



Hello,

Below is the latest Autumn update from Rob and his team – well done Rob, another great effort.

Congratulations to Mairi on her success at the Field days where she won the Rural Catch Competition – a week of events that test farmers across a broad range of skills from chainsaws, artificial insemination, finances, and cooking to name a few. Well done! This a real testament to Rob and the skills that he has passed onto Mairi under his watch. We join in wishing Mairi the best in joining her parents with their farming ventures.

Should you be interested in secondary shares in Pukekaka or our Dairy Farms please contact the office.

Kind Regards

Roger Dickie

Pukekaka Farm Managers Report 7-6-18

I am inside this afternoon attending to my office work, it is snowing outside, not heavy enough to settle but very cold. It was minus 1 degree this morning when we went to work so once the stock work was done we retreated to a warmer place. Despite this, autumn has been really good to us and grown a lot of grass and kept the markets very strong.

We have sold all of our surplus lambs now at an average of \$122. This is up \$30 on last year, multiply that by 6797 lambs sold and that adds a good amount of money to the bottom line. As well as that cull ewes were up \$30 ahead, we sold a few less of those than last year so we could increase the ewe numbers by 200 to put us back up to where we were two years ago. Cattle sales have been



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good, on par with last year and a bit better. We still have around \$100,000 worth of cattle on farm that will be sold shortly, these would usually have been gone by now but because of the good grass growth this season we have kept them to put more weight on them. Probably not growing today though, too cold.



Mairi and I have been attending to repairs and maintenance lately, we replaced 200 meters of old Totoro fence in the lane way with a new one and fixed many other fences that have holes or needed some repairs. The poplar trees on the same side of the road as our house have been giving us some grief, falling on fences and tracks. From now on as we have time we will cut down the trees that are doing the damage and fix the fences and tracks for the last time so that the trees don't continue to do as much damage as they have done in the last twelve months.

In two weeks we will be shearing all the mixed age ewes with a cover comb (which leaves a bit of wool on), then on the 19th of July we will scan them and the two toothies. Flushing and tupping appear to have gone well but best not to count our chickens until after scanning. The hoggets which were 45kgs when they went to the ram (our best ever) will be scanned in early August to see if they have twins, one lamb or are dry.

Mairi has resigned from her job here as a Shepherd, she is returning to her family farm to lease it off her parents. It has been a pleasure working with her and we will miss her, as with all young people there are better and brighter things around the corner and we wish her all the best with her next adventure. Mairi will finish at Pukekaka at the end of July.

Hope you are all well and it is not too cold in your neck of the woods. The snow will be good for the ski fields though.

Kind Regards

Rob



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From time to time shares become available on the secondary market for Pukekaka. Shares are available in two of our dairy farms Murray Creek Dairy Farm Limited and Eastbourne Dairy Farm Limited.

If you are interested in purchasing shares in Pukekaka or either Dairy Farm please contact Grant Morris on (06) 346 5329 or email grant@rogerdickie.co.nz.

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