

PUKEKAKA SHEEP AND BEEF FARM

2018 MARCH SUMMER REPORT



Pukekaka Farm Managers Report 19-03-2018

The dream season continues (except for wool), the rain keeps coming, the grass keeps growing and prices for sheep and beef remain good. We have only sold another 667 lambs since weaning in early January at \$116 each, we have held onto the rest to take advantage of the extra grass and the good prices. This week we are sorting up the Ewe lambs, we will keep 1,600 for replacements and sell another 16 or 1,700 in the sale this Friday in Feilding. We have had buyers asking about them since January and last week when we advertised them, our stock agent has had a lot of interest. People who have bought them in the past wait for them to come on to the market and pay us good premiums for them. The following week we will sell some more mail lambs, we weighted them three weeks ago, 1,150 out of 2,000 were over 35kg. They will all be killable but will probably go to the Feilding sale as the money is better in there at the moment. Of the 4,000 sale lambs that we have left, most will go in the next month and a few hundred will be kept into the winter to take advantage of the winter premiums. Growth rates after weaning have been good, for the first three weeks off Mum lambs on the back flats were growing at 270 grams per day on grass and lambs on the hills were growing at 210 grams per day. Some lambs have slowed down now, down to 150 grams per day.

Not much to report on the cattle front, we sold the last of the 16 month steers for just short of \$1,400, better money than last year mostly because of better weights. Next week or the week after when we have time we will wean the Cows and Calves, the focus will then go from growing Lambs to growing Calves as well as flushing Ewes for mating. They will be at good mating weights this year so hopefully have good scanning results again next year.

We sold 106 bales of wool last week, close to 20 tonne of wool, we got \$1-90 per kilo for the Ewes wool and \$3-30 for the Lambs wool and 80 cents for B wool would have to be the lowest I have ever seen. Not that exciting but enough to cover costs with a bit left over.

The digger was here before Christmas to tidy up some of our tracks, since then we have had a number of thunder storms which have un-done all of his good work. Some tracks are badly scoured again and in need of repair, this will happen when we have time to do it with the grader blade behind the tractor or we get the digger back. He is very busy at the moment.



Over the summer we don't get much time to do repairs and maintenance, when the stock work slows in about a month we will hopefully have more time to attend to fixing fences, tracks and the many other things that need attending to.



Mairi is doing very well in her job, she has a very good work ethic and very keen to learn, soaking up all that I throw at her. Our family are all well, Sam is enjoying his job on the Napier Taihape road, and he rides a horse to work often with his eight dogs in tow. Anna is currently working for Immigration NZ in Palmerston North. James has finished school and working for a painter in Palmy too, he is contracted to Manawatu rugby but has concussion at the moment so won't be playing for a while. Maree continues to keep life on track around here through the long hours we do over the summer months.

Hope this finds you all well.

Kind Regards

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Another great result from Rob Stratton and his team, looking forward to further reports later in the year with updates from around the farm.

Kind Regards



Roger Dickie

