

Pukekaka Sheep and Beef Farm

Farm Managers Report

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After five years with us Casey has decided to move on. She is going to Australia for a few months to drive tractors then on to explore Europe for another few months with her boyfriend Pete.

It has been great working with Casey, she has been a conscientious and valuable team member for Pukekaka and we will be very sad to see her go. Her last day of work will be the 21st of March. We wish her well in her travels.

Selling stock this year has been much more rewarding than last. Before Christmas we sold 350 lambs at 19.4 kgs for \$104 and another 700 at the same weight and price after Christmas. Since then we have sold another 2800 ranging from \$80 to \$100.

We sold ewes in Fielding two weeks ago that we bought in August for \$145, docked 140%, and sold most of the lambs for \$104 and then sold most of them for \$152. So we did well from that.

We also sold yearling steers from \$1100 to \$1210 that we bought for \$745. We also sold bigger steers for up to \$1535 that we had bought for \$1100.

So this season is helping to making up for last years drought.

However, we are getting dry again. Not as bad as last year but it will be of concern if we don't get rain in the next few weeks. The spring was very good allowing us to make extra haylage so that will be of help to us if we are short going into the winter.

All else is looking very good, all stock are in good order, the ewe lambs could do with more lamb type feed but are ok for now, there is a bit of R & M that needs doing as is usual at this time of year but we have been doing mostly stock work for the last two months and plan to address the R & M over the next few months.

Hope all is well with you all.

Kind Regards

Rob

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