



Stock Manager

Breeding & Finishing

Masterton

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Location

Homewood is situated on Wairarapa spectacular east coast, just under an hour from Masterton the largest town in the Wairarapa. With a district population of 25,200 all the amenities that are required to support a families every day and recreational needs are available.

The costal location of Riversdale offers a four kilometre beach that is ideal for swimming, surfing and fishing. A general store with a fish and chip shop is open seven days. With numerous young families in the area the community network is strong with events organised regularly for local families to come together.

Riversdale offers a range of opportunities for R & R with a 9 hole easy walking but challenging course, A surf club supports the beach and those beginner surfers that enjoy the smaller waves compared to other east coast beaches.

The area supports a wide range of agricultural and horticultural business that can provide employment opportunities for a partner.



Approximate distance to the property:	
Masterton	45 min
Riversdale	15 min
Wellington	2.10 hrs

Schooling		
Primary	Bus at Gate	Whareama School
		Hadlow School (Private)
		Masterton Intermediate
Secondary		Wairarapa College
		St Matthew's (Girls)
		Rathkeale (Boys)
		Solway College

Property Details

Area

2,455 ha Total
1,700 ha Effective

Climate

The geography of the Wairarapa coast creates a temperate climate. The summers can be warm, dry and settled with daytime temperatures ranging between 20 – 28 oC. Winters are cool to mild and been costal receives little to no frosts. Winter temperatures range from 10 – 15oC. Westerly winds can be strong. Average annual rainfall of 800 – 1,000mls.

Soils

Homewood has a range of soil types with the flats carved out over time depositing alluvial gravels, provide silt loams. Whilst the broad valleys and hills are uplifted sandstone, mudstone and limestone with a clay topsoil.

Fertiliser

Fertiliser applications have been provided annually, with strategic dressings on crops.

Contour & Altitude

A coastal property that platforms at 350m above sea level, gradually sloping down towards the coast. Comprising of 550ha of cultivatable land, divided by stream gullies and costal terraces in native bush and pine plantations.

Environmental

Environmental stewardship is a strong value at Homewood with an active environmental plan in place to build on what has already be achieved by the generations before.

Partnering with agency's to improve erosion control, and waterway management is one of the key strategies.

Yearly plantings of flax, willows and poplars increase shelter and improve the habitat.



Pasture/Supplements

One of the factors in moving this farm forward is the utilisation of new forage crops and improving pasture quality. To provide a higher quality feed to counter times of reduced pasture growth and quality.

The feeding system is based on a predominantly ryegrass pasture, with the strategic use of crops. 200ha of crop including 100ha of Italians are planted to provide summer and winter feed. Crops used are dependant on the season and can include, kale, rape, plantain, Lucerne and Italians.

The 15ha of Lucerne is conserved for silage and is not grazed by stock. There is a grain silo on farm to store barley for feeding out in extreme weather events.



Stock Policy

Homewood is a sheep and beef breeding farm with a lamb and bull finishing component located on the Wairarapa east coast.

Beef

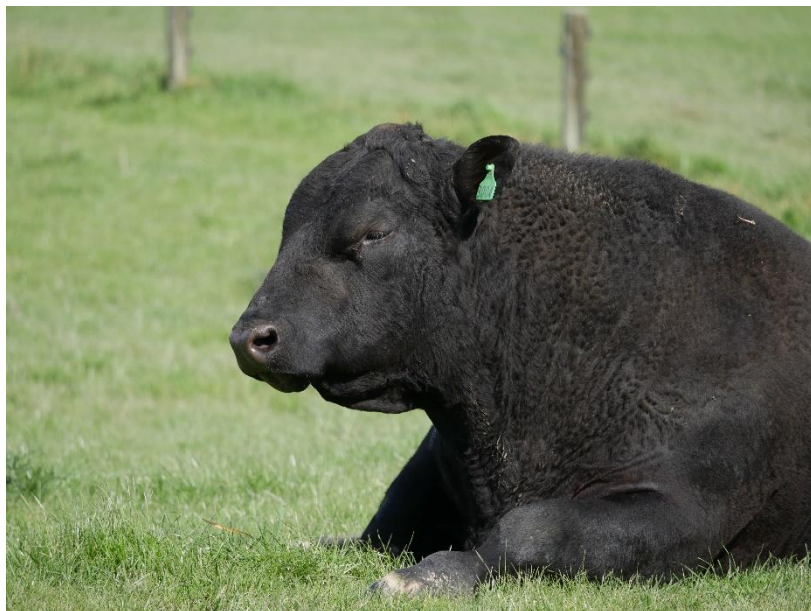
Stock Units: 5,000

270 Breeding Cows mated to Angus.

- 130 Steer Calves to prime
- 130 Heifer Calves reared replacements/prime

400 Bulls (Frisian & Angus) purchased and taken through to Prime

The cows are to control the native pasture to provide good quality feed for the high performing ewes.



Sheep

Stock Units: 12,000

6,000 Coopworth Cross ewes

600 Ram Hoggets'

1,800 Ewe Hoggets'

2,600 Trade Lambs

Lambing is staggered through the different age classes, with mating starting mid March to mid April.

Homewood has a quality commercial flock of Coopworth Growbulk X ewes and a terminal flock of Polled Dorset Texel X.



Infrastructure

2 Woolsheds with covered yards

6 Satellite sheep yards

2 Cattle yards

2 Workshop

2 Implement Sheds

1 Hay Shed

16Tn Grain Silo

Airstrip

80Tn Fertiliser bin & sliding roof

Subdivision

420 Paddocks including holding paddocks. The average area is 4ha which varies greatly as the typography changes.

Each block has a main gravel laneway.

Boundary and internal fences are predominately conventional and electric.

Water

Supplied from a spring and reticulated to half the farm. Dam water supplies the remainder.

House water is supplied through rain water.

Farm Development

On going upgrading of fencing, development and protection of water ways and native areas, pasture development through renewal.

Machinery

2 X JD Tractors

5.5Tn Digger

Various cultivation equipment



Position Details – Stock Manager

Summary

Take farming into the future, by implementing forward thinking forage regimes, in an environment where everybody matters. Sound like you? We require a forward thinking Stock Manger who is an initiator, and uptakes technology quickly. If you are as good at listening as you are talking, keep calm, are well organised, energetic and have a sense of humour keep reading....

Been well supported by an infrastructure Manager your focus will be on all things Stock. The KPI's are set high and the current team are very focused on exceeding them.

You will be responsible for the development and implementation of all sustainable management decisions in relation to animal health, stocking polices, feed budgeting, and stock marketing throughout the farming year.

You will be the team culture, lead and train others to enhance their skills and progression goals. You will keep the team focused on and working towards the common goals and ensure all living and working on the farm enjoy their time in the business.

Reporting

You will lead weekly meetings with the farm team and farm owners. You will also have ,monthly strategic meetings with the farm owner and on occasions the farms specialised consultants. You will be expected to know your operation numbers and provide input into all discussions for the benefit of the business and the people.

Opportunities/Benefits

This role would suit an experienced shepherd looking for the next step in their career. Or a proven stock manager looking for a change with a long term view of management.

Farm owners are previous winners of Wairarapa Sheep and Beef Farmer of the Year.

On going training is encouraged

Conditions

Start Date – 5th March 2017
Term – Full Time
Average hours – 45 hrs/week
Days worked – Monday to Friday and rostered weekend work.

Team Sheet

Owners
Stock Manager
Infrastructure Manager
Shepherd X 2

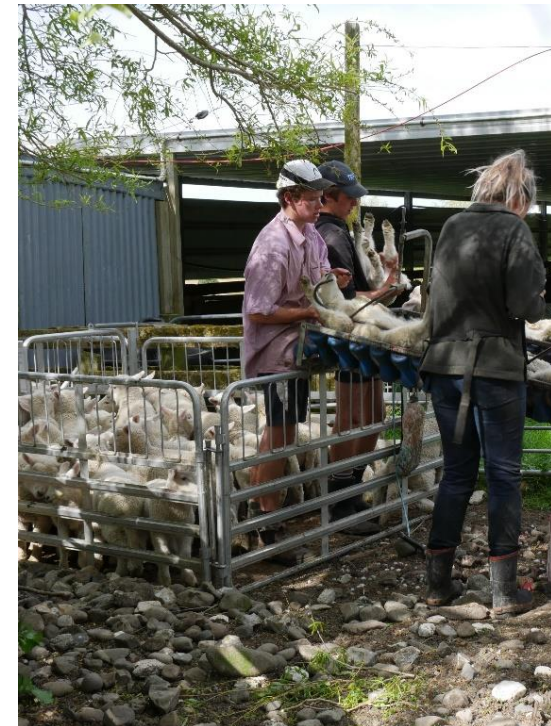
Preferred Skills

Level 4 Sheep & Beef or, Ag Dip
5 yrs. Full time experience with,
2 yrs. of Staff supervision
Leadership & Communication
Growsafe & Approved Handler
First Aid Certificate
4 - 5 High Quality Working Dogs
Farmax & FarmIQ experience
All round good bloke/lass

Training will be provide to assist in the development of the necessary skills.

Key Relationships

Farm Owners
Farm Staff
Sales & Marketing Personnel
Farm Contractors
Farm Consultant
Family & Friends
Community



Accommodation

The Stock Manager home is a well appointed very tidy 3 bedroom cottage.

It was recently renovated with a new kitchen and the bathroom was updated with a new shower and vanity.

The bathroom has both a shower and bath and the added convenience of a separate toilet.

There is a veranda on both sides of the home to make the most of both the sun rise and the sunset!

Heated by a wood burner between the kitchen and lounge this heat is also transferred to the bedrooms via the a heat transfer system.

The section is fully fenced, with loads of parking and fantastic sea views.

The is a separate one car garage and several dog kennels.



Schooling

At the local Whareama School there is a playgroup that operates every Wednesday morning during term time.

Whareama School	
Address	82 Langdale Road, Masterton
Age-group	Year 1 – 8 Co-Ed
Decile	6
Roll	40 and growing
Phone	06 372 3808
email	office@whareama.school.nz
website	Whareama.school.nz

Rathkeale College	
Address	Willow Park Drive, Opaki
Age-group	Year 9 – 13 Boys, State Integrated with Boarding
Decile	9
Roll	302
Phone	06 378 8377
email	office@Rathkeale.school.nz
website	Rathkeale.school.nz

Wairarapa College	
Address	83 Pownall Street Masterton
Age-group	Year 9 – 13 Co-Ed
Decile	6
Roll	942
Phone	06 370 0400
email	office@waicol.nz
website	Waicol.co.nz

St Matthew's Collegiate	
Address	33 Pownall Street, Masterton
Age-group	Year 9 – 13 Girls, State Integrated with Boarding
Decile	9
Roll	350
Phone	06 370 1730
email	info@stmatts.school.nz
website	Stmatts.school.nz

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