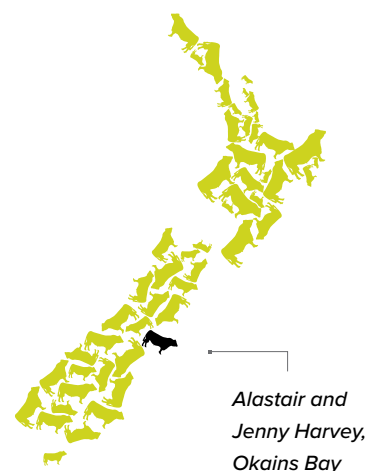
"Now I live on the Banks Peninsula, I still do the miles, I just drive the other way," Alastair says.

The couple's Fendalton house had been 'earthquaked', the local vernacular for having been damaged in the big quake in 2011, then remediated, but they spent 10 years fighting the Earthquake Commission (EQC – now the Natural Hazards Commission) and their insurance company through to the High Court for a satisfactory remediation and payout, which in Jenny's words "took 10 years of our lives and an enormous amount of stress".

Thinking early on in that stage that they might like to leave the city and go farming, because they couldn't see themselves retiring in the city, they started to look around for blocks to buy and finish beef cattle on.

"I couldn't see myself retired and going down to the local in Fendalton and swapping work stories with a retired gynecologist."

Early on in his career as a stock agent with Wrightsons, Alastair had done the tour of the country – spending time working in Raetihi,



Alastair and
Jenny Harvey,
Okains Bay

Photo: Alastair loves his early mornings up on the hill farm in the Can Am, "it's a great way to start the day and gives me time and space to think about what to do next on the farm."

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North Taranaki, Riversdale in Southland, and Hawarden North Canterbury among other spots – before taking on his Ellesmere and Banks Peninsula roles. He remembers with not much fondness arriving in Hawarden in a big drought of 1987 when all the farmers were destocking and they were paying the locals the top price of \$15 for their lambs and the princely sum of \$1 each for drenched ewes!

Anyway, he and Jenny travelled the country looking at the places he remembered as good for fattening. They discounted Raetihi, thinking it might be too difficult to transplant Jenny there – “You have to be willing to cut deals, to keep the wife happy,” Alastair relays, while winking.

He was keen on Kairanga, in Manawatū, offering to buy 50ha there and to build Jenny a new house, and also considered a property on Lake Ferry Road in Martinborough. They had a good look around, but before they found the right block, they were captured by Lyndhurst Farm on Banks Peninsula.

The opportunity arose three years ago when an Okains Bay farmer asked Alastair, while drafting stock in his cattle yards, if he

would like to buy his farm. Paul and Frances de Latour were retiring to Akaroa (where Paul happily now plays bowls) and were keen to sell their 147-hectare north-facing property. They had beautifully renovated the 145-year-old pit-sawn totara colonial cottage homestead and outbuildings, including an established Airbnb and sleepout and the Peninsula’s original cheese-making room. The farm used to milk dairy cows and supplied milk to the dairy factory in Okains Bay, Alastair says.

“I offered to build Jenny her dream home up the hill, with a million dollar view of the bay, but she loves the original home and extensive garden and turned me down – she probably prefers the lower windrun in the sheltered valley.”

Jenny is relishing the move to farming at ‘Lyndhurst’ and has thrown herself into working three-to-five days a week at the Akaroa Health Centre. She manages to co-ordinate schedules with Alastair to help out shifting stock, usually in the evenings and weekends, feeding out in winter and various projects they have embarked upon around the property.

“It was such an amazing opportunity – I have loved coming a full circle back to the farm,” she said.

“I found the memories came flooding back of what needs to be done and guess I had a certain amount of intuition, having grown up on a farm.

“We have worked hard and saved all our lives, so now we are loving this lifestyle and

community we are living in. We have the best of both worlds and are really enjoying being hands-on on the farm and really leaning into the work.”

The farm was established by the Moore family in 1850, just 7km up the valley from Okains Bay. The settlement has a campground next to the beach, a wee school, general store and hall and a great little museum with interesting early history and a few Ngāi Tahu waka.

**SIMPLE SYSTEMS AND FUTURE-
PROOFING**

While Banks Peninsula is a strong breeding and finishing area, Alastair says his patch is some of the best land in the area and with north-facing paddocks and good springs in the hills, he and Jenny are finishing Angus and Angus-cross steers on their block.

Currently growing and finishing 180 steers each year, they aim to up the numbers to 200 and to have all the infrastructure upgraded and the farm growing good grass by the time they retire from their day jobs.

“The plan has been to do any work we need to while we are both working full time. We haven’t taken any money out of the farm yet and the accountant just goes ‘another loss’ but it’s an investment in the future,” Alastair says.

So he has invested a good \$135,000 reticulating water to the property, with two new 30,000-litre tanks up on the hill and 10 new concrete troughs, improving fencing and replacing gates and applying 30 tonnes of



Fattening steers on Lyndhurst Farm.

sulphur super fertiliser at a rate of 300kg/ha plus 3kg of coated white clover seed.

“We are just soil testing now through Ballance to see what to do next for a second application, but the white clover has grown really well, so I am keen to topdress some red clover seed on in the autumn,” Alastair says.

He is willing to use his farmer contacts and is being really open to their advice.

“I have some very good clients who are very good farmers and they have been keen to come and have a look at what we are doing – and they are great at giving advice – I have picked up some really good snippets.”

The local contractor putting in the water reticulation system has done a great job and also upgraded the main access track, so Jenny now refers to it as ‘Alastair’s national road of significance’, but they are both happy it makes feeding out in winter on the CanAm considerably safer.

Alastair has also put in a solar electric fence unit and says he will be subdividing with electric fences when he retires, which might surprise some of the local farmers.

“They usually run their blocks pretty extensively out here (on the Peninsula), because it is predominantly a breeding area, but I can see our pastures improving and the cattle doing very well so I hope to break-fence some more paddocks in the future.

“Fences and fertiliser are our primary focus.”

The grasses on the rolling to steep contoured faces are predominantly cocksfoot, yarrow, white and red clover – “It’s health food for cattle”, Alastair says.

But as growth slows in winter in the upper reaches of the farm (up to 600 metres above sea level) where Camerons Track runs through the farm to the outer Lavericks and Le Bons Bays, Alastair and Jenny and the CanAm swing into action delivering Canterbury peavine hay and meadow hay to the wintering cattle on the lower half of the farm.

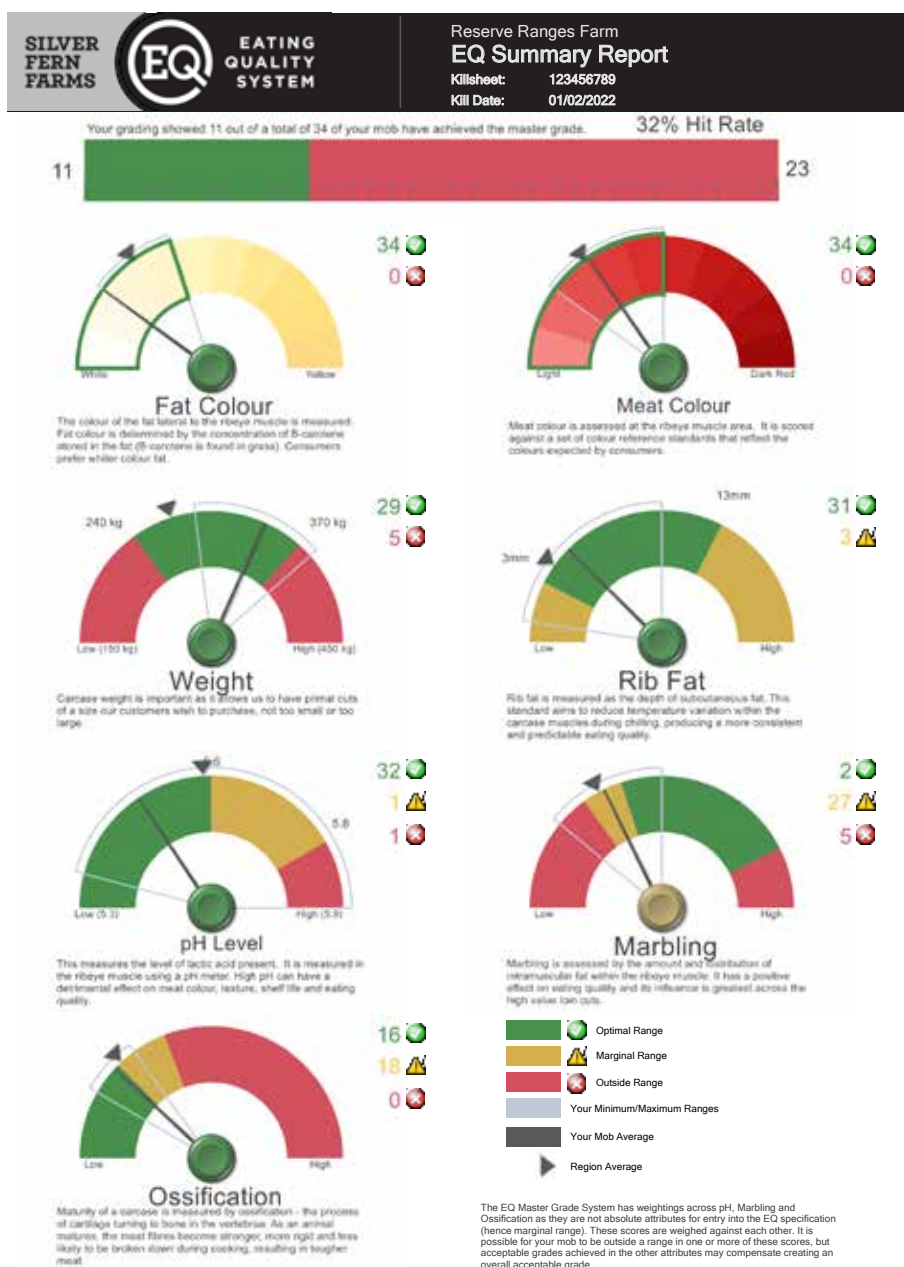
“They really love the peavine hay,” he says. “It’s green and really nutritious and it’s like candy for them – they rush in to eat it and that also quietens their temperament.”

The sheep yards have been taken out of the property and the woolshed turned into a hay shed and Alastair and a friend spent the Christmas break in the cattle yards with treated timber and a large box of bugle screws fortifying it for the larger cattle beasts.

“We have a great set of yards now, we put in a Te Pari crush and a Datamars weigh scale and we use electronic eASDs when we kill – through Silver Fern Farms – of course.”



Alastair and Jenny are loving their homestead and farm nestled into the upper reaches of Okains Bay.



A generic summary report shows beef eating quality.



Alastair and Jenny relaxing on the verandah at their Okains Bay homestead. Alastair has a couple more years working as a drafter for Silver Fern Farms before he settles into his retirement farming dream job.

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LABEL BASHER WITH BLOODLINES

Alastair uses one of his SFF colleagues, Richard Topp to source cattle for him, but he always likes to ask about the bloodlines.

"I really prefer them to have Te Mania or Taimate bloodlines – it costs as much to feed a good steer as a poor one – and I know those steers with Angus bloodlines will grow on. We are in the business of turning grass into beef.

"I like to ask farmers where they get their bulls from, because we want an animal that will smack on the kilos."

Buying steers at around 350 or 400kg liveweight, Jenny and Alastair are targeting the spring premiums and will weigh the cattle when they think they are ready. Their drafter Richard will come and draft them out when they are over 600-620kg LW.

The grass begins to grow in the second

week of October in this coastal spot, and Alastair says while they run a very flexible system, he favours stocking up at the end of winter and either growing for a year or taking a shorter term trade if the cattle are older.

"It's a narrow window in which to grab the good cattle," Alastair says, so ideally he would like to build a relationship with a couple of good breeders to get access to his favoured bloodlines.

"Ideally, I would like to be able to buy good yearlings in November onwards, around 350kg LW or 400kg 18 month cattle in February/ March, but you have to have an eye out for a bargain at any time – as long as they are the right cattle.

"We are after frame and good conformation and cattle with a quiet temperament.

"Of course feeding out to them in the winter with the hay helps to make them quiet, and helps to lower the pH.

"We run a simple system, to fit in with our busy lives, but they get a Cydectin injection and a Datamars tag when they arrive, a pour-on at the end of July and are rotationally grazed with no greenfeed crops but some lollies in the form of the peavine hay in the winter."

Thirty two-year-olds they bought at the end of last winter were killable by the end of March.

The pair are tracking returns and kill-out weights, aiming for an average across all the lines of 315kg carcase weight on the hooks.

They are also farming in such a way that maximises their ability to cash in on premiums from numerous quality programmes.



Reaching the 100% Angus programme criteria adds 25c/kg to the bottom line, and being accredited under the NZ Farm Assurance Programme Plus brings another 10c/kg.

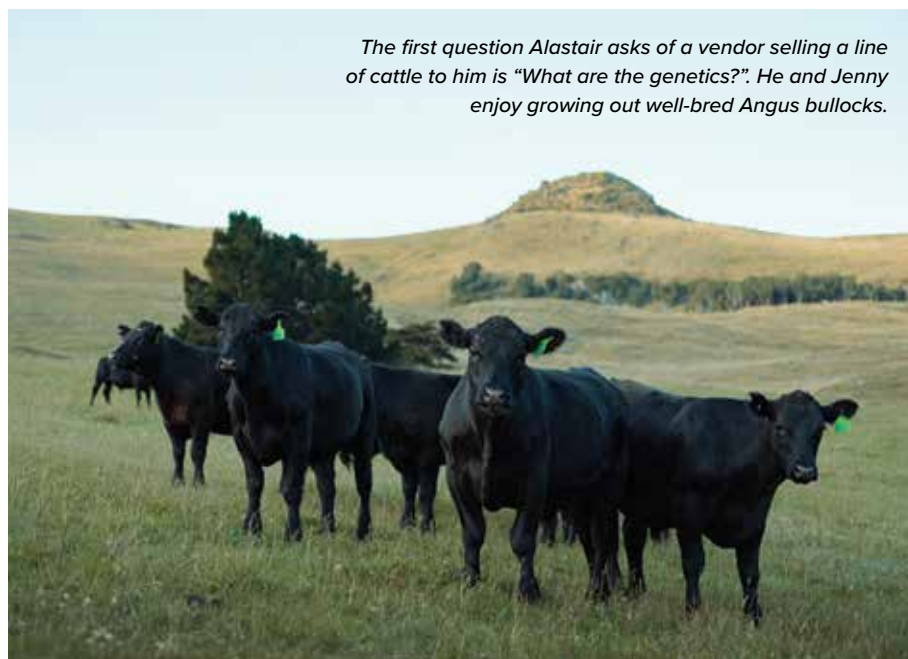
100% ANGUS PROGRAMME:

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- 240-370kg
- No white on legs or visible from front view
- Grass-fed entire life
- No HGP
- All cattle NAIT tagged for lifetime traceability
- Max 36 months (defined as six teeth in wear)
- No horns
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- 100% no added hormones
- 100% GMO free
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Under the Silver Fern Farms EQ system, the following attributes of pH, rib fat, marbling, ossification, meat and fat colour are measured and beef fitting the quality band along with



the above criteria are paid another add-on.

"We get a base per kilo price plus add-ons," Alastair says.

In the set-up phase, Alastair says the farm gives them an income, but it's all gone back into upgrading infrastructure. But sometime in the next three years when Alastair retires, he says, "Jenny deserves and is patiently waiting for a dividend."

Jenny says she has loved the change in lifestyle and is enjoying the project, from tending to her large garden, filled with bellbirds and kererū, to forays up the hill, cutting and carting home tōtara and macrocarpa firewood from old logs for the fires, evening trips to shift cattle, and winter

mornings on gate duty and the feedout wagon with Alastair and their Jack Russell, Winston. Winston's predecessor Jack, the Jack Russell, was a drafter dog and did 700,000km with Alastair over 16 years, but Winston is more of a farm dog and also enjoys hanging out with Jenny in the garden.

Alastair says with his busy job, he loves early mornings up the hill, giving him precious time and space for dreaming and scheming, and investing the farm dividend.

With a son living overseas, he says they have travelled a lot but are now relishing the ability to stay home in a beautiful part of the country with a fantastic project – keeping busy and producing cattle they are really proud of. ■



ALASTAIR AND JENNY'S FAVOURITE BEEF MEAL:

Slow roasted whole ribeye on the Weber BBQ under the hood

Season lightly with pepper and salt and oil

Slow roast 1.5-2 hours

Most importantly: rest for as long as it is cooked – wrapped in tin foil and towels

Carve to serve

Alastair's accompanying tippie:
Australian Syrah

Jenny's favorite accompaniment:
Terra Sancta Rosé from Bannockburn

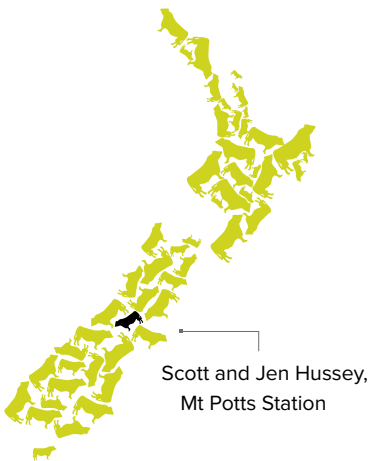


The stunning view up the Rangitata River valley towards the Southern Alps. Whataroa on the West Coast is just a short hop over the mountains. Mount Sunday of LOTR fame is the small hill in the centre right of the shot on the valley floor.

HIGH COUNTRY HARVEST

LORD OF THE RINGS FANS AND TE ARAROA TRAIL TREKKERS PROVIDE
A BUSY SIDELINE FOR SCOTT AND JEN HUSSEY ON CANTERBURY HIGH
COUNTRY MT POTTS STATION.

Jackie Harrigan



When Scott and Jen Hussey took up the lease of Mt Potts Station in the Hukarere Conservancy at the headwaters of the Rangitata River, they banked on not running into many orcs. As any good Lord of The Rings (LOTR) fans know, Mt Sunday on Mt Potts Station was where the human city of Edoras was, and the orcs hang out at Mordor (shot in the Tongariro National Park).

But they probably didn't understand how many tourists would be drawn to the station to visit Mt Sunday, where Edoras was shot, and the depth of feeling the tourists would bring

for the Lord of the Rings stories.

Now that Jen has taken on the lease of the Mt Potts Lodge and associated accommodation business, she's getting a feel for how far people come to see the other-worldly scenery hard up against the Southern Alps and tucked under the southern edge of the Arrowsmith Range.

Scott often comes across people wandering up and down the road, emotionally moved at having climbed up Edoras/Mt Sunday, who say it's been their life's dream to come to the valley and see the Lord of the Rings landscape.

'WE PRETTY MUCH HAVE NO GROWTH FROM MAY TO OCTOBER SO WE WEAN EARLY, STARTING IN APRIL, AND WE TRY TO GET HALF A BALE OF BALAGE ON THE BACK OF EACH COW – SHE NEEDS TO SURVIVE OFF THAT THROUGH THE WINTER.'



The Angus cow herd is improving in leaps and bounds, towards Scott's ideal herd of medium-sized, good-conformation hill cows who can walk and work on the hills and 'carry half a bale of baleage on their backs'.

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'IT'S NOT REALLY A PLACE FOR OLD MEN – IT'S A FANTASTIC PLACE TO FARM AND IT'S DIFFERENT EVERYDAY.'

DISTANCES FROM MT POTTS STATION:

Christchurch: 155km – major supply centre, with twice-weekly delivery by Bidfood and Service Foods – catering supplies companies.

Ashburton: 85km – rural supplies centre.

Mt Somers: 45km – local school, general store, rural fire brigade, drive in staff for Lodge and accommodation businesses.

Lake Clearwater: 12km – local high country lake resort, baches with access to boating, swimming, windsurfing, water-skiing.

Erewhon Station: 10km – high country home of Clydesdale horse stud and working team with wagon rides and experiences.

Erewhon Hut @ Mt Hutt: High on ridge above station, five minutes by helicopter at 1750m ASL, four hour walk, three hour mountain bike, 12-bed hut for ski touring, hiking, mountain biking and mountain experiences.

Edoras – Mt Sunday: Just along the road is the roche moutonnée of Mt Sunday (a low, rounded hill shaped by a glacier) made world-famous as the site of 'Edoras' – the fortress city of the people of Rohan – in Peter Jackson's Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Whataroa: A 25-minute helicopter ride over the main divide to the West Coast.

WRANGLING TOURISTS AND CATTLE

Wrangling tourists was not something Scott envisioned when he and Jen took on the lease of the 1200-hectare high country station from its Russian owner, Alexandre Germanovitch, who bought the station in 2011.

Scott and Jen had been farming in South Canterbury and earlier Scott was with Landcorp in the North Island. Jen had a variety of experience, including food businesses, and when their offer to lease was accepted in 2020 they had a flurry of activity to sell their stock and organise finance to buy Mt Potts' 6000 stock units.

They are running 300 commercial Angus cows, bred to Angus and Charolais bulls, and 2500 Merinos and 600 Perendale ewes. The station had gone through tenure review in early years when the high country to the top of the Arrowsmith Range reverted to DOC ownership and the station kept the 180ha of flats along the Rangitata River and medium to steep hills behind the homestead and Lodge sited at 600 metres above sea level.

The property usually has an annual rainfall of 1500mm, but Scott says last year only 700mm fell. The pivot irrigation on the flats used to grow crops but Scott found the irrigation was washing out nutrients from the light river flats' soils so he now has pastures under the pivot and finishes trade lambs. Heifer calves are grown out on dryland winter crops of turnips, swedes, triticale and ryecorn grown up the hill on new ground.

When the couple arrived, they culled the 400-cow herd to 300, and Scott got rid of 34 without teeth and the older cows as he says "this country is not for old cows".

He also moved on any of those he called "the uglies" and has been able to concentrate on building an Angus herd that he feels will thrive in the high country.

He started mating the B mob of cows he didn't want to retain replacements from to Silverstream Charolais bulls and is now down to just 60 cows in that mob.

The Charolais bulls also get the A mob for the third cycle, thus tightening calving dates of the Angus heifer calf replacements.

As far as Angus bull selection goes for the cow herd, he says it's been a time to fix what's gone on before as the cows need a good level of fat cover to get through the long high country winter.

"We pretty much have no growth from May to October so we wean early, starting in April, and we try to get half a bale of balage on the back of each cow – she needs to survive off that through the winter and arrive at calving in a good condition.

"We want cows built like brick shithouses – not tall lanky things but with good conformation and able to survive the winter and walk around the hill – they won't get much time on the flat."

Bulls are purchased from Meadowslea and GlenR studs and Scott looks for shape, conformation and length and calving ease for the heifers.

"We bought a really good Meadowslea yearling bull last year and plan to use him again this year as the heifers are growing bigger and were going to the bull at 380kg this year."

When they arrived on the station the weaning rate was 85% but he has lifted that to a 96% in-calf rate and weaning rate of 93%.

Steers wean at 230kg and heifers at 220kg liveweight.

In the future, Scott is keen to use AI over his 80 yearling heifers saying that some good AI straws would accelerate genetic gain in the herd.

"We could give them a burst of AI and then follow up with some good bulls."



Passing tourists and Te Araroa Trail trampers are drawn into the Mt Potts Lodge for a good square meal and to stay the night.



Life is busy: Scott and Jen Hussey have been leasing Mt Potts Station for four years and the Mt Potts Lodge and accommodation businesses for 10 months – time spent relaxing together is precious.

The Angus steer calves are sold onfarm to repeat buyers and the Angus Charolais cross calves sold through Canterbury Park last year, but this year repeat buyers are keen to buy them privately.

SPLIT SHEEP POLICY

The sheep policy at the station has changed since the couple took on the lease of the lodge at the start of 2024, Scott says.

“We used to fatten a lot of lambs, but my right hand woman has gone missing so it’s now just me – so we split the flock and are running half Merino and half Perendale.

“We don’t breed Merino replacements – just put a Poll Dorset ram over the lot.”

There are two different types of country on the station and Scott says the Merinos do well at one end and fit in well with the cattle, but the Perendes don’t go so well together as they eat the same stuff.

Lambs are sold onfarm in January and, as last year was very dry, the day couldn’t come soon enough for Scott.

“It was bloody good to see the dust behind those trucks as they left the valley.”

The farm has responded to recent fertiliser applications, which has paid off hugely in grass growth.

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Scott also did a lot of fencing under the pivot and was able to finish 11,500 lambs in the first summer and the Merino lambs through each winter.

“They are a really good fit here, we have a very late spring so we take the wool off the lambs and fatten them and start selling them in October.”

The wool is sold to a repeat buyer and the lambs clip 3kg of 15.8 micron wool and bring in a minimum of \$15/kg, and sometimes up to \$18/kg.

They have been buying 2500 Merino lambs in March and April and they go out onto the hill – “they love it out there”.

Heading into the second half of his 50s, Scott says a new hip and advancing years, as well as the hardware and pain he has in his body from a tractor accident, are making him wonder about his longterm future in the high country.

“It’s not really a place for old men – it’s a fantastic place to farm and it’s different

everyday. You come over the top of the hill and a fantastic vista opens up. But it’s a really busy lifestyle with the Lodge business.”

Jen has some Merinos in a paddock down by the Lodge for visitors to look at and they can walk on DOC walking trails on the farm.

Jen says she is kept really busy with the Lodge catering brunch, lunch and dinners and accommodation in the two self-contained houses, seven deluxe units and four cabins along with campsites.

As Jen has found tourism has gone crazy through the past year in the Lodge and accommodation, Scott finds himself sometimes drawn into supporting her in the venture.

“It’s hard to gauge, we don’t really know what will drive in – or walk up.”

Buses come from the cruise ships at Lyttelton, families come for a look at the LOTR scenery, and travel on up to Erewhon to see the Clydesdales, and lots of groups come to walk the local tracks.

Helicopters leave from the lodge to

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transport trail skiers up to the Erewhon Hut @ Mt Potts, a 12-bed backcountry hut at 1750m ASL on top of the range, developed for skiing and tramping.

New Zealanders visit, along with many other nationalities, especially the Americans who love the LOTR scenery, said Scott.

“Even the new movies have footage of Mt Sunday in them and people love to visit Mt Sunday, to climb to the top and look around.

“One day I couldn’t get ewes and lambs past a car load of Americans in a peplemoover – they were all dressed up with swords and all and the LOTR music turned up full til – they were having a ball!!

“Others are crying, saying it’s just exactly like the movie, and how it’s been their life’s dream.

“They are all mad... but it means you meet some really interesting people.”

Corporate groups come in for accommodation and food and have offsite retreats and meetings, so Jen is flat out with two part-time workers and a fulltime chef – and for a period when the chef left, she did all of the cooking herself.

TE ARAROA TRAIL FUELSTOP

Te Araroa Trail passes across the Hakatere Valley and, as it’s just a 3km detour up the road from the bridge to the Mt Potts Lodge,



The Lodge was converted from the decommissioned woolshed at Mt Potts Station.

SOBO (South Bound) and NOBO (North Bound) TA trampers have been a growing market for Jen’s hospitality business.

“It’s not too hard to upsell them from their tent site to a comfy bed and hot shower and they are usually really, really hungry,” she says.

“One guy ate his way through the whole

menu, and had numerous hot and cold drinks.

“And they all want to talk about the Rangitata River because they have a series of river crossings to navigate on their way down the valley and they all are pretty freaked out about the stories they have heard of trampers getting into trouble. ■



Lord of the Rings fans can climb Mt Sunday (the site of the Edoras city in LOTR) and then relax at Mt Potts Lodge, eat, drink, play pool and stay the night. Scott and Jen are amazed at what the LOTR experience and scenery means to the fans.

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LESSONS FROM THE TURF

**DREAMS OF SETTING UP A COMMERCIAL PHEASANT SHOOT LED LAWN-TURF GROWERS
DICKIE AND HELEN SANSOME TO ESTABLISHING AN ANGUS STUD.**

Jackie Harrigan

How do you get from a ready-turf business to running an Angus stud? Through a love of pheasants, of course.

Dickie Sansome and his wife Helen emigrated from England in 2003, looking for a new challenge and found that in Te Kauwhata and their hill country farm at Glen Massey.

Although Helen is a farm girl and Dickie has an agricultural science degree, they had been managing a 600-acre (240-hectare) turf farm on the Romney Marsh, so started their Kiwi adventure working for New Zealand's largest turf company, ReadyLawn.

After a while, Dickie decided that while it was the largest Kiwi turf company, with his 15 years of knowledge of growing turf in southern England he would like a bigger challenge –

setting up his own company and employing British methods, which were about 10 years ahead of Kiwi ones at that stage.

By autumn 2005, they had their first crop planted at their 20ha turf farm at Te Kauwhata (now covering 26ha with rented land) and were harvesting and selling into the Auckland and Tauranga markets by that spring.

"There is lots of lawn to mow – we have a pretty big mower and we are mowing four days a week when the grass is growing fast."

The turf is taken off and sold in rolls and continuous cropping keeps the turf growing, with a sorghum break crop introduced when the economy has been a bit slow with a silage crop taken off it.

Turf is a fast-moving business and the United Kingdom practices Dickie introduced



Dickie and Helen
Sansome, Te Kauwhata

has made it easy to grow the business, he says.

"It's a matter of timing: mowing, watering, fertilising and turf husbandry is paramount and then once it's taken off, the turf has to be laid the next day for best results."



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SETTING UP A PHEASANT SHOOT

Dickie's other love beside turf is pheasant shooting and Helen is a mad-keen gun-dog breeder and trainer, so their dream to set up a UK-style pheasant shoot was realised after they bought a 290ha hill country farm west of Ngāruawāhia at Glen Massey in 2017.

Dickie says it's a proper hill country farm.

"There is only one hay paddock, – four hectares called the Hay Paddock, – and even on that I would be wanting to be wearing a parachute if I was driving the tractor."

The advantage is that only 50% of the farm is effective, with bush and forestry making perfect cover for pheasants to live.

While the couple were flat out setting up the pheasant reserve and shooting business, they leased the grazing for a couple of years, but when *Mycoplasma Bovis* came along, they decided to not renew the lease and have their own animals for biosecurity peace of mind.

The lessee was trading stock and there were constant movements on and off farm and Dickie says they thought they were just a bit vulnerable to an outbreak and wanted to control it themselves.

"We thought that breeding commercial cows and calves would be easier and we could sell weaners... but then, while I was buying some commercial Angus heifers and older commercial cows from the Kaharau sale,

I got all excited by the quality of the lovely pedigree cows."

"Our stock agent, Steven Hickey, suggested at the Rangitira dispersal sale that we should buy some pedigrees and set up a stud."

Dickie envisioned having 10-12 cows and just breeding a few bulls for their own farm's use but then the bug bit him, – so over the past four years he has had lots of fun buying heifers from a number of stud dispersals.

"We are up to nearly 100 pedigree animals now – and just have 30 commercial cows left."

They have called the stud Tutsham after the farm Helen grew up on in Kent.

Their breeding goals are to produce traditional animals with hill country 'do-ability' and improved carcase traits while not compromising fertility and other maternal traits.

"Having said that, I am already finding it hard to rein in growth – I am finding if you breed something really nice it's hard to get rid of it if it is too big," Dickie laughs, referencing the Supreme Champion yearling heifer out of a Rangitira cow and Grand Finale bull that won at the Te Kauwhata Show and has a 600-day weight EBV of 145kg.

"That's about 45kg higher than we are aiming for – but she is a lovely heifer, so we will see how we go with her and how she handles the hills."

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BUILDING A HERD

Their first nine heifers were from the Rangitira sale, daughters of Tangihau Top Gun, a "really good base to start from" and followed them up with some in-calf heifers from Atahua and then two weeks later acquired at a very reasonable price 12 heifers from the Turiroa 80th anniversary sale.

"We had a budget and game plan, but they were so reasonably priced that the budget stretched to 12 heifers, instead of the 3-4 we thought we could afford."

Other purchases have been heifers in calf to Atahua 1-20 from the Te Whanga stud dispersal sale and Turiroa heifers in calf to Aussie bull Millah Murrah Rembrandt. This year they added Mount Mable heifers to the herd.

Tall fescue up close.



ALL BLACK BULL POWER

Dickie compares Angus cattle to rugby players.

There are levels of bulls, he says. In his eyes there are the All Blacks, Super Rugby players and then the next tier down are the provincial players.

The Tutsham stud this year is using three bulls, two from Meadowslea and a Rangatira bull bought as a weaner at their dispersal sale, who is a really nice bull, Dickie says.

Last year, they used the All Blacks through AI – Black Rock of Stern and Braveheart of Stern – who Dickie says are not just All Blacks but are actually Richie McCaw and Dan Carter.

They also used Matauri Reality over the heifers and Taimate Lazarus and Tangihau Top Gun, and reached a 68% in-calf rate to AI.

Atahua 1-20 sired lovely calves and although Dickie says 1-20 might not quite be an All Black, he's a good Super Rugby player.

Half of the Turiroa heifers were in-calf to Millah Murrah Rembrandt, the Aussie bull who sold for \$230,000 and Dickie says he's too good to be a Wallaby – "He must be an All Black too."

This year Dickie and Helen have used the same AI bulls again alongside some semen from Kincardine Renegade and have five embryos implanted by that bull as well.

Dickie and Helen have been upskilling quickly, and he says some livestock lectures from his agri science degree came back to him when he really needed it.

"I also milked cows for a year when I was 18,



Turf in paddock ready to be trucked out to a brand new lawn.

so I knew a little bit about breeding and AI.

"We made a few mistakes in the first few years, including low AI rates – something was out in the synchronisation.

"Last year after our farm manager left, Helen and I were left holding the baby to do the mating ourselves and – being pedantic like we are – we made sure everything was done bang on and in our first year of doing it ourselves we got 68% in-calf to AI and everything else got in calf to the bull on the following cycle."

Dickie says they are probably a bit understocked and because of that it's easy to keep the cows in good condition.

"Because it's not our main income, I would rather have less pressure and keep the stock in good nick.

"We also do everything the vet says, selenium, B12, iron, minerals – the cattle are getting jabbed on the regular, and BVD is covered as well.

"One thing I learned growing turf is that you put all the inputs in that you can and you end up with a top-end product.

"If you try and save a bit of money and you skimp – that's when you start to get the problems.

"I did think I was being a bit of a smart-arse buying all the AI top genetics, but I understand it's also important to support our fellow breeders, so I will be in the market for a good bull this year."

Dickie has become involved in the local Waikato Angus group and has enjoyed trips away and interacting with the group and learning from them.

Johnny Harrington has been a valuable mentor and Dickie appreciates his help in the manner of how Dickie likes to mentor his own staff.

"He doesn't tell me the recipe for doing everything, but he's good at listening to how I have handled things and giving me a few clues and then getting me to think for myself."

In 2025, the Tutsham stud will be open for business, selling from the paddock six two-year-olds and 10 yearlings, hoping to supply the market for local farmers looking for Angus bulls.

"We will begin selling our own NPC bulls and keep the Super Rugby bulls for our own herd. I have the feeling one might be an All Black!"

"We will also keep the best low-birth-weight bulls over our own heifers."

A TRADITIONAL ENGLISH SHOOT

Dickie and Helen are bringing the traditional pheasant shooting experience to NZ and are pleased some English visitors have said their experience is more authentic than the UK shoot, as they are becoming more commercial.

They buy 4000 six-week-old poults (young pheasants) from Hawke's Bay at the beginning of March and they are not caged, but are free to roam, and are fed twice daily with high-protein grower pellets until they are 18 weeks old when the season starts in May, Dickie explains.

The birds are released into areas where they live and roost and are fed at the top of the hills, so when shooting days start, the birds are dragged up to the flush points by feeding, and the beaters flush them back to the roost sites and the shooters stand between the two.

"The birds are flying high and fast so they are difficult to shoot – they have a sporting chance," Dickie says.

"Our average is 3.5 shots per bird and on the first shoot we might shoot 300 birds, reducing to 100 birds per day by the end of the season, over 9-10 shooting days with eight guns for each shoot."

Clients come from Auckland and Waikato and leftover birds naturalise and breed in the block, he says.

Obtaining a DOC permit to run the operation was not straightforward but was won because the couple do so much predator control on the farm to help maintain their pheasant population that it has a positive effect on native bird life.

Each shoot day is a huge affair, with up to 30 people making the day work – including beaters and picker-uppers with dogs, and at the end of the day everyone can take home as many birds as they like.

Cost per shoot is \$5000 for each client.

Dickie and Helen are mindful not to waste any of the birds – any leftovers are processed and for subsequent shoots, birds and meat from the freezer are available.

"We are very much 'if you are going to shoot something you have to be prepared to eat it'. We eat pheasant on a regular basis – we have some fantastic sausages made that we have been eating each week."

Helen works alongside Dickie, prepares the shoot meals and works her gun dogs – two black and one yellow Labrador. She competes with the dogs in 'gundog trialling', which Dickie says runs in a parallel way to the sheepdog trials and her dogs have won many field trials.

Angus cattle and pheasant shooting are two of the Sansome's enterprises sharing their Glen Massey farm.



"They are well-bred and well-trained – and essential to be able to pick up so many birds on the shoots," Dickie says.

"It's natural to these dogs to smell and find birds, but there is quite a bit of training involved with teaching them to work efficiently and under control." ■

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Sam Mann is the manager of Pukemiro and is making changes to increase the finishing capability on the station.

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A FRESH FOCUS ON TRAINING

Jackie Harrigan

With a new manager at the helm, Pukemiro Station is gearing up to provide more cadet training for the agriculture industry – and along the way is building its Angus breeding and finishing programme.

The Dannevirke station was donated and placed into a trust to be used for agricultural education for young people by Mr A.D.B. Williams in 1987 and until 2018 used its profits to support scholarships and grants for young people studying agriculture.

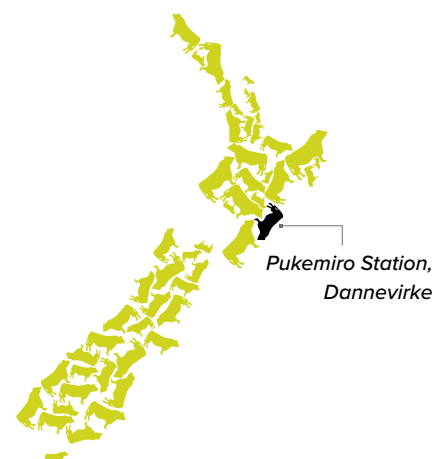
Since 2018, cadets have been working and learning on the station, three juniors and three seniors, learning all there is to know about sheep and beef farming, including

general skills, fencing, water systems, tractors, chainsaws, stockwork, breaking and training dogs and shearing, crutching, and docking.

Sam Mann has been the manager for the past two years, and lives on the station with his wife, Emma, and their three sons.

With a background of an urban upbringing and Lincoln ag degree, followed by time as a rural professional in the banking and rural insurance industry and then leasing and farming on their own account, Sam was shoulder-tapped to apply for the job by one of the farmer trustees on the Pukemiro Board.

He's really enjoying the job, saying it's a great use of his people skills from his rural professional days with his agri and farm



Pukemiro Station, Dannevirke

systems knowledge from having their own farming business.

Sam and Emma also have their own 300-hectare lease block in the same district, with a part-time worker for three days a week, where they are building up and operating their own Angus stud, Glengyle.

Sam grew up in Napier and Emma is a Dannevirke local and a trained nurse, currently working part time to fit with the school and daycare hours of their growing sons, George, 8, Archie, 5 and Charlie, 3.

The couple are passionate about getting young people involved in the ag industry.

“The demand is definitely there, each year we have around 60 applications from all of the country for the three spots.

“We take three males or females aged 17-19 years for the two-year programme. In the first year, they learn general skills and break-in their own heading dog, in the second year they are subsidised to buy their own Huntaway and it’s all about the stock work.”

The cadets learn to work stock on horseback and using quadbikes, and are paid a stipend of \$100 a week in the first year and \$125 a week in the second year.

One day each week is spent on course work, working their way through the Certificate of Farm Systems through EIT with an external tutor.

They are also kept busy on many weekends, being offered paid work around the district for farmers with casual work.

The Pukemiro point of difference is one-on-one training, with Sam the manager, stock manager Jack Scahill working with the seniors and maintenance manager Willie Edgecombe working with the juniors.

Pukemiro’s dedicated hill country breeding block, Ottawa, is just half an hour away and senior cadets are rostered on to work with manager Will Hands.

Every six weeks they spend a week on duty – cooking, cleaning their shared accommodation and turning out smokos for all the staff and cadets. A pastoral care manager employed part time each week helps the cadets grow their skills and oversees their welfare.

Third-party tutors like Russell Knight come into the station to run shearing schools, and the cadets are keen competitors at local and regional shearing shows and the Golden Shears.

Guy Peacock is the dog training tutor, alongside Will Hands, and Lina Castles comes in and trains them in riding and caring for the station horses, teaching the basics of horse

Keeping the crossbred bulls entire means they can be finished to 300-320 carcase weights before the second winter.



handling over six to eight sessions.

“There is a lot to learn, especially in the first few months when the cadets are getting up to speed on skills, safety and even farming jargon.

“They are encouraged to ask why things happen and are done the way they are – which is great for the staff to reflect on and keeps them on their toes – it’s a good sense check,” Sam says.

The station is building a new Farm Hub, containing accommodation for more cadets, which will also be available for the outside community events and groups, along with a classroom space, smoko room and farm office.

Sam is sure the farm trustees (two local farmers and a lawyer) are committed to seeing the infrastructure and number of cadetships grow, as the uptake of trained cadets into the

industry has been so successful.

“Some of our ex-cadets are already succeeding in stock manager’s roles and there is so much potential in the industry – we want to see more young people getting a good training. This year all of the cadets are new to farming, but they are already winning fencing and dog trialling competitions.”

In the future, Sam is keen to start up an alumni of ex-cadets and run some kind of professional development sessions to help them grow and progress their farming journey.

“I think there is a bit of a gap in the progression of young people – they need help to grow when they get to the stage of investing money and getting into farm ownership, be it leasing or owning or equity partnerships. I think that’s a space where we can help them.”

STOCK POLICIES EVOLVING

The Pukemiro Station flats are perfect finishing country, with a free-draining red rock soil type and reliable summer rainfall making them suitable for heavy cattle and lamb finishing.

The flats are alongside the upper reaches of the Manawatu River and the cadets have recently fenced off 1.2km of the river to exclude stock from the water. They also get involved in planting riparian areas and poplar poles.

The station runs 4500 breeding ewes and 1000 hoggets and 120 Angus breeding cows, buying in and finishing 300-500 trade cattle and up to 2000 trade lambs in winter.

Up the road at Otawa, the 2500 ewes and 1000 mated hoggets and 200 Angus breeding cows produce progeny for finishing at Pukemiro.

Sam says the plan is to build both of the properties' breeding cow herds to 200 Angus cows and that the Otawa block will breed replacement Angus heifers for Pukemiro Station as well as their own herd.

"The previous policy was to run Hereford x Friesian cross cows on Pukemiro and mate them to Angus bulls, but the cows just couldn't handle the workload of keeping pastures groomed for the sheep flock – particularly when used to clean up the hills, so we have gone back to the tougher Angus cows."

"We know they can do the job really well, and still produce a good calf each year."

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Pukemiro Angus cows will be mated to terminal sires, with Charolais sires currently being used. "We have some really good finishing flats, so the aim is to leave the bull calves entire and finish 120 on the flats by 20-22 months," Sam says.

"By injecting hybrid vigor and using the greater efficiency of carcass growth from leaving them entire, it allows us to finish them to 320-340kg carcass weight before the second winter, and it maximises the return on the flats."

The bulls can grow up to 2kg/head/day and also yield about 5% better than steers, and on a 600-650kg bull, a higher yield of 55% instead of 50% can mean an extra \$100 per head on a \$7/kg schedule.

Killing the bulls in the late autumn or early winter means the premiums are starting to come into the market.

It is a balancing act keeping the bulls growing through their first winter, so they are supplemented with balage and really pushed along on saved up feed.

Up to 150 trade steers will be bought in at 18 months and killed after the winter and can be spread out with the ewes to help control the hill surplus through the summer.



Sorting lambs for growing on at Pukemiro.

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**‘THE DEMAND IS DEFINITELY
THERE, EACH YEAR WE HAVE
AROUND 60 APPLICATIONS
FROM ALL OF THE COUNTRY
FOR THE THREE SPOTS.’**

Moving to a straight Angus herd means bull selection policy reflects resetting the Angus base as a moderate functional cow, good on the hills. Once they are happy with the quality they will probably split the herd and go for a growthier bull over a portion of the herd with the offspring designed for Pukemiro.

The stock team at Pukemiro has moved to Neogen testing the Angus heifers in their herds this season to identify EBVs for the commercial cattle. They are keen to be able to make more-informed decisions with information on 12-13 traits around growth, fertility, carcase quality and to get good linkages within the herd.

“At a cost of \$30 for each heifer, we decided to start testing them and build up the number of tested females year by year.”

The sheep policy is Romney ewes run on the hills, docking 145-150% from the ewes and 100% from the hoggets (which are usually mated, but it is season dependent).

“We aim to finish all our lambs at Pukemiro with a season average of 17-18kg CW.”

The Angus cattle are integral to keeping pastures groomed and tidy for the sheep programme, which is the engine room of the farming business at the trust.

The station recently took part in a trial by local Alliance plant operations manager Nathan Aitken-Cade who is becoming a BREEDPLAN accredited live animal scanner and has been trialing IMF and EMA scanning

on live finishing cattle. The “Cup System” technology Nathan uses is able to identify steers and heifers that would potentially fit Alliance’s higher marbling prime beef program.

Sam says this is at the proof of concept stage, but that the technology would be great to identify cattle that are worthy of the additional feed and supplement to get them faster and more successfully to higher marbling scores and able to earn the added \$1/kg premiums.





FARM FACTS:

Pukemiro Station

- 1000ha
- 300ha tractor country
- 700ha hill country

Otawa farm

- 700ha hill country block

GROWING THE GLENGYLE ANGUS HERD

Sam and Emma Mann have always had an interest in Angus cattle and the stud game and thought they might as well “give it a crack ourselves”.

“There are a few older breeders retiring and some younger ones coming in, so we thought it was a good time to get involved as Angus are the largest breed with potentially the most clientele for buying genetics.”

They established Glengyle stud when they were leasing Glengyle Station, east of Dannevirke on medium/steep hill country, which has since been planted in trees.

The couple tried a few different cattle breeds on the station, which is at a higher altitude and on challenging country.

“The Angus breed handled the farm the best out of all the breeds we tried – they were efficient cows and there to do a job for the sheep grooming the pastures, and they

managed to rear a good calf and get back into calf each year.

“Deciding to build our own stud enterprise, we purchased six KJ Angus heifers in 2021 and leased a bull from Taimate Angus and then bought in more cows from dispersal sales like the Merchiston sale and from other studs.”

With a goal of getting to 100 registered Angus females, including rising two-year-old heifers, they are focusing on temperament, structural soundness and constitution.



From the air the easy to rolling contour and fertile flats of the station are obvious.



Matt Roberts works a few days each week running the Glengyle block for the Manns.

“We figure we have to really like the type of animal we are farming and once we get the type right we will then chase other traits.”

They bought Kayjay Fatboy T641 Lot1 in the KJ sale and have used Meadowslea Mountainman and Grampians Hooligan by AI and Blackrock Stern over their heifers.

They aim to sell moderate functional hill country bulls that will produce good females for clients and last for a long time. Sam says longevity and fertility is the key to success of a cow breeding programme.

Up until now they have sold some yearling bulls privately and for next year they will have a crop of 12-15 two year old bulls for sale.

The couple are mating their yearling

heifers, and next year will calve 100 cows on their 300ha lease block, which is handy to Pukemiro.

“We have been working really hard on our type,” Sam says.

“Our point of difference will be a heavy focus on the maternal side of the cattle beast, working on temperament, structural soundness and fertility.

“The end goal is to sell 15-20 bulls each year in an onfarm sale to local sheep and beef farmers who will be repeat buyers.”

The lease block also runs 20 rising one-year heifers and 500-1000 ewes, and buys in some trading lambs.

At 35, Sam has really enjoyed getting

involved in the breed, taking on the presidency of the Hawke’s Bay Angus group and attending the 2024 AGM as Hawke’s Bay Ward representative.

“I am keen to get involved, and looking forward to organising the Hawke’s Bay bull walk this year,” he says.

“The breed seems to be in good hands. It was great to attend the Southland Ward Tour and see all of the young breeders working together to achieve a common good.

“I have been really drawn to the Angus people, found them to be very collegial and willing to share advice and knowledge and great to get along with. They are good, all-round people.” ■

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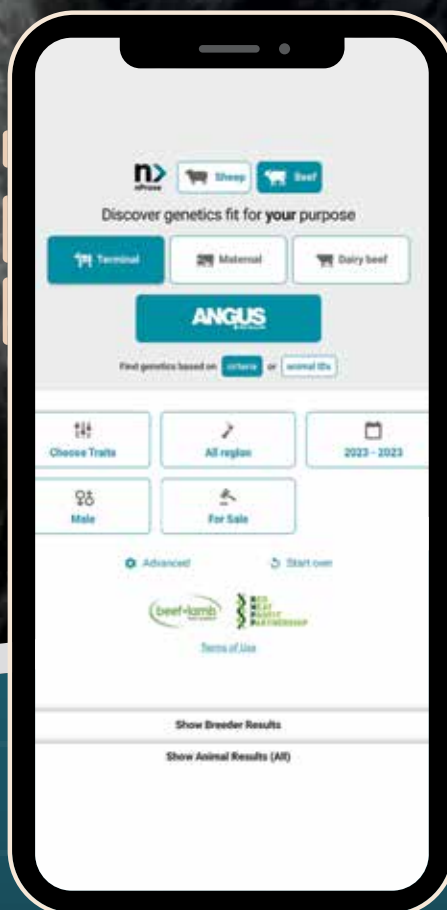
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Feed intake measures on BPT heifers.

BEEF + LAMB NEW ZEALAND GENETICS

INFORMING NEW ZEALAND BEEF MARKS FIVE YEARS

Now in its fifth year, Beef + Lamb New Zealand's Informing New Zealand Beef programme is in full swing with a strong focus on increasing the uptake of genetics in the beef industry.

Angus breeders continue to be actively involved in the seven-year programme by hosting events such as Better Beef Breeding workshops and through their participation in progeny tests and methane reduction and feed efficiency trials.

The across-breed Beef Progeny Test (BPT), which compares bulls under commercial

farming conditions, is run on Pāmu's Kepler Farm near Manapouri and at Lochinver Station near Taupo. On Kepler Farm, Angus and Hereford cows are run side-by-side with crosses undertaken both ways. At Lochinver, Simmental bulls are also added to the mix and used across the property's Angus cows. The test now has processing data from calves born into the programme and reproductive data from heifers born in 2021.

In North Canterbury, a cutting-edge trial was launched to measure feed efficiency and methane emissions.

B+LNZ Genetics and AgResearch are working to develop genetic tools that help farmers produce animals that use feed more efficiently and emit less methane while remaining productive. Te Mania Angus, the host of the trial, has worked with several breeders to support this work.

Heifers from the BPT were involved in this trial and four other studs also put their animals through Te Mania's feed intake facility and the AgResearch Portable Accumulation Chambers, which record methane output.

B+LNZ's head of genetics, Dr Jason Archer,

‘WE AIM TO CREATE TWO BREEDING VALUES, ONE FOR FEED EFFICIENCY AND ANOTHER FOR METHANE EMISSIONS PER KILO OF FEED.’

says the aim of the trial is to develop new traits specifically for the NZ beef industry so farmers can produce efficient cattle with a light environmental footprint while running productive and profitable farms.

“We aim to create two breeding values, one for feed efficiency and another for methane emissions per kilo of feed.

“The aim in this trial is to identify cattle that can produce less methane per kilogram of feed and grow faster per kilogram of feed. That way, we get a double shot of lower methane and better animal performance.”

Methane reductions will be important in the future to meet climate commitments and to support marketing efforts around lower-carbon-input red meat production, he says.

Farmers will benefit from the trial because they will be able to extract more value from inputs by having a more accurate feed efficiency Estimated Breeding Value (EBV) as a tool in their toolbox.

“Feed efficiency is a moderately heritable trait, and we know we can make good progress in breeding more efficient animals. Research has shown feed efficiency is



Measuring methane in BPT heifers.

correlated to reduced emissions. By gradually improving feed efficiency in cattle, we can also reduce emissions.

“With the genetic reduction in emissions and a lift in production, I think this is a much better alternative for NZ than reducing the national herd to meet commitments. There is also the potential we could grow the national herd and emit less than the targets set.”

After close collaboration with the industry, B+LNZ Genetics launched its new online tool for beef farmers, nProve Beef, at the Breeder Forum in March. nProve Beef is designed to help farmers select the best bulls to meet their specific breeding objectives and suit their farm systems.

Angus New Zealand is among the four major breeds joining the platform, offering farmers

an easy way to view bulls across different breeds. Delegates at the forum got an in-depth look at the tool through two interactive workshops. Farmers are encouraged to visit nprove.nz and see how it can benefit their breeding decisions.

Commercial beef farmers continue to play an important role in Informing New Zealand Beef through their participation in the Next Generation Herds programme. To date, 36 farmers have come on board, with more joining this year.

Last year, B+LNZ ran 13 Better Beef Breeding workshops, several hosted by Angus breeders, along with webinars which covered topics such as Genetic Evaluation 101 and New Trait Development.

To support the development of EBVs for New Zealand’s beef industry, B+LNZ ran workshops to give stud breeders the tools to measure beef cow Body Condition Score and assign teat and udder scores. A ‘how to’ video on condition scoring was made available on B+LNZ’s Knowledge Hub.

The seven-year Informing New Zealand Beef programme (INZB) aims to boost the sector’s profits by \$460m over the next 25 years.

It is supported by B+LNZ and the Ministry for Primary Industries’ Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures Fund. ■



Measuring methane cattle PACs.





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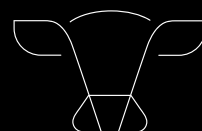
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BEEF + LAMB NEW ZEALAND GENETICS

NEW HOST FARMS FOR DAIRY BEEF PROGENY TEST



JIM INGLIS
B+LNZ

Beef + Lamb New Zealand's long-term Dairy Beef Progeny Test is entering a new phase which involves more farms and a new approach to identifying opportunities offered by superior dairy beef.

While the locations have changed, the objectives of Dairy Beef Progeny Test (DBPT) remain the same; these are to identify the best beef genetics and to highlight the value superior genetics generate at every stage of the supply chain.

The DBPT has moved from Pāmu's Renown farm and last spring, cows on five new host farms across three regions were mated to DBPT sires. Five Angus bulls were amongst the 16 sires selected for use in the DBPT last year along with eight Angus link sires used across the different sites.

Other breeds being used in the DBPT this year include Charolais, Hereford, Simmental and Murray Grey.

The new host farms are two Dairy Trust Taranaki

farms, two Massey University farms and an owner-operated commercial dairy farm at Five Forks near Oamaru. For the first time, Jersey cows will be included in the DBPT through a smaller herd which is run on one of the Dairy Trust Taranaki farms.

Jim Inglis, B+LNZ Genetics' strategy and operations manager, says the move to run the DBPT across more sites was driven by a desire to include a wider cross-section of farms across more regions and to better showcase the outcomes of the DBPT.

Two of the three new host farms will be rearing and finishing the progeny within their own farm systems, while calves born on the Dairy Trust Taranaki farms will be reared and finished elsewhere.

He says the farms hosting the DBPT will record mating dates, pregnancy diagnosis, calving dates and calf weights.

Rearers will rear the calves in cohorts, record how they are reared and the weights and date of weaning.

Finishers will record 200, 400 and 600-day weights

‘ACROSS THE FIVE FARMS WE ARE SEEING A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF THE TYPES OF COWS WE SEE ON DAIRY FARMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.’

and B+LNZ will organise a contractor to eye-muscle scan the cattle prior to slaughter.

Finishers will then submit slaughter data to B+LNZ for analysis.

Jim says to ensure a fair comparison of the genetics, finishers will need to run the DBPT cattle in mobs which represent the sires used. Cattle breeding specialist Craig Foote will help farmers determine the make-up of these mobs.

Jim says another advantage of having more farms involved in the DBPT is the range of cow breeds now included in the test.

While these are predominately Kiwi-cross cows, Dairy Trust Taranaki runs more Friesian-cross type cows along with a Jersey herd.

“Across the five farms we are seeing a good representation of the types of cows we see on dairy farms across the country.”

Having two Massey University dairy farms involved in the DBPT builds on the existing connection between Massey and B+LNZ’s DBPT.

Massey University geneticist Dr Nick



Some of the Dairy Beef progeny test calves.

Sneddon has been sub-contracting to the DPBT (taking over from his predecessor Rebecca Hickson) and now the university is hosting the test on two of its farms, it does open the opportunity for complementary research and more open days.

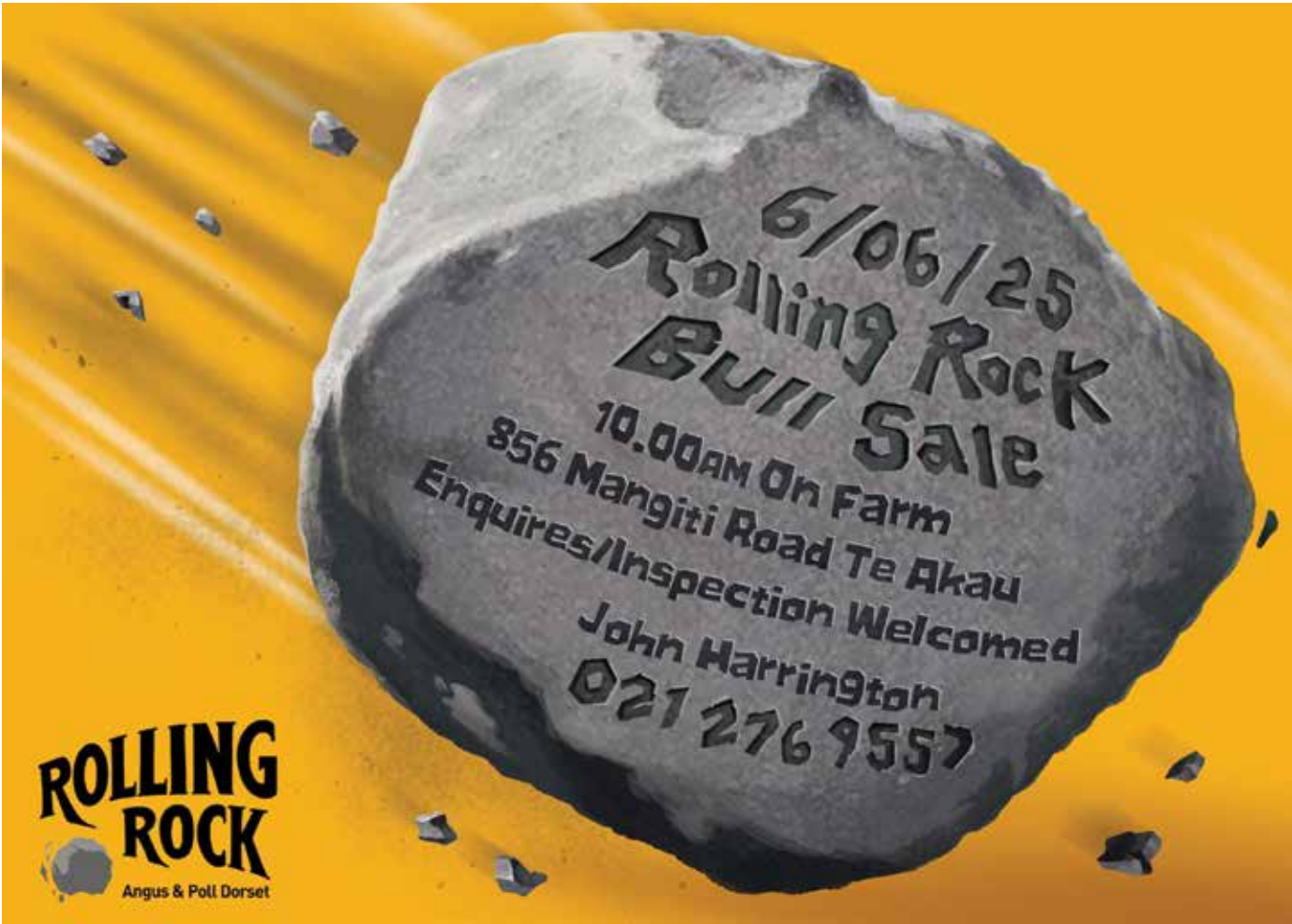
For example, the DBPT cattle can be run within Massey University’s Whenua Haumanu regenerative agriculture research programme.

Jim says Massey University regularly hosts field days on their farms, and this will help make more farmers aware of the DBPT and the opportunity to see first-hand the value of using superior beef genetics in their dairy herds.

The DBPT began at Limestone Downs in 2015 and subsequently moved to Pāmu’s

Renown Farm. Progeny were reared and finished under commercial conditions at Pāmu’s Wairakei Estate. The progeny born last year on Renown Farm will be followed through to finishing. ■

A list of all DBPT bulls used for 2024 mating can be found on the beef progeny test section of B+LNZ Genetics website: [blznzgenetics.com](https://www.blznzgenetics.com/progeny-tests/beef-progeny-tests). Link: <https://www.blznzgenetics.com/progeny-tests/beef-progeny-tests>
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GENOMICS: ACCURACY IN BREEDING SELECTION

HOW ARE GENOMICALLY ENHANCED BREEDING VALUES CALCULATED?



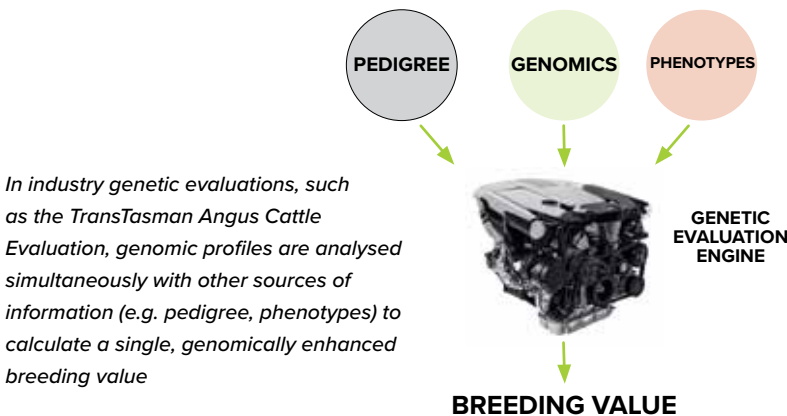
**ANDREW BYRNE,
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Genomic selection in seedstock animals most commonly involves the inclusion of genomic profiles in existing industry genetic evaluations, such as the TransTasman Angus Cattle Evaluation, to calculate genomically enhanced breeding values.

Genomically enhanced breeding values enable more accurate selection decisions earlier in an animal's life, for additional traits and animals, and ultimately, greater genetic improvement.

SINGLE STEP GENETIC EVALUATION

The manner in which genomic information is included in industry genetic evaluations is often referred to as a 'single-step' genetic evaluation, reflecting that genomic profiles are analysed simultaneously with other sources of information (e.g. pedigree, phenotypes), placing appropriate emphasis on all available sources of information, to calculate a single, genomically enhanced breeding value.



A unique feature of single-step genetic evaluation is that breeding values can be calculated for both animals with and animals without genomic profiles. This differs from some earlier approaches that could only handle individuals with genomic profiles.

Likewise, in contrast to some earlier approaches, a 'genomic breeding value' is not calculated in a single step genetic evaluation, only the overall, genomically enhanced breeding value that is published.

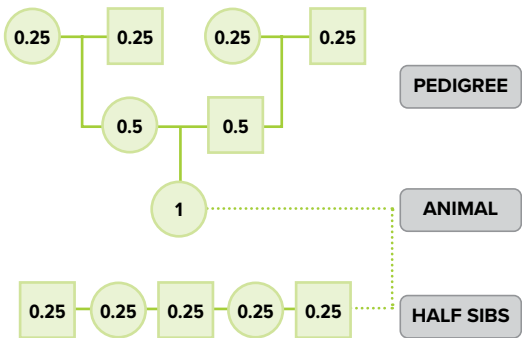
ANALYTICAL APPROACHES FOR INCORPORATING GENOMIC INFORMATION

A number of different analytical approaches are used for incorporating genomic information in the calculation of breeding values within a single-step genetic evaluation. The TransTasman Angus Cattle Evaluation utilises a 'relationship' approach. In the relationship approach, the incorporation of genomics is about 'animal relationships'.

In a simplistic form, a breeding value is calculated by **a)** estimating the relationship between an animal and the other animals in the genetic evaluation, and **b)** using the performance information that has been collected for the animal and the animals to which it is related to predict an animal's breeding value.

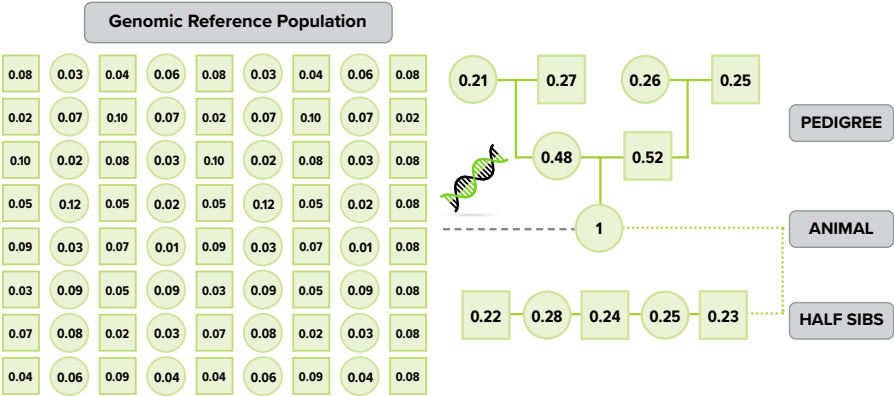
The more closely an animal with a phenotype is related to the target animal whose breeding value is of interest, the more influence its performance has on the breeding value being calculated.

In traditional, pedigree-based genetic evaluation, the relationships between animals are determined by pedigree alone.



Example of relationships between animals in a traditional genetic evaluation. Based on pedigree relationships, the animal is estimated to have 50% of genes in common with each parent, 25% of genes in common with each grand-parent, and 25% of genes in common with each of its half siblings.

In a genetic evaluation that incorporates genomics using the 'relationship' approach, the relationships between animals are determined by combining pedigree and genomic information.



Example of relationships between animals in a single step genetic evaluation. Utilisation of genomic relationships enables a more precise estimate to be made of the relationship to each animal in the pedigree, while also enabling the relationship to be estimated to animals in the genomic reference population.

Utilisation of genomic relationships, being the genetic relatedness between two animals based on their genomic profiles, improves estimation of the relationship between animals in the genetic evaluation, and ultimately results in the calculation of more reliable breeding values.

GENOMIC RELATIONSHIPS ENABLE:

- the relationship between animals to be estimated when no or incomplete pedigree information is available;
- a more precise estimate to be made of the genetic relationship between two animals who are related by pedigree, i.e. rather than assuming an animal has 25% of its genes in common with each grandparent (based on the law of averages), genomics assesses the random shuffle of chromosomes the animal has inherited to provide a more precise indication of the proportion of genes an animal has in common with each relative;
- the relationship between animals unrelated by pedigree to be determined, and any performance information that is available on these animals to be used in the calculation of the animal's breeding value, e.g. pedigree may indicate that two animals are unrelated, but in

reality, genomics indicates they share a proportion of genes in common. This is particularly advantageous as it allows the performance information of animals in the genomic reference population to be utilised in the calculation of an animal's breeding value.

GENOMIC RELATIONSHIPS IN PRACTICE

The real-world example below demonstrates how utilisation of genomic relationships improves the estimation of the relationship between animals in a single step genetic evaluation. Based on pedigree information, Millah Murrah Paratrooper P15 would be estimated to have a relationship of 0.5 with each of his progeny. Similarly, his progeny would each be expected to have a relationship of 0.25 with one another. Genomic testing reveals that while, on average, these relationships are correct, the relationship between Millah Murrah Paratrooper P15 and each of his individual progeny differs, while some of his progeny are more closely related to each other than they are with others.

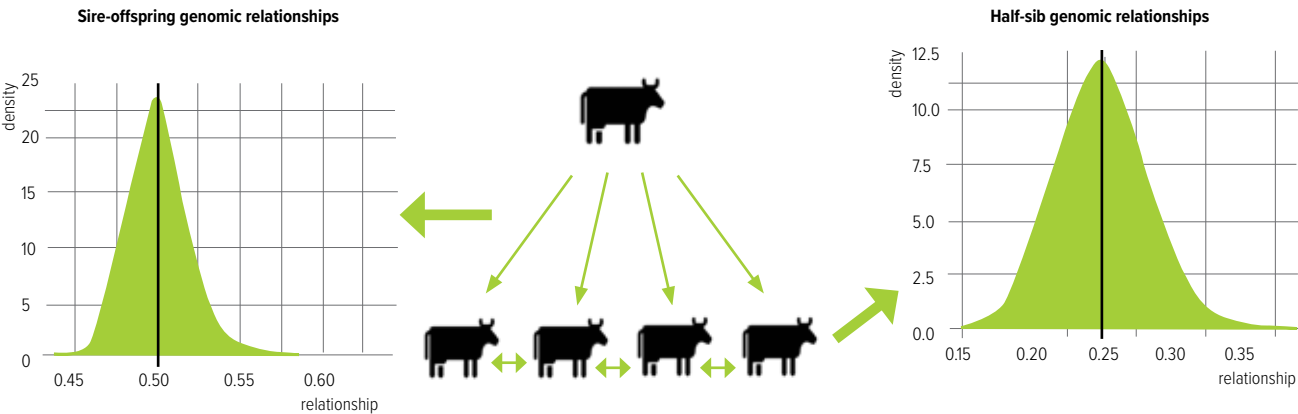
GENOMICS REPLACES PEDIGREE, NOT PHENOTYPES

A common misconception is that genomic information replaces phenotypes, or performance measurements in the calculation of breeding values in a single step genetic evaluation. This is not correct. Rather, genomics lessens the reliance on pedigree information to understand the relationship between animals. Performance measurements remain a critical component in the calculation of breeding values. ■

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Genomic relationships between 2,259 progeny of Angus sire, Millah Murrah Paratrooper P15, in the TransTasman Angus Cattle Evaluation. (Source: AGBU).

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NEW EBVS AND TRAITS ON THE WAY

SHARED DATA AND COLLABORATION ARE HELPING TO EXPAND THE MIX OF TRAITS MEASURED FOR ESTIMATED BREEDING VALUES.



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EBVs are the genetic information about how an animal will perform.

The current suite of 22 EBVs are primarily giving you genetic information associated with direct implications to your profit, such as liveweight growth, a live calf born, getting back in calf and producing a heavy quality graded carcase.

We (the stud breeders, Beef + LambNZ Genetics, ABRI and other collaborating partners) are now starting to build a pipeline of new traits to be measured which once we have enough records can be translated into an EBV.

I mentioned the collective “we” because it takes thousands of records to build an EBV. Our stud population of animals in NZ is relatively small. Because our cattle are genetically linked to other cattle populations that also record the same traits around the world, we can collaborate and share datasets to help reach the end goal of producing an EBV more quickly.

Some of these EBVs don’t have an actual direct or easily quantifiable impact on your profit. But we hear loud and clear that they are important to the commercial farmers who purchase our bulls.

Docility – This EBV is now being published. Stud breeders measure this trait early in life before the calf has been trained to accept the experience, such as entering and standing in a crush and learning nothing bad is going to happen. As we know docility can be heritable but they also can learn bad behaviour from its dam or the other crazy bitch in the mob that stirs everything up. This EBV helps to distinguish between the two methods of an animal developing a poor attitude and becoming a danger to man and dog.

Body Condition Score – This trait is well recognised

as being very useful. We know from BLG progeny test data that the ideal body condition score for a MA cow to get her back in calf is between 6 and 7. This trait can be measured at any time of the year because it is well correlated between measurements all year round. The easiest time to do this is at weaning and needs to have a liveweight recorded at the same time.

Teat and Udder scoring – We know the bottle tit results in a starving calf and is quite heritable. Feeding a cow for 12 months and then producing a starving and usually dead calf is a kick in the guts. Breeders can now start scoring teat shape and udder balance to make sure we have good boobs for feeding calves into the future.

Foot and leg structure/soundness – There are now multiple independent assessors in NZ that can score cattle for foot shape and leg structure. We know that unsound legs and poor foot shape results in lameness and an early culling decision which has a genetic component to it. These foot scores will be converted to an EBV and will be available soon as the records build up.

Other traits on the radar to be considered are an improved fertility EBV, a methane EBV and a parasite resistance EBV. These are long-term intended outcomes as the research to determine how these traits should be best measured is still to be completed before we ask stud breeders to start measuring and building up enough records for an EBV to be published.

Breeding, as we all know, is a long term game but rest assured Angus NZ is focused on progress and keeping the beef cow fit, profitable and relevant to the NZ hill country landscape.

CHANGES IN WHERE ANGUSNZ DATA IS STORED AND WHERE YOU CAN FIND OUR ANIMAL EBVS.

This autumn there will be a change to where AngusNZ stores its databases that contain the genotypes, pedigrees and all the measurements taken on recorded animals.

For the last 39 years, our information has been stored on a platform using ABRI software developed in Armidale, Australia.

AngusNZ sends files to ABRI and runs its data through a genetic engine called BREEDPLAN to produce EBVs in collaboration with Angus Australia and their members.

In return, EBVs are produced which we then publish on our website through another piece of software called Internet solutions.

Going forward, AngusNZ has changed its database service provider to a NZ-based company called Helical. Helical is a company co-set up by Dorian and Dan Garrick whom have extensive links to recorded animal populations throughout New Zealand and globally.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

Our EBVs will be presented in a similar way as they currently are on internet solutions, but with improved features and much quicker response time.

The EBVs themselves will not change. Our files will still be sent to ABRI to be run through BREEDPLAN with the Angus Australia population monthly as has currently happened now for several decades.

The same EBVs will also be presented on nProve run by Beef + LambNZ Genetics also starting this autumn.

This is the same platform as where you find sheep EBVs and indexes.

The EBVs will be the same values as found on the Helical platform, the same ones generated from our monthly run known as TACE through the BREEDPLAN software.

THERE ARE A COUPLE OF DIFFERENCES

The information on nProve will be presented in the same format as you see with nProve sheep.

This means you can search and rank animals based on their percentiles. You will still find the actual EBVs, but they aren't presented on the face page.

This means you can move the sliders to search, for example: Animals in the top 20% of the trait without having to know what that actual EBV value needs to be.

There are also some subgroupings of traits that you can use on nProve which enable the animal to be better described. These are traits grouped into calving ease, growth, carcass and fertility.

BLG have done thorough commercial farmer testing to develop this platform, so AngusNZ are pleased to support this initiative by publishing the EBVs on this farmer friendly platform and encourage better purchasing decisions by farmers. ■

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HOW TRAITS IMPACT COW PERFORMANCE

NANCY CRAWSHAW OF ANGUS AUSTRALIA DISCUSSES WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MATURE COW COMPOSITION TRAITS.



NANCY CRAWSHAW

MATURE COW BODY
CONDITION SCORES
FOR ANGUS

In late 2024 during the TACE Enhancements, Mature Body Condition and Mature Cow Height were transitioned from RBVs (Research Breeding Values) to EBVs. These are now available on all animals recorded in the Angus Australia database.

As part of this process, the genetic correlations have been re-evaluated between mature cow traits and live ultrasound and carcass fat depth, measured in young animals, to aid breeders to make more-informed decisions for their breeding programmes.

Profit drivers for beef producers are commonly linked to growth and carcass traits. However, to continue to make more-informed selection decisions for overall herd profitability, consideration of mature cow traits that impact the performance of the cow herd will be essential.

Mature Body Condition score (MBC), Mature Cow Height (MCH), and Mature Cow Weight (MCW) should be considered for their impact on the efficiency of the cow herd and tailored to your environmental conditions and market demands.

Data measured by Angus Australia members – a research project with the University of New England “Breeding Better Breeders” and the Angus Sire Benchmarking Programme – shows variation exists in the mature cow composition traits. The below averages and standard deviations are calculated from the data submitted, only representing a proportion of the breed’s females.

- **Mature Cow Body Condition Score (MBC):** With 37,329 records, the average score is 3.3 and the standard deviation is 0.77. This score is a practical measure of overall body condition and fat cover, with scores ranging from 0 (poor) to 5 (excellent).
- **Mature Cow Height (MCH):** Based on 13,640 records, the average height is 134cm and the standard deviation is 5cm. This measurement can indicate the frame size and growth potential of your cattle.
- **Mature Cow Weight (MCW):** With 177,931 records, the average weight is 572kg and the standard deviation 97kg. Weight is a critical factor influencing feed efficiency and carcass potential.

Data collection for mature cow traits

Mature cow body condition score

Mature cow body condition scores are collected using a 0-5 scoring scale based on the visual appearance of the animal. Half scores (i.e. 1.5, 2.5, 3.5, 4.5) can be used to identify animals who exhibit a body condition which is intermediate to the scores listed.

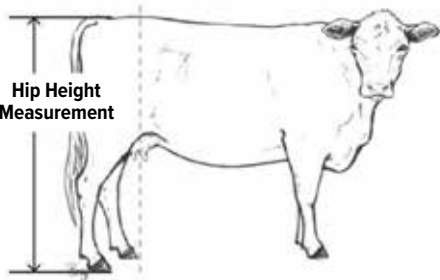
In an ideal Angus beef herd, where the cows have raised a calf to 200 days prior to weaning, it would be expected that the majority of animals would have a score of 2, 2.5 or 3, with a small percentage of animals receiving scores above 3. Weaning is typically the time of lowest condition score in the production cycle of the cow.

	BCS 0	BCS 1	BCS 2	BCS 3	BCS 4	BCS 5
Brief Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Weak with no body reserves. At risk of death from cold, wet weather or other stressors■ Recovery for transport dependent on high quality care but will be slow	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Healthy but with significant muscle wastage■ Able to recover from transport if adequately fed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Lean but strong and healthy with evident muscle wastage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Moderate condition with rounding of skeletal features■ Ideal condition for cows at weaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Healthy with significant fat reserves■ Ideal condition for cows at joining	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Excessively fat animals with no skeletal features visible■ A block shaped appearance and mobility only to walk.
Pin bones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Inside of pin bones deeply sunken to the bone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Inside of pin bones sunken	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Inside of pin bones slightly sunken	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Filled but not mounded	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Filled and mounded	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Not identifiable due to fat coverage
Hip and rump	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Hook bone prominent with rump deeply concave	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Hook bone prominent with rump concave	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Hook bone prominent with rump slightly concave	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Hook bone prominent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Smoothly rounded	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Not identifiable due to fat coverage
Backbone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Spines of backbone individually identifiable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Spines of backbone identifiable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Easily seen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Not prominent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Not prominent with rounded appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Cannot be seen or felt
Short ribs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Very prominent and easy to see individually	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Prominent and very sharp to the touch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Visible but not individually and fairly sharp to the touch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Visible and are easily felt with firm pressure as 'rounded' rather than sharp	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Visible and are easily felt with firm pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Rounded fat deposit at the brisket/sternum
Dewlap	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Dewlap is a skin fold with sternum identifiable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Dewlap has no fat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Dewlap has some fat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ A little fill in the brisket/sternum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Full in the brisket/sternum	

MATURE COW HEIGHT

Mature cow height should be taken using an accurate tape measure or ruler, recorded to the nearest centimetre.

While measuring techniques vary slightly, it



is important to use a consistent technique for the whole group.

One method involves using a level board in the crush to measure height from the hook bone to the board, subtracting this from the known height of the board above the ground.

Mature cow height should only be recorded when the animal is standing stationary.

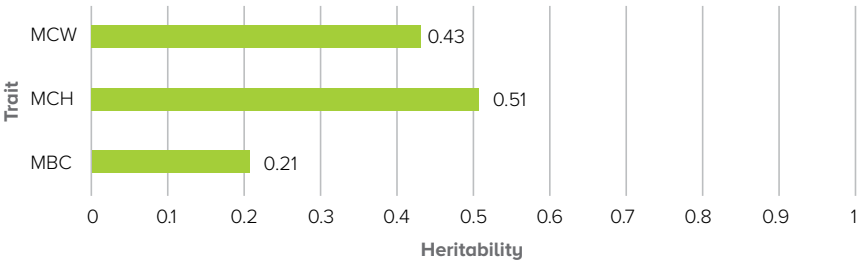
INTERPRETING THE MATURE COW TRAITS

Mature Cow Body Condition (MBC) EBVs provide estimates of genetic differences between animals in the body condition of mature females. Mature Cow Body Condition EBVs are calculated from a subjective assessment of an animal body condition and are expressed in score units. Higher Mature Body Condition EBVs indicate an animal is expected to produce daughters with more body condition as mature females.

Mature Cow Height (MCH) EBVs provide estimates of genetic differences between animals in the height of mature females. Mature Cow Height EBVs are calculated from height measurements taken at the hip and are expressed in cm units. Higher Mature Cow Height EBVs indicate an animal is expected to produce daughters that are taller as mature females.

HERITABILITY ESTIMATES

Only part of the variation we observe among animals is due to genetic differences. The majority of the variation is generally due to non-genetic factors such as differences in environment and nutrition. The degree to which genetic differences influence performance varies from trait to trait. This is explained by differences in the “heritability” of the traits.

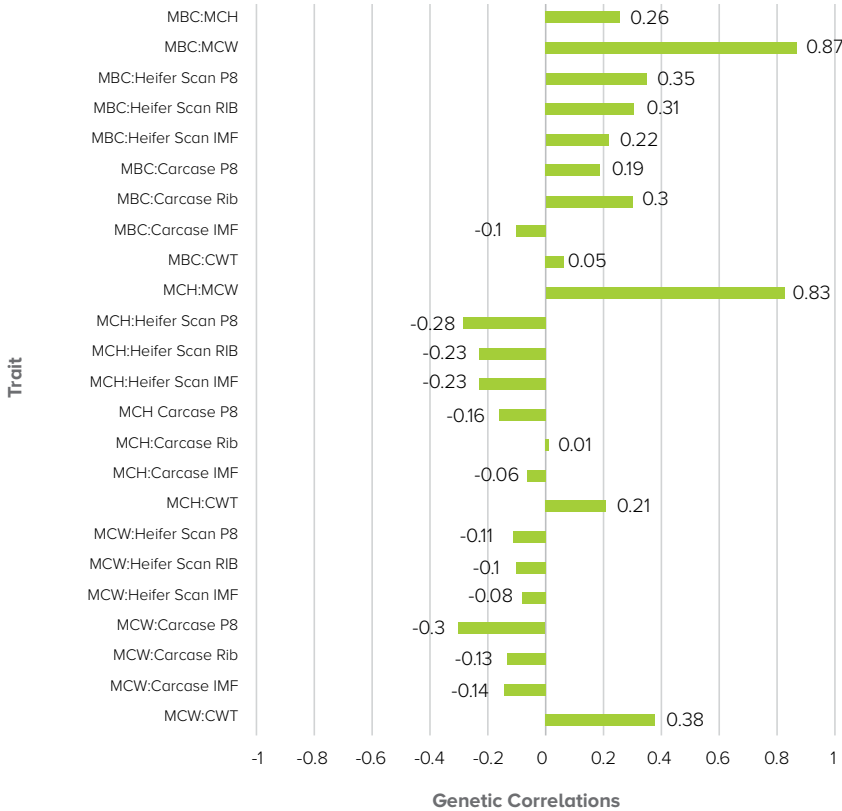


The moderate to high heritability of the mature cow composition traits indicates that there is opportunity for genetic improvement of these traits via genetic selection.

GENETIC CORRELATIONS

Genetic correlations between two traits describe how much the same genes influence the two traits. In other words, how the two traits change in relation to each other. Genetic correlations can be either positive or negative. A negative correlation indicates that as one trait increases, the other decreases, whereas a positive correlation implies that both traits tend to increase or decrease together.

MCW has a strong positive correlation with both MCH (0.83) and MBC (0.87); while MCH and MBC have a weak positive correlation of 0.21. This means that increases in MCW are often associated with increases in MCH and MBC, and vice versa. However, increases in MBC are less likely to also increase MCH.



IMPLICATIONS FOR SELECTION

- 1. Managing height, condition and weight:** The genetic correlations between MBC, MCH and MCW suggest cows can attain similar weights through varying combinations of height and body condition.
- 2. Speed up genetic progress by direct selection on MBC:** The low genetic correlation between MBC and fat-depth (scan and carcase) traits indicates that directly including MBC EBVs in your selection criteria can lead to faster genetic progress in body condition.
- 3. Carcase weight (CWT) and its impact:** The moderate correlation between MCW and CWT indicate potential to select for increased CWT of finishing cattle without substantially increasing MCW.



The group of CSU students by the Lincoln University sign.

KIWI FARMERS AND SYMBIOTIC GRAZING

NEW ZEALAND FARMERS' PRACTICE OF LEVERAGING THE GRAZING PREFERENCES OF CATTLE AND SHEEP WAS A NOTABLE DIFFERENCE FOR A GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM A UNITED STATES UNIVERSITY.

Mark Enns CSU

In early 2024, my family and I had the privilege of accompanying 23 Colorado State University students on a study abroad at Lincoln University.

This provided a unique opportunity not only to meet many of the educators at Lincoln but also to visit and tour a number of different farms as well as being able to join the New Zealand Angus Southern Herd tour for a day.

Those interactions were accompanied by some great conversations with breeders and

farmers regarding beef and sheep production as well as genetic improvement. As an animal breeder/geneticist, those conversations were especially enjoyable and stimulating, and often provided a perspective different than those held by United States farmers.

SYMBIOTIC GRAZING – CATTLE AND SHEEP

The most obvious difference was in the approach to symbiotic grazing, leveraging the

different grazing preferences of beef cattle and sheep – grazing pastures by one species and following up with another to maximise the best use of the forage or using cattle to open up areas for better utilisation by sheep.

In the U.S. few producers are involved in both sheep and beef cattle grazing systems – most focus and specialise on one or the other. That perspective is often the result of a historical tradition, the availability of facilities to accommodate the management of both



Mark Enns CSU and Jason Archer Beef + Lamb NZ.

species, and/or concerns with predation of sheep.

The other consistent difference was the emphasis on the seasonality of production where focus was on getting animals to a finish condition by the end of the second summer/autumn negating the need to feed and maintain the animals over another winter before the following summer's forage growth would get them to appropriate weights and fat levels for harvest.

From my perspective, the seasonality of production and the need to finish animals while forage is available has resulted in Kiwi farmers with a very deep appreciation for both grass production and the development of cattle genetics matched to such a production system.

During almost every farm visit, there was a discussion of grass, grazing rotations, and management decisions designed to improve forage production such as fertiliser application

or the planting of supplemental crops and annual forages to extend the grazing season — forages such as the Italian ryegrasses. Clearly the NZ farmer focuses on growing grass and forage in the country's diverse environments and how to best maximise the availability and use of those forages.

In contrast, the focus of the U.S. farmer is often more on the animal performance rather than on producing a better forage environment and using animals to harvest that forage. Perhaps that perspective is a function of the availability of various supplemental feeds to offset deficiencies in natural forage production. Although the economic viability is often suspect when this approach is taken and may not result in higher levels of profitability. Not to mention that supplemental feed costs are often highly regionally dependent and are influenced by competition from dairies and horse owners — especially for grass and alfalfa products.

FOCUS ON PROFITABILITY THROUGH GRASS GROWTH CYCLE

The tendency for farmers in the U.S. to focus primarily on animal performance has in turn often led to overlooking the need to match the animals' genetics to the environment in which they produce, especially for cow/calf operators selling weaners. Whereas the environment in NZ necessitates a focus on cattle adapted to the cyclical nature of grass growth and failure to recognise that leads to another year's feeding and reduced profit.

Overlooking adaptation results in the temptation to continue selection for greater and greater levels of performance often forcing the producer to adapt by increasing levels of supplemental feeding.

For example, in the U.S., Angus, along with the Charolais and Brahman breeds, have the largest average mature cow body weights of any of the 16 breeds evaluated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Meat Animal Research Center. Yet, when accounting for differences in body condition and the ability to deposit fat, the rankings do change a bit.

Admittedly, each of these breeds have genetics in the U.S. that result in cows more moderate in size and adapted to the harsher environments in the parts of the US (such as in the western U.S. where Colorado State University is located).

The rapid change in growth level (and mature size) is largely due to market signals encouraging production of larger animals for harvest.

Beef demand remains relatively strong but overall national cow numbers in the U.S. are down primarily due to drought. Hence, market signals are for heavier finish weights with October steers averaging 688kg on a liveweight and 393kg on a carcass-weight basis.

Much of this increase is due to genetic improvement in the seedstock sector. For beef production, this is an excellent outcome, but for the farmer producing calves in a rangeland environment where forage and grass growth are the limiting input, new challenges arise.

Maintaining adapted genetics while producing harvest animals that meet the demands of that sector of the industry is one of those key challenges.

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L to R, Ainsley Delmore, Kami Wilkin, Max Johnson, Margaret Salter, and Alejandro Quevedo (all CSU) students enjoying the Kiwi hospitality.

GENETICS TO FIT AN ENVIRONMENT

Reflecting on the opportunity to spend early 2024 with our students in NZ, there is much that can be learned from both NZ and U.S. beef production systems. Whether it be the need to continually recognise that selection programmes must consider the need for adaptability and ensuring the cows on the land fit their environment.

The tools we have through EBV (and EPD

– Environmental Product Declaration – in the U.S.) are very good and allow us to change population genetics rapidly to meet market signals. Taken together it seems there is much opportunity to create specialised genetics to meet both the needs of the cow/calf producer and the demands of the market with appropriate use of those genetics.

Now back teaching at CSU, I continually promote the study abroad opportunity to our students as there is much value in learning by

observing and discussing different approaches to beef production.

Likewise, much of what was learned during our trip to NZ influences what is taught and how research is interpreted. I find that the time exploring and learning from producers in NZ was absolutely the best part of our experience – one I hope that I can continually invest in.

I was consistently impressed with Kiwi ingenuity – I hope just a little of that came home with me to Colorado. ■

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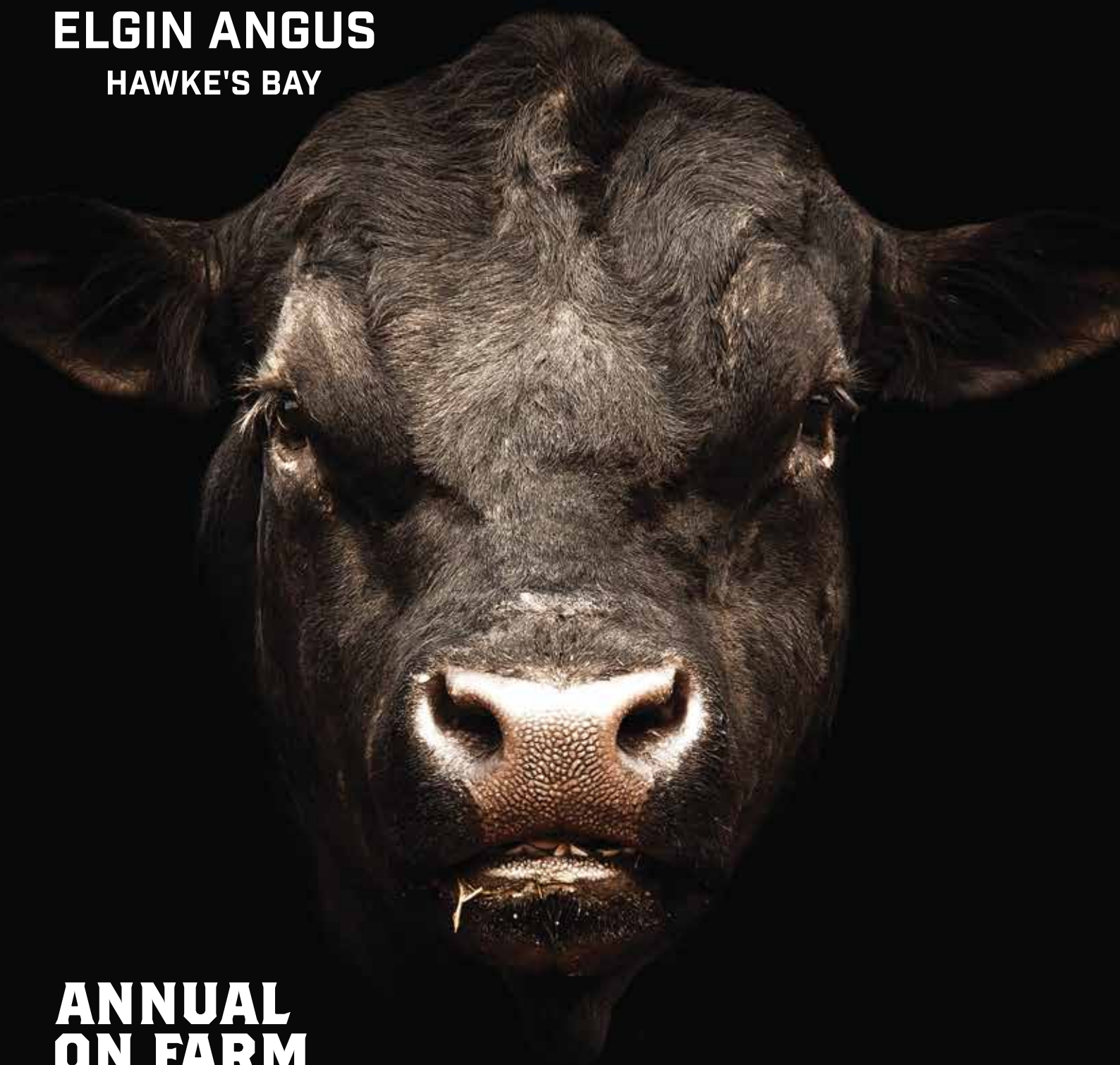
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CHEF MAKES HIS CHOICE

TRAINED IN THE EXCLUSIVE HOTELS OF INDIA'S HIGH-TECH CITY, BANGALORE, WELLINGTON CHEF CHETAN PANGAM SINGS THE PRAISES OF ANGUSPURE BEEF.

Jackie Harrigan

Chetan Pangam doesn't need to wonder if the reason his Beef Wellington is so popular is because he serves it at his restaurant One80 in the Copthorne Hotel in Wellington.

He knows it's because the AngusPure beef is so consistently good and the dish is a total much-loved and popular showstopper.

The executive chef at the restaurant on the city's Oriental Parade has been serving his signature beef dish for the last 15 years and his loyal clients, half of them not actually guests at the hotel, clean up 70-100 portions of the dish each week, hence his weekly standing order for 20kg of AngusPure beef eye fillet each week from long-term supplier Chef's Choice.

The Bangalore-trained hotel chef studied hotel management and admits he has never worked in a restaurant outside of a hotel, but

he has seen the inside of many five-star hotel kitchens learning his trade at the likes of the Radisson, The Taj and the Oberoi in Bangalore and Mumbai in India.

These luxury hotels are where New Zealand beef and lamb were featured, alongside Norwegian salmon, United States grain-fed beef and Russian caviar as the world's luxury products and where NZ is renowned for the quality of the produce, the All Blacks and – of course – cricket.

Coming from an atmosphere of large cities, luxury menus, five-star hotels with three or four different specialty restaurants and kitchens with up to 150 chefs, a job offer at Northland's beautiful Kauri Cliffs lodge with five chefs catering for every whim of just 25 guests was too much of a culture shock for Chetan when he came to NZ in 2001. Instead, he opted for a

role at Auckland's Heritage Hotel, the largest hotel in the country with the largest ballroom, the Grand Ball Room, where the buzz of the city that year included the America's Cup and the whole of the Prada team staying at the Heritage for a year.

Chetan admits he has never had to interview for a job in NZ, having been offered roles as the chefs he has worked under have moved up the ranks and offered him positions in their hotel kitchens.

Sous chef at the Millennium in Hamilton was followed by four years as executive chef at the Copthorne in Palmerston North, a move he said was great as he and his wife were able to marry and buy a house.

Provincial cities were also where his proximity to food producers grew his understanding of the farm-to-plate



Creating each AngusPure Beef Wellington is a two day process with seared and rested fillet coated with dijon mustard and mushroom duxelle before wrapping in latticed pastry, egg wash and thyme and sea salt before cooking.



Chef Chetan used Gordon Ramsey's Beef wellington recipe and made it his own. He likes to make the beef the hero of the dish, but has sides that showcase New Zealand's best produce.

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connection and how farmers produced such high-quality ingredients.

"In a smaller centre it was easy to visit with farmers and suppliers and to start to appreciate their passion and dedication to producing top quality ingredients and to be able to pass that on to our diners.

"The guests don't usually get to see the connection between the farm and the plate – the chef needs to be the conduit to portray the quality of the ingredients and how they are grown and prepared.

"I am a huge advocate of locally produced and sourced meat," he says.

He sings the praises of the AngusPure he has sourced from Chef's Choice in Whanganui for the past 15 years.

"They have supplied the beef from day one and we have built a connection with them, which means the product is always very consistent and supplied to our specification. We very seldom have any problem with the

beef – it's always very high quality."

The AngusPure Beef Wellington requires a single-bonded eye fillet where two fillets are bonded thin end to thin end with seaweed glue, as the thickness needs to be the same all along the fillet. With a menu price of \$55 for a single 200 gram serve and \$109 for the double Beef Wellington to share, portion control is very important.

Marbling is also hugely important, Chetan says, to ensure consistent taste and tenderness and so the meat does not shrink within the pastry sleeve.

"AngusPure is one of the most consistent products I have used from the marbling to the flavour profile and the texture.

"People have been coming to the restaurant to have the same dish for 10 years, it's often a celebration meal for a special birthday or anniversary, so we need to maintain the signature dish status in terms of consistency."

Asked to name his influences, Chetan admits to being a Gordon Ramsay fan, and having met the chef 20 years ago, he says he has taken his Beef Wellington recipe and made it his own.

"Some chefs do extra touches with layers of spinach and pancakes, but I like to make the beef the hero of the dish and let it shine – and not overpower it with too many other competing flavours."

He says his style is modern progressive Indian cuisine with French influences.

The preparation of the Beef Wellingtons is a two-day process, involving searing then

chilling the fillet, applying a layer of Dijon mustard and then a mushroom duxelle (see recipe), further chilling before wrapping in puff pastry and glazing with egg yolk then sprinkling with fresh thyme and sea salt and baking in the oven.

There are lots of tricks to the process, like avoiding a soggy bottom (a cardinal sin of pastry-wrapped dishes) by cutting off one end and chilling, cut-end down until final prepping.

Chetan says there are many ways of preparing the dish, which started as the French 'filet de boeuf enroulé' but was adopted by the British to honour Arthur Wellesley, the first Duke of Wellington, after his victory at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. The dish may have been named after the duke because it was his favourite, or because it resembled his signature Wellington boot.

Chetan serves the dish with potato fondant (cooked in butter and stock), carrot puree with honey-glazed seasonal greens and porcini mushroom jus. He says they have many international guests at the hotel and he likes to connect them to the country's best food.

"We can tell the story of Ohakune carrots and New Zealand Mānuka honey as well.

"Food is very much about nostalgia and creating memories for people – if we can connect them to the food, they will have a far better eating experience."

His other signature dishes on the One80 menu are Southland cheese rolls and a Bombe Alaska.

Chetan has travelled extensively with

‘GUESTS DON’T USUALLY GET TO SEE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE FARM AND THE PLATE – THE CHEF NEEDS TO BE THE CONDUIT TO PORTRAY THE QUALITY OF THE INGREDIENTS AND HOW THEY ARE GROWN AND PREPARED.’

his family, who share his passion for interesting food.

“I love entertaining, I love cooking and sharing food preparation knowledge with family and friends.”

THE RISE OF SECONDARY CUTS

Chetan feels the skill level of some chefs has gone south but says while in the luxury hotels it used to be all about lamb racks and beef eye fillets, times are changing.

As Kiwis have travelled more extensively and ingredients have become more expensive, it has been exciting to develop skills to turn the more novel cuts of meat into something more luxurious, he says.

Exciting dishes are happening with slow cooking and moving cuts like tongues, tails and cheeks into the more luxury category.

He has been a Beef + Lamb Ambassador for the past year, along with working the Ora King Salmon in an ambassador role.

The two-year role has meant travel across the country to work with chefs and showcase the New Zealand food story with inspiration, innovation, and elevation of NZ beef and lamb. The four ambassadors help to celebrate NZ producers and their produce by telling the paddock-to-plate story through their menus.

Chetan is really enjoying the role, a highlight of which was preparing lunch for 350 guests at the Beef + Lamb Producer Awards at the new Takina conference centre in Wellington.

“I really wanted to do justice to the products and the land.”

He has recently travelled to Royalburn station to meet Nadia Lim and Carlos Bagrie and to understand their farm-to-plate farming philosophy and enjoys meeting up with and collaborating with the other ambassadors, currently Dean Thompson from Schnappa Rock at Tutukaka, Cameron Davies from The Fat Duck in Te Anau and Mrinal Ghosal from Mudbrick Restaurant on Waiheke Island.



Cophthorne Wellington Executive chef Chetan Pangam is enjoying his tenure as a Beef + Lamb NZ Ambassador.

BURGER TRIUMPH

Chetan has also had much success in the Wellington On a Plate (WOAP) burger competition – a celebration of burgers showcasing local produce and encouraging 200 of Wellington’s chefs to develop interesting and edgy flavour combinations.

In 2023, he won the award with a chicken burger – the first time a hotel restaurant has pulled it off. Doubling down in 2024, he won back-to-back (the first time anyone has won twice) with a Lumina lamb galouti burger. The Nawabi Galouti featured a spiced lamb patty, in a Clareville Bakery croissant bun infused with garam masala spices, accompanied by a pulled lamb shoulder filo cigar, lamb fat snow and chicory.

Chef Chetan says the burger was inspired by stories of the Awadhi Nawabs, who lived in Northern India in the 17th century and were known for smoking cigars, eating rich food, and having no teeth. According to legend, a Nawabi chef minced lamb meat 100 times with spices to create a ‘toothless kebab’ that didn’t need to be chewed.

‘ANGUSPURE IS ONE OF THE MOST CONSISTENT PRODUCTS I HAVE USED FROM THE MARBLING TO THE FLAVOUR PROFILE AND THE TEXTURE.’

The ‘gunpowder fries’ on the side were tossed in a South Indian ‘gunpowder’ spice mix and clarified butter.

As 2023 winner, Chetan also collaborated with Garage Project brewers to develop a craft beer and the resulting Nawabi Galouti burger was paired with Susegad Goan Spice Witbier. Susegad is the Goan word for “chilled out”, Chetan says.

He recently travelled home to India on a Christmas research trip to develop another potentially award-winning burger for 2025, where he feels it might be time to showcase NZ beef. ■

BEEF WELLINGTON

SERVES 6-8



ANGUSPURE FILLET OF BEEF WELLINGTON WITH MUSHROOM DUXELLE, POTATO FONDANT, CARROT PUREE, GLAZED GREENS AND PORCINI JUS

BEEF WELLINGTON

1 beef fillet, rolled and chilled
Dijon mustard
flaky puff pastry
1 whole egg
3 egg yolks
Fresh thyme to garnish

MUSHROOM DUXELLE

700g mixed mushrooms
1 tbsp olive oil
Salt and pepper

Method: Portion the fillet as required, and sear on all four sides and top and bottom. Brush the Dijon mustard over the caramelised fillet and set aside in the fridge to chill.

Chop the mushrooms, then using the same pan fry in oil until dry, then allow to cool. Spread the mushroom duxelle over the fillet and wrap in puff pastry. Apply the lattice pastry and brush the egg and yolk mix over the wrapped Beef Wellington. Decorate with the thyme and add a final seasoning. Cook in the oven at 220C for up to 30 minutes until golden brown, then allow to rest for 15 minutes.

Tips to prevent soggy pastry:

- When cooking the mushroom duxelle, try and cook out as much moisture as possible.
- You can create thin pancakes using egg, flour and herbs to first wrap around the fillet and mushroom duxelle before wrapping in the puff pastry. This adds another layer or barrier within the Beef Wellington to prevent the pastry from going soggy.

- Egg-washing the inside of the pastry before wrapping your Beef Wellington adds another barrier around the meat.
- When applying the lattice make sure the pastry is chilled.
- Chill the Beef Wellington in the chiller for at least one hour after you wrap with pastry and egg wash. Remove from the fridge and allow it to come to room temperature for at least 30 minutes before baking in the oven.
- When the Beef Wellington is cooked, cut one end and rest on that end to allow the moisture to come out without making the pastry soggy.

TO SERVE CARROT PURÉE

5 carrots, chopped
1 onion, chopped
2 Tbsp honey
Salt and pepper
100ml cream
100ml milk

Method: Sweat off the onion, add the carrots, honey, seasoning, cream and milk. Blend into a smooth purée, and season if needed.

POTATO FONDANT

8 Agria potatoes, peeled and shaped
200g butter, cold
2 sprigs of thyme
500ml chicken stock or vegetable stock
Salt and pepper

Method: Slice cold butter and lay on a cold heavy-bottom pan or tray. Place the shaped potatoes on top and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Add sprigs of thyme and pour the chicken or vegetable stock over the potatoes

to cover them. Place a sheet of baking paper on top to form a lid (a cartouche) and cook on low heat for 25-30 minutes. The liquid should all be absorbed and when done let the potatoes glaze in the butter that is left over in the pan.

PORCINI JUS

500ml beef demi glaze stock
400ml red wine
2 star anise
1 cinnamon stick
2 cloves
2 bay leaves
10 peppercorns
½ white onion, chopped
2 Tbsp soaked and chopped dried porcini mushrooms

Method: Dry roast the whole spices and onion in a pan, add the red wine, reduce by a third, add demi glaze and bring to the boil for two minutes. Remove from the heat and add the mushrooms.

Tip: Freeze any left over jus to use another time.

GREENS

Broccolini
1 tsp butter
Salt and pepper

Method: Toss blanched broccolini through butter, salt and pepper.

TO SERVE

Red mixed micro herbs
Truffle oil

Method: Drizzle a little truffle oil and your favourite micro herbs or chervil.



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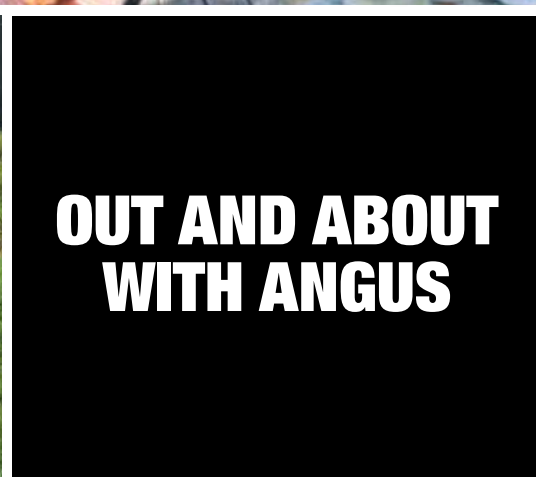
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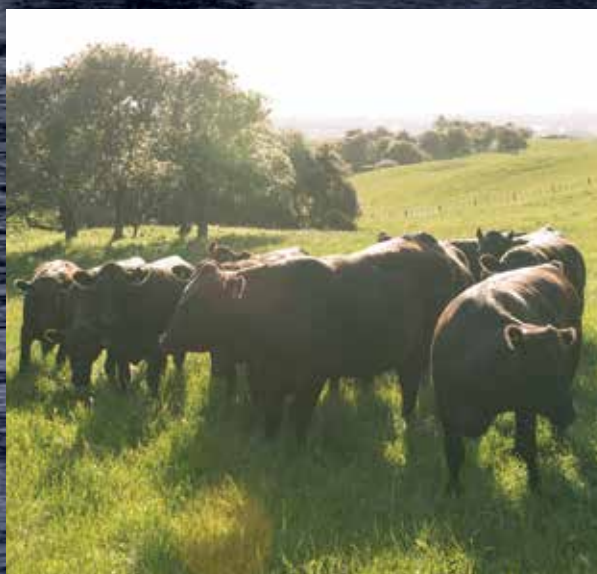
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MARSHALL STOKES

MARSHALL THRIVES ON SHOWING, EXPLAINING HOW IT'S A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW YOUR CATTLE TO A WIDER AUDIENCE, GAIN FEEDBACK AND HAVE VALUABLE DISCUSSION WITH OTHER BREEDERS AND INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS.



Marshall Stokes has been showing cattle since he was knee-high to an Angus cow – and that's no exaggeration! Heading into the ring with an Angus calf bigger than himself is one of Marshall's earliest showing or farming memories.

Marshall grew up on a 780-hectare sheep, beef, deer and dairy support property on the banks of the Waimakariri River, near Oxford, in Canterbury. Alongside this is the family stud, Ranch Angus, established by Marshall's dad, Andrew, in 2003. The Stokes family are a familiar sight not only at shows but supporting events across the board in the local and wider community, with Andrew also at the helm of the Christchurch A&P cattle section.

While seeing the family genetics shown in the ring is memorable, what seems to really strike home for Marshall is the pulling together of the Angus community to support each other. A defining moment for Marshall was after Ranch Angus won champion Angus at the 2014 Canterbury show with a seven-year-old cow and her calf, they turned up the next morning to prepare for the prestigious Meat and Wool Cup only to find their cow missing! The Angus showing family was already on the job, helping to clip and turn out the cow to best represent the breed. "Everyone just jumped in and helped," he recalls.

Marshall speaks of the value and importance of showing, and has keenly stepped up to the plate managing the family 'stable'. Marshall thrives on showing, explaining how it's a unique opportunity to show your cattle to a wider audience, gain feedback and have valuable discussion with other breeders and industry professionals around areas for development. Training some willing helpers has allowed Marshall to move from the ring – where he's won the hotly contested Herdsperson Award at the New Zealand A&P Show – to the sidelines where he really enjoys getting to watch the genetics he's chosen in action.

Optimistic about the Angus breed, Marshall discusses how New Zealand Angus is a hill country animal that needs to withstand the rigours of that environment and, as such, he carries a philosophy of balance between numbers and what you see in front of you. With a practicality that belies his age,

Marshall says: "If it can't walk, eat or reproduce – it ain't worth having".

There's a hint of longing when talking about buying bulls, but with that practicality winning out again, a commercial focus and smaller stud means they support local breeders for good, sound stock. However, Marshall is experimenting with some semen from the United States this year as he starts looking to his long-term genetic goals, trialing and investigating ways to pack more meat onto the frame while decreasing the pasture-to-hook time.

Friendly and personable, Marshall talks about farming from a place of passion but awareness that the bigger picture (weather, markets, politics) are the "uncontrollables" and you have to roll with and adapt to what's going on. But he also stresses that "farming would be harder without the professionals that feed into it".

As the 2024 Trans-Tasman scholarship winner, Marshall is excited to reunite with friendships made at Rocky earlier this year as well as continuing to grow his Angus family community.

Completing his Diploma in Agriculture in 2024, Marshall is returning for his second year of study at Lincoln University to pursue a diploma of Farm Management in 2025. However, Marshall is looking forward to stepping away from the books for his trip for some real-world learning, with the desire to get hands on and help so he can see their farming in action, as well as make himself useful while he's there. From growing up in the Angus community, Marshall knows that everyone has a role to play and feels spending a couple of days on a farm working alongside people gives you a chance to form stronger friendships and learn more from each other.

Generation Angus NZ manager and Timperlea Angus owner Marie Timperley FitzPatrick thinks Marshall is an excellent candidate for the Trans-Tasman scholarship.

"[We're] excited to see not only what Marshall can achieve, but with his community spirit we are looking forward to seeing him continuing the Angus family community, both in NZ and internationally". ■



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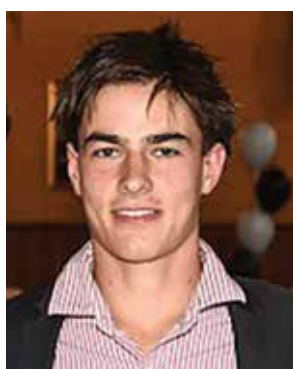
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CHARLIE RAFF

For the first decade of his life, Charlie Raff, 18, was raised on the family-run Angus cattle property, Raff Angus, in dusty Queensland. The property was established by his grandfather back in 1965. Eight years ago, seeking more reliable rainfall, the Raff family, including his grandparents, parents, older brother, and two younger sisters, decided to relocate their stud to King Island, Tasmania.

Charlie has a passion for the breed and is enthusiastic about the direction of agriculture. Beyond farming, his interests include fishing, hunting, surfing, diving, and playing sports.

Here is his report from the Angus Australia website:

Legs sore, heart pumping, with a panorama view of mountains like islands in a sea of clouds. This situation I found myself in, mustering wethers at the top of the 1700-metre ascent of Purple Hill Mountain at Craigieburn Station, was thanks to the opportunity through the Trans-Tasman Exchange.

Thank you to the Angus Foundation and the New England Travel Centre, who provided this incredible exchange opportunity. An opportunity to immerse myself in New Zealand's unique production systems and environments. An experience I will never forget.

My mindset walking into the Trans-Tasman Exchange opportunity was open. I wanted to absorb as much knowledge and first-hand experience of the agricultural production systems throughout NZ as possible. I was particularly excited to learn about the Angus seedstock production systems throughout NZ.

The merit of seedstock production is that everyone has different opinions and breeding philosophies. There is no step-by-step tutorial on how to breed a superior animal, and throughout my endeavours, I was eager to learn many individual interpretations of Angus breeding and animal selection specific to the country's unique environment.

I was in a fortunate situation, having graduated school in 2024 and deciding to elect a gap year, it just so worked out that I could spend four months, from August to December, in the country during my visit.

I had the idea to plan my travels from as far north in the North Island to the south of the South. A NZ term would summarise this as a 'tiki tour'. From the family Angus cattle stud Raff Angus on King Island,

to Melbourne, Auckland and the final destination – Kerikeri.

It wasn't long during my time at Waitangi Angus before I learnt what rain in the country was. I was welcomed by 100mm during my first few days, a mere drop in the ocean of their 3.8 metres of annual rainfall. My time here was an introduction to hills that I would expect to see in Gisborne on the East Coast.

A short flight from Kerikeri and I was in the thick of Angus seedstock production, Gisborne. I spent four weeks here. A place where sheep and Angus cattle grazed hills I thought impossible.

My visit to Gisborne gave me a strong perspective of how the NZ Angus breed has been tailored to suit the country's unique and often rugged farming landscape, where moderate-framed, sound animals, built from the ground up, are better suited to the steep landscape.

I was fortunate to spend three weeks working with Tangihau Station, a 6500-hectare sheep and beef property with the leading Angus stud in the country of recent times. I would spend the day-to-day with the team of six shepherds or 'jackaroo' in Australian terms. This was an incredible experience and one of the many highlights of my trip.

We spent a lot of time on horseback as the shepherds mustered stock with their teams of huntaway and heading dogs

The further south I travelled the less 'bro' I heard, and the colder it became. Crops of fodder beet and kale became an increasing trend. These provide nutritional value for stock during the winter months, although strict government regulations on runoff and soil health present challenges that require farmers to balance productivity with environmental compliance.

One thing I could not help but notice during my travels throughout the North Island was the significant mass of pine forest plantations taking over productive agricultural land. Approximately 1.7 million hectares across the country is now in commercial forestry. This shift has contributed to a decline in livestock numbers, with sheep numbers dropping by 2.7% and cattle by 1.4% over the past year, as more land is converted from farming to forestry.

A short trip on a ferry and I was on the South Island. The South Island's diverse landscape from steep,

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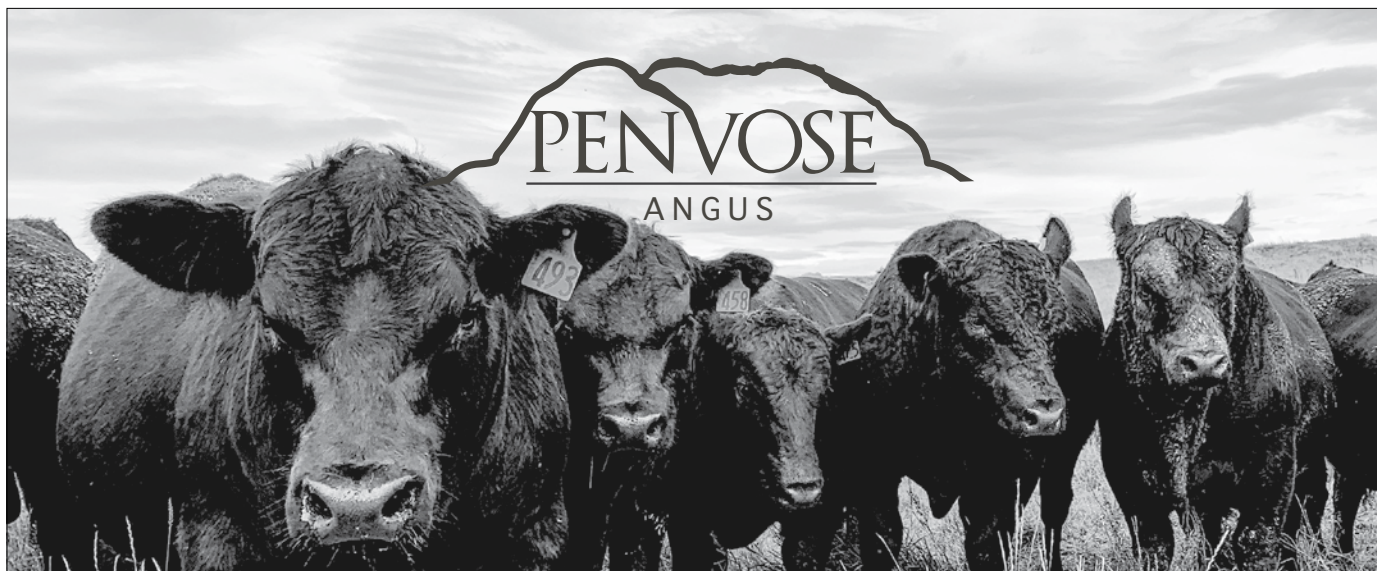
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rugged mountain terrain to fertile, flat plains, was at the forefront of my eye as I arrived at Taimate in Blenheim. Looking past the rows of vineyards were plenty of strong Angus cattle.

The further south I travelled the flat paddocks comprising Angus cows started to turn into black cows with white spots. Centre pivots supporting both extensive livestock grazing and high-yield crop farming became a frequent sight.

My four-week stay with Grampians Angus will be a lasting memory from my journey. The farm situated at the foot of a snow-capped mountain gave me a true representation of the country's contrasting topography and an appreciation of the environment that the Angus cow must perform in. My time here endured 'tailing' 'docking' or 'lamb marking' the crop of lambs, tagging and weighing calves at birth, and fencing.

I was fascinated to learn about livestock reproduction, and the team at Target Breeding Centre took me under their wing. My time there was a valuable educational experience, giving me hands-on insight into reproduction in both beef and dairy cattle.

I had the opportunity to observe and understand various processes, including embryo transfer, artificial insemination, palpation, and semen collection. I left with an appreciation for the science and skill involved in breeding and, further, the numerous factors that go into having a successful breeding programme.

Getting from A to B during my travels presented its

challenges, as a 19-year-old I was unable to hire a car for transport, though the support I was shown from farm to farm was amazing.

Whether it was someone driving nearly three hours to pick me up, putting me on a bus or piling me in a car when there was already no room for me, let alone my big old suitcase. Throughout my endeavours, I grew a deep appreciation for the community that the Angus breed has fostered.

In reflection of my trip, I cannot express my gratitude enough to the generous people who hosted me throughout my travels, a debt I hope to repay one day.

After visiting 11 Angus cattle studs, two commercial beef and lamb properties, one breeding centre and travelling more than 2430km, I can confidently say I am walking away from the Trans-Tasman exchange experience with a wealth of knowledge.

The education I gained through the opportunity to immerse myself in NZ's unique production systems and environments and learn from some of the best in the industry has been invaluable.

To all future Trans-Tasman Exchange recipients, I encourage you to make the most of the opportunity, and spend as much time as you can. Walk into the opportunity with an open mindset and a passion for learning, as this exchange has equipped me with invaluable insights and experiences that I will carry into my future. ■

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**HARRIET LAING,
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Harriet Laing grew up on a sheep and beef farm on Banks Peninsula, which gave her a passion and appreciation for productive cattle genetics and the role they play in the wider farming industry.

She is studying for a Bachelor of Agricultural Science at Lincoln University and plans to continue in the agricultural sector, with a particular interest in genetics.

She grew up around clients of her parents who would form a close relationship through stud breeding of Angus cattle at Sudeley Angus stud.

Harriet enjoys learning from those with first-hand

experience in the industry and says she has a hunger for knowledge and curiosity in regard to technology and strategies that can improve the breed as the markets and industry progresses.

With a friendly, humorous and considerate personality, she is looking forward to the Future Leaders course meeting other young people and expanding her knowledge of livestock management, animal breeding and livestock husbandry.

Harriet has worked summer jobs as a polo groom in Gisborne and as a junior shepherd on a Banks Peninsula property and has been relief milking for several years. ■



**JAKE STOKMAN,
ROTORUA**

Jake Stokman's family has an Angus stud in Rotorua. He has a B Agri Commerce degree and his current role in the business is stock manager, but due to his father's health issues, he has taken over running most aspects of the farm with guidance from his parents.

He is learning the accounting and financial side from his mother, an accountant and bank manager, while also learning the ropes of the registrations and data input, etc. He has recently – at 27 – become part of the company, investing into the business and planning to take 50% ownership of the cow herd in the next five years.

The Stokman stud herd consists of 350 registered spring-calving cows and 60 autumn-calving cows (45 reg 15 commercial). They sell 100 yearling bulls each September at their annual sale along with 40 heifers. The remainder of the bulls are sold by private treaty to beef and dairy farmers focusing on calving ease traits as well as adequate growth.

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scenario being 400 spring calving cows and 100 autumn calvers and to lift yearling bull sales to 120 while developing bulls selected for a two-year-old sale and offering 30 autumn-born bulls, giving clients two additional age group choices.

Jake is looking forward to representing New Zealand at the Future Leaders course and the opportunity to network with other young breeders. He wants to grow his capability in the following areas: business and financial management, farm management skills, sales and marketing skills for growing successful cattle sales, building the stud's brand and learning how to better engage and build long-term relationships with customers.

Embracing technology to further streamline the business is another aim along with improving communication and leadership skills.

He is excited about the personal and professional growth the course can offer as he continues his career. ■

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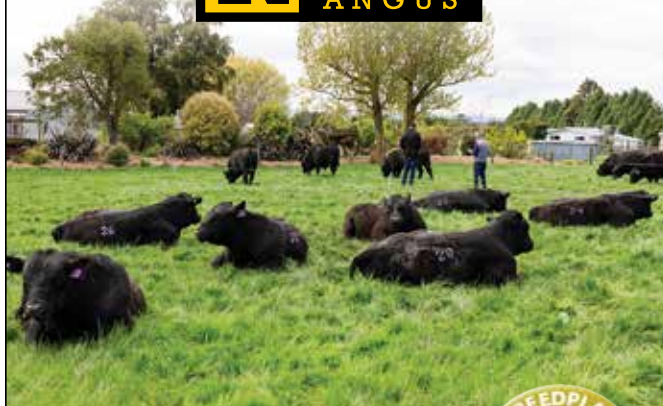


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GENERATION ANGUS TEAMS STORMING TO AUSTRALIA

The Gore Show in February 2025 saw the ongoing training of the two teams to attend the Zoetis World Angus Youth competition and the announcement of naming rights sponsors Boehringer Ingelheim naming the teams Boehringer Ingelheim Legacy and Boehringer Ingelheim Infinity.

The nine young delegates from the two teams spent a training weekend at Rockley Angus with five Rockley heifers and two Umbrella Range heifers that they later worked with and competed with at the Gore Show.

Before the show they spent a day on Thursday learning ring etiquette and stock judging with Dave Bradley, before a team-building barbeque. Friday morning saw them being shown through Mataura Alliance meat works and a workshop with grader Josh on the MSA grading system – learning how to use the system as a test run for competition modules they will encounter at the contest at Dubbo in May.

Back at Rockley, they loaded up gear and animals and headed to Gore to settle in at the showgrounds and had a team bonding session night-watching the animals to keep them from escaping the showgrounds – each team taking a turn while the others slept.

Umbrella Range heifer #30 was awarded Supreme Champion and Rockley #51 won the



All Breeds heifers class and several team members were placed in the herdsperson class.

After the grand parade, the teams entered the stock judging and were given great tips and tricks by judge Rebecca Paterson.

On return to Rockley on Sunday, the teams learned about Cup scanning and carcass judging and had a big debrief on what they needed to brush up on and polish before the next training weekend at Ranui Angus, Kai Iwi, in early April.

Overall team convenor Marie Fitzpatrick said the teams are on the way up – showing great team spirit and team bonding.

“They are all good team players and are building great camaraderie and they are starting to get really excited about the competition in Tamworth and the fact that they are part of the World Angus Forum and will be rubbing shoulders with the world’s top Angus breeders and players from the entire beef industry.”

Marie thanked Georgia Keeling for fabulous photos and Mike Smith and James Keeling for leading stock in the judging class. Kath McCallum from Rockley Angus and Jeremy Gunton from Umbrella Range were also thanked for supplying heifers. Good luck for Tamworth! ■

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CHANGE BRINGS SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY

From the Boardroom

EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED IS PART OF THE CHALLENGE FOR ANGUS NEW ZEALAND MEMBERS TO NEGOTIATE, BOARD MEMBER KENDALL LANGSTON WRITES.



**KENDALL LANGSTON,
INDEPENDENT
DIRECTOR**

The Angus New Zealand Board continues to focus on our stated vision, which is to remain pivotal in the advancement of NZ beef, and our intent to support our members to thrive as innovative and diverse farming industry leaders. We have been actively implementing and making progress on the strategic actions that will achieve this vision and intent.

As we navigate 2025, we can all see the pace of global change is increasing. The Trump administration in the United States is settling in and making many big changes, the disruptive ripple effect of which is impacting our norms of trade, international relations, regional security and will also lead to change in our domestic economy.

We continue to “expect the unexpected” as these impacts collide with ongoing climate change, the rise of artificial intelligence in our daily life and the reality of intergenerational business succession.

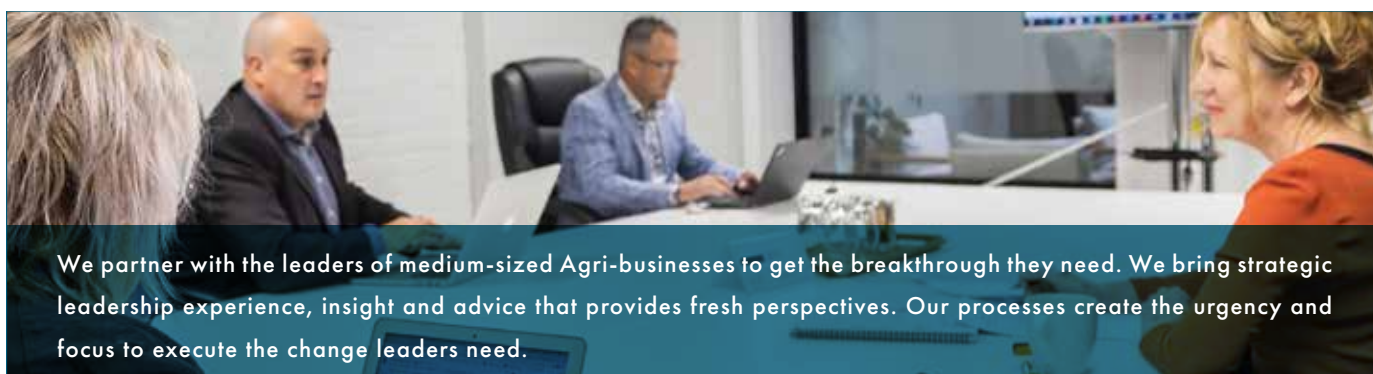
Boards across all industries are grappling with the reality of having to ensure organisations and businesses can remain relevant and resilient through intentional change while balancing the risk of ongoing uncertainty.

Succession is top of mind for the board of Angus New Zealand as we seek to enable the future generation through our youth programmes and actively seek new board members. We know, too, that significant numbers of our members are also planning and executing succession within their farming and businesses and breeding programmes over the next five years or so.

Succession is an ongoing process (certainly not an event) that takes careful planning, ongoing courageous conversations and the requirement to adapt plans as circumstances change.

So change is our constant companion and a good question boards are asking is “how do we as an organisation become and remain change ready?” Any change brings opportunities for those that have the capacity and proactive mindset to be looking. Conversely, those that are inward looking and who don’t start early severely reduce their options and become increasingly reactive to change.

So as we lean into 2025, our challenge as an association is to keep actively moving forward. To thrive in the change and opportunities that it brings. ■



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ANGELA TAYLOR REFLECTS ON HER THREE YEARS AS AN ANGUS NEW ZEALAND INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR.



**ANGELA TAYLOR,
ANGUSNZ
INDEPENDENT
DIRECTOR**

Over the past three years, I have had the privilege of serving as Angus New Zealand's second independent director.

This opportunity came at a pivotal moment in my career, offering growth and development in ways I hadn't expected.

As I step down at the 2025 annual meeting, I want to share some highlights in the hope of inspiring others to consider governance roles.

A key achievement during my tenure was establishing the Audit and Risk Committee and partnering with Craigs Investment Partners to diversify our investments. This strengthened our governance, compliance, enhanced risk management, and maximised returns while balancing risk – ensuring long-term support for members. More importantly, it reflected our values of forward thinking and openness to change.

To complement my practical boardroom experience, I attended the Institute of Directors' company directors course. Designed for new and aspiring directors, it provided a strong basis of governance, helping me contribute more effectively and confidently.

Insights gained proved invaluable not only in the boardroom but also in my professional and personal life – including as 'the farmer's wife' (note the jest!).

Governance requires mastering financial performance, strategy development, and informed decision-making – skills that are crucial in any business or leadership role. Sitting around the board table is where these abilities are refined and where strategic thinking is tested. There's really no better way to hone the skills than through regular experience in a trusted and supportive team.

I thought that the first time I walked into the boardroom that I would be struck by anxiety or some sort of imposter syndrome, but the team were incredibly welcoming and patient with me so all I felt was a slight twinge of excited nerves! Even though

this was my first professional directorship, I found prior experiences in voluntary roles had formed a foundation I could build on.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my time with Angus New Zealand has been the relationships I've built. My fellow directors, our general manager, and the team are intelligent, business-savvy, and deeply passionate about farming, registered cattle, and breeder success. Their diverse perspectives have enriched my understanding of the industry and underscored the value of constructive challenge in governance.

This experience has expanded my ability to think beyond immediate constraints and focus on possibilities rather than limitations. It has reinforced the power of a forward-looking mindset in shaping effective strategies.

Personally, I have learned to step back, avoid being reactive, and assess the bigger picture before responding – a skill that has been invaluable across all areas of my life.

My appreciation for the complexity and value of registered cattle has also deepened. The intricate data, standards, and priorities involved in breeder decision-making have broadened my perspective on the agricultural sector and the critical role they have in the future of the beef industry.

Reflecting on these three years, I am immensely grateful for the experience, the relationships, and the growth it has brought me. Angus New Zealand has provided an incredible platform for professional and personal development.

I encourage others to consider governance roles within organisations that are forward-thinking, people-oriented, and open to change. If you'd like to learn more about my experience or explore governance opportunities within Angus New Zealand, I'd love to hear from you. ■

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WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF FARM HEALTH AND SAFETY?



**SANJA MARIN,
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LEGAL EXPERT SANJA MARIN ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS IN THIS Q&A

Sanja Marin has been at the forefront of health and safety law for a decade, working across New Zealand and Australia. Her extensive experience includes roles as a prosecutor for health and safety regulators and advisory positions with WorkSafe New Zealand and SafeWork New South Wales. Now, at Duncan Cotterill, Sanja is dedicated to sharing the knowledge and skills she gained from her regulatory roles over the past 10 years, helping the industry achieve better health and safety outcomes.

Her career highlights include advising on farm risk investigations and prosecuting cases, developing safety policies and strategic programmes to reduce harm in the agricultural sector, supporting WorkSafe's quadbike simulator designed to teach people about quadbike risks, and providing legal support for events including the 'NZ Young Farmer of the Year'.

WHAT RECENT HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATES SHOULD FARMERS BE AWARE OF?

- Keep an eye out for any health and safety reform updates following the government's proposal to make changes to the health and safety regulatory system – the public consultation closed last year 31 October 2024.
- According to its strategic plan, WorkSafe is prioritising its sectors with high rates of harm, including the farming (agriculture) sector.
- Familiarise yourself with the Agriculture Sector Plan 2024 – 2026. This plan states that one quarter of WorkSafe's frontline activities will be resourced into the agriculture sector. This plan also outlines top harms, and key risk factors including low maturity safety culture for this sector.
- Expect and prepare for a visit from WorkSafe in the next year to eighteen months.

“SHE’LL BE RIGHT” ATTITUDE TO “WHAT CAN WE DO BETTER?” AND “WHAT CAN WE ANTICIPATE OCCURRING?” IS CRUCIAL.

WHAT ARE SOME HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS THAT MIGHT BE OVERLOOKED ON FARMS?

Farming is high-risk work, with many hazards and risks that can be overlooked, including:

- Language barriers with migrant workers or workers who have English as a second language.
- Fatigue – arising from long work hours, change in seasons, and daylight savings.
- Safe storage of hazardous and toxic substances.
- Inadequate fencing or lack of fencing of effluent ponds and other water on farms.
- Young children living or visiting farms.
- Absence of communication (no cell phone coverage or lack of use of radios).

WHAT CHANGES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN FARM HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE FUTURE, AND WHAT CONVERSATIONS SHOULD WE BE HAVING?

Shifting the health and safety mindset from a “she’ll be right” attitude to “what can

we do better?” and “what can we anticipate occurring?” is crucial. New Zealand is behind other countries, including Australia and the UK, in health and safety outcomes. These conversations will bring health and safety to the forefront. While no system is perfect, proactive health and safety measures lead to better outcomes.

FOR FARMERS LOOKING TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND SAFETY ON THEIR FARMS, WHAT ARE THE FIRST STEPS THEY SHOULD TAKE?

Talk to your workers to understand their work environment, challenges, and how they manage risks daily. This insight will help you design a health and safety management system that is fit for purpose. Involve them in the design process and be responsive to their suggestions. Once in place, continuously evaluate and improve the system. ■

If you have questions or would like further information, please contact Sanja Marin.

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Chris Biddles lost a leg as a result of a quad bike accident.

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The versatility of quad bikes makes them a popular choice on farm, but sometimes that means they are pushed beyond their limits, and sometimes the drivers are too.

Fatigue played a major role in the quad bike accident that nearly cost Chris Biddles of Te Atarangi Angus his life. Chris runs the stud at Te Kopuru, south-west of Dargaville. He’s warning other farmers of the dangers of overwork.

“I was really tired, and I knew I was tired, and because of that, I made a dumb decision. I was riding the quad along a ridge to the safe place I usually go down, but I went past it and tried another place. As soon as I put the nose of the quad over the hill, I knew I was stuffed.”

“I whacked it into 4-wheel drive quickly, but it just flipped. Luckily it catapulted me off and I landed quite a bit in front. But the quad was coming down behind me, so I was scrambling. Then it landed on my ankle. There was virtually nothing left of it...I broke my shoulder in half as well.”

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- 1. Newer Quads and Rollover Risk:** Quads two years old or newer account for half of rollover claims, even though they represent only a quarter of insured vehicles.

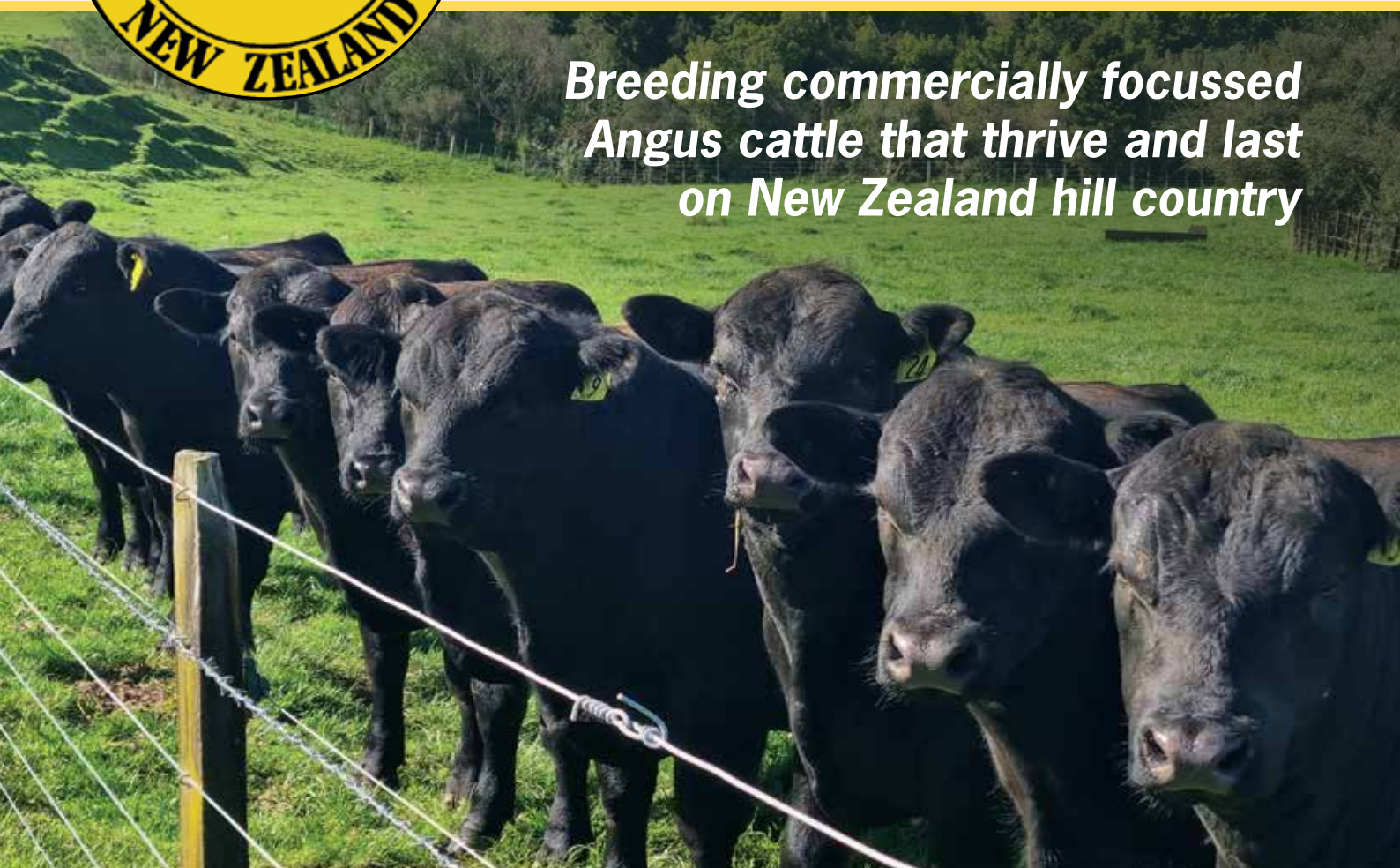
- 2. When purchasing a new machine,** ask the retailer about handling differences compared to your old model.
- 3. Focus while mustering:** Over 20% of quad accidents occur during mustering or when riders are distracted. Always stop if you need to look elsewhere (including at the dog) and assess the terrain to avoid risks.
- 4. Use the Park Brake:** Our data shows that 1 in 5 accidents happen when riders get off the bike without engaging the park brake. Always apply it to prevent runaway quads.
- 5. Conduct Pre-Ride Checks:** Before each ride, inspect your quad for any issues, including tire pressure, to ensure stability and reduce rollover risks.

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The inaugural weekend gave attendees the opportunity to learn and network in a supported environment, where no question was a dumb question and everyone was encouraged to learn and grow.

General manager Jane Allan and new marketing manager Anna Emmerson are busy organising the finer details, but the provisional programme for the 2025 event will be very exciting.

Expressions of interest will go out to each AngusNZ ward, with two places allocated to each ward and any spare spaces available then given on a first in first served basis.

2025 WORKSHOP EVENTS TO DATE INCLUDE

- Early Morning Yoga.
- Independent Director for AngusNZ Kendall Langston – on building a business vision and understanding your business's morals/values and how they shape you and your business. *(Sponsored by Pivot and Pace).*
- On farm debt – how to understand it and how it helps/hinders on-farm decisions. *(Sponsored by NZ Ag Brokers).*
- Social media focusing on Insta/Facebook – how to stand out from the rest and step away from the norm/find your 'character'.
- Beef carcase breakdown – an interactive session showing the beef cuts, tips and recipes for bull sale catering, cooking school demonstration, knife skills, sharpening and utilisation, understanding the MSA grading system. *(Sponsored by Silver Fern Farms).*

- No Question a dumb question – all things registry, recording, animal evaluation. There is potential for one on one sessions. *(Sponsored by PBB).*
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Yearling Bull Sale Results 2024

AUGUST

Date	Stud Name	sold / offered	Ave \$	Top \$
27	Argyle Angus	19 / 30	4100	8200
29	Piquet Hills Farms	27 / 30	2444	3600

SEPTEMBER

Date	Stud Name	sold / offered	Ave \$	Top \$
3	Te Atarangi Angus	120 / 120	3856	8500
5	Maranui Angus	14 / 14	3614	11500
11	Kay Jay Cattle Co. Angus	17 / 17	8541	24500
12	Mangaotea Farm	-	2857	3700
13	Resurgam Angus	20 / 28	2150	2600
16	Hillcroft Angus	/ 153	2511	6200
17	Turihaua Angus	24 / 24	7908	10500
20	Hallmark Angus	39 / 40	4648	9500

SEPTEMBER

Date	Stud Name	sold / offered	Ave \$	Top \$
20	Black Bear Angus	33 / 33	2440	3000
25	Merchiston Angus	13 / 17	3800	5500
26	Timperlea Angus	28 / 28	4200	10500
30	Glen R Angus	23 / 28	5031	6500

OCTOBER

Date	Stud Name	sold / offered	Ave \$	Top \$
1	Woodbank Angus	-	3229	5500
3	Glanworth Angus	32 / 32	3800	5200
3	Matauri Angus	27 / 31	2907	3800
9	Stern Angus	42 / 44	6250	15000
10	Sudeley Angus	28 / 29	4160	10500
11	Rockley Angus	24 / 30	4100	7000

*PT Private Treaty

Highlights

- Top price at the 2024 yearling sales went to KayJay Angus with \$24,500.
- The total clearance of 17 yearling bulls averaged \$8541, the highest average of the Spring selling season.
- The top yearling price in the South Island was Stern Angus at \$15,000 and also the best South Island average at \$6250.



2025 Sales



APRIL

29th	J Fraser	Stern Angus Female & Incalf Heifer Sale, 1.00pm.....	Totara Valley
30th	D Giddings	Meadowslea Angus Female Sale, 1.00pm	Fairlie
30th	D & G Stringer	Kowai Angus Bull Sale, Private Treaty.....	Wendon Valley

MAY

1st	Rob Kent	Onga Angus Bull Sale, Private Treaty	Hawke's Bay
8th – 9th	Hawke's Bay Bull Walk.....		Hawke's Bay
15th	J & H Hammond	Ruaview Angus Bull Sale, 12.00pm.....	Ohakune
15th	WJ & JR Howie.....	Glenwood Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm.....	Lawrence
15th	K Hagen	Puketoi Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm	Patearoa
15th	D Marshall	Benatrade Angus Bull Sale, Private Treaty.....	Invercargill
16th	Duncan Family	Penvose Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm	Wedderburn
16th	Taranaki Bull Walk.....		Taranaki
20th	J & T Cochrane	Delmont Angus Bull Sale, 2.30pm	Clinton
20th	Mid South Canterbury Bull Walk		M/S Canterbury
21st	Central Canterbury Bull Walk.....		Canterbury
22nd	North Canterbury Bull Walk.....		Nth Canterbury
23rd	Marlborough Bull Walk.....		Marlborough
23rd	Nelson Bull Walk.....		Nelson
23rd	H & R O'Grady	Shamrock Angus Bull Sale, Private Treaty	Hastings
23rd	A Denham	Stoneburn Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm.....	Palmerston
23rd	A Stewart.....	Whenuapapa Angus Bull Sale, Private Treaty	Hastings
24th	D Scott.....	Bannockburn Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm	South Westland
27th	AT & KA Peters.....	Peters Angus Bull Sale, 11.00am	Clutha Downs
27th	A & V Park	Colvend Angus Bull Sale, 3.30pm.....	Ongarue
28th	R & N Purdie	Tarangower Angus Bull Sale 12.00pm	Mahoenui
28th	A & I Devery.....	Pikoburn Angus Bull Sale- Hauroko Valley Sale, 2.30pm	Otautau
29th	R & L Thorneycroft	Tapiri Angus Bull Sale, 10.00am.....	Masterton
29th	A & T Thomson	Dandaloo Angus Bull Sale, 12.00pm	Masterton
29th	TD & RFR Jolly Ltd.....	Hingaia Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm	Te Awamutu
30th	K & G Higgins	Oregon Angus Bull Sale, 11.00am.....	Masterton
30th	N & J and R & S Kjestrup	KayJay Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm	Masterton

JUNE

1st	S & E Mann.....	Glengyle Angus Bull Sale, Private Treaty	Dannevirke
1st	D Sansome.....	Tutsham Angus Bull Sale, Private Treaty	Te Kauwhata
1st	J & T Dorotch.....	Gembrook Angus Bull Sale, Private Treaty	Dannevirke
3rd	A & C Donaldson.....	Puke-Nui Angus Bull Sale, 4.00pm	Taumarunui
3rd	B & S, R & T Sherson.....	Shian Angus Bull Sale, 11.00am.....	Taumarunui
3rd	D & T Sherson.....	Black Ridge Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm.....	Taumarunui
3rd	M & L Tweedie	Hallmark Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm	Tutira
4th	M & G Smith.....	Kincardine Angus Bull Sale & Bidr sale, 3.00pm.....	Queenstown
4th	T Pymm, J Parsons.....	Matauri Angus Bull Sale, 12.30pm.....	Dargaville
4th	R Rowe.....	Merchiston Angus Bull Sale, 2.30pm	Rata
4th	P & S Revell.....	Okaka Angus Bull Sale, 11.00am.....	Taihape
5th	J & S Gunton.....	Umbrella Range Angus Bull Sale, 2.30pm.....	Waikaia
5th	C & A Jeffries.....	Riverlands Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm.....	Cheviot
5th	T & S Law.....	Waimara Angus Bull Sale, 10.30am.....	Lumsden
5th	E Sherriff.....	Pine Park Angus Bull Sale, 11.30am	Marton
6th	J Harrington.....	Rolling Rock Angus Bull Sale, 10.00am.....	Te Akau
6th	R & R Borthwick, J Coffey	Te Whanga Angus Bull Sale 3.00pm	Masterton
6th	A Campbell	Earnscleugh Bull Sale, 1.00pm	Alexandra
9th	S, J & L Fouhy.....	Glanworth Angus Bull Sale, 10.30am.....	Pahiatua
9th	W & A Falloon.....	Pinebank Angus Bull Sale, Private Treaty.....	Masterton
9th	R Martin.....	Martin Farming Bull Sale, 2.30pm	Wakefield
9th	K & M Friel.....	Mt Mable Angus Bull Sale, 2.30pm	Dannevirke
9th	D & L Whyte, R & S Hussey	Mt Possession Angus Sale, 2.30pm.....	Ashburton Lakes
10th	W Philip.....	Dandaleith Angus Bull Sale, 10.00am.....	Dannevirke
10th	J & M King	Brookwood Angus Bull Sale, 12.30pm	Takapau
10th	M & F Curtis	Riverlee Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm.....	Rangiwahia
10th	BG & JB Smith, N & R Sanderson	Fossil Creek Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm.....	Five Forks
10th	S Duncan	Elgin Angus Bull Sale, 3.00pm	Elsthorpe
11th	P & H Heddell.....	Glen R Angus Bull Sale, 11.00am	Sheffield
11th	P & A Bishop (Aywon), P & J Martin (Te Kupe).....	Aywon & Te Kupe Combined Angus Sale, 12.30pm	Stratford
11th	D Giddings	Meadowslea Angus Sale, 1.00pm	Fairlie
12th	A & A Laing	Sudeley Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm.....	Irwell
12th	S & E Mann.....	Glengyle Angus, Private Treaty Sale.....	Dannevirke
13th	B Johns	Kaiwara Angus Bull Sale, 11:00am	Culverden
13th	D Orr	Red Oak Angus Bull Sale, 4.00pm	Weka Pass
15th	B Marris.....	Leefield Station 2yr Bull Sale, 3.00pm.....	Waihopai Valley
16th	B & N Maisey, R Barnes-MacPherson	Blacknight & Okiwi Angus, Blenheim Bull Sale, 10.00am	Waihopai Valley
16th	P & N Hickman	Taimate Angus Bull Sale, 2.30pm.....	Ward
17th	B & C Murray	Woodbank Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm.....	Clarence Valley
17th	H & K Ramsden	Moanaroa Angus Private Treaty Sale	Pongaroa
19th	J Fraser	Stern Angus Bull Sale, 1.00pm	Totara Valley
22nd	M & N Story.....	Ratanui Angus Bull Sale, 12.30pm.....	Tuai, Wairoa
22nd	M McMillan & H Bayly.....	Cricklewood Angus Bull Sale, Private Treaty	Gisborne
23rd	B & K Johnson.....	Orere Angus Bull Sale, 9.00am.....	Gisborne
23rd	D McHardy	Tangihau Angus Bull Sale, 12.00pm.....	Gisborne
23rd	P & P Hoogerbrug	Kaharau Angus Bull Sale, 4.30pm	Gisborne
24th	B & P Crawshaw	Tawa Hills Angus Sale, 9.30am	Matawhero
24th	H & A Williams & Family.....	Turihaua Angus Bull Sale, 3.30pm	Gisborne
25th	G & S Crawshaw & Family.....	Kenhardt Angus Bull Sale, 10.30am	Nuhaka
25th	AR & TA Powdrell	Turiroa Angus Bull Sale, 2.00pm	Wairoa

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1st	T Pymm & J Parsons.....	Matauri Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 12.30pm.....	Dargaville
26th	RJ Quinn.....	Argyle Angus Bull Sale, 12.00pm.....	Kaikohe
28th	W Jackson & N Bradstreet.....	Piquet Hill Farms Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 12.30pm.....	Cambridge

SEPTEMBER

2nd	C & K Biddles.....	Te Atarangi Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 12.30pm.....	Te Kopuru
2nd	S Coldicutt.....	Matai Mara Angus Yearling Bull Sale.....	Cambridge
4th	G & R Brown.....	Maranui Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 12.30pm.....	Waihi
8th	B Pickering.....	Blue Duck Angus Yearling Bull Sale.....	Pongaroa
10th	NJ Heather.....	Heather Dell Angus Yearling Bull Sale, Private Treaty.....	Rotorua
10th	R & S Johal.....	Johalz Angus Yearling Bull Sale, Private Treaty.....	Dunsandel
11th	N & J and R & S Kjestrup.....	KayJay Yearling Bull & Heifer Sale, 2.00pm.....	Masterton
11th	R & J Blackwell.....	Mangaotea Angus Bull Sale, 12.00pm.....	Taranaki
12th	J & L McFadzean.....	McFadzean Cattle Co. Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 2.00pm.....	Carterton
15th	M & F Crawford.....	Hillcroft Angus 2yr & Yearling Sale, 11.30am.....	Huntly
16th	H & A Williams & Family.....	Turihaua Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 1.00pm.....	Gisborne
18th	Travis & Kirra Pymm.....	Matauri Yearling Angus Bull.....	Dargaville
19th	K & J Davenport.....	Black Bear Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 1.00pm.....	Rotorua
22nd	D & T Sherson.....	Black Ridge Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 11.00am.....	Taumarunui
23rd	A & C Donaldson.....	Puke-Nui Angus Yearling Bull Sale, Private Treaty.....	Te Awamutu
24th	R Rowe.....	Merchiston Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 2.00pm.....	Rata
24th	TD & RFR Jolly Ltd.....	Hingaia Angus Yearling Bull Sale, Private Treaty.....	Te Awamutu
25th	C & L Timperley, M Fitzpatrick.....	Timperlea Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 1.00pm.....	Oxford
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7th	D Marshall.....	Benatrade Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 1.30pm.....	Taramoa
8th	J Fraser.....	Stern Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 1.00pm.....	Totara Valley
9th	P, R & MA Kane.....	Westholm Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 12.00pm.....	Tapanui
9th	A & A Laing.....	Sudeley Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 1.00pm.....	Irwell
10th	P & K McCallum.....	Rockley Angus Yearling Bull Sale, 1.00pm.....	Balfour

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