

Job Information Form

Job Opportunity:	Fixed Term - Experienced Shepherd
Business Name:	AW Parsons Estate – Public Trust
Property Summary:	<p>AW Parsons Estate, administered by the Public Trust, is a sheep and beef farming operation that has been running since 1953 and is a Charitable Trust. Based in Wallingford, 30 minutes south of Waipukurau in Central Hawke's Bay, this property is approximately 1089ha of medium to steep country.</p> <p>Recently, there has been change within the farming business with the trust purchasing additional neighbouring land, giving the operation a better opportunity to finish all progeny.</p> <p>AW Parsons Estate is well established with very good infrastructure including sub-division, tracks, an ongoing tree planting plan and there is also 32ha of pine forest. The farm is currently running top genetics in the cow herd allowing for high fertility and growth.</p> <p>As part of the Charitable Trust, AW Parsons, gives back to the community, it is a privilege to work within a farming business that plays such a huge role within the community. Alongside this the Wallingford rural community is welcoming and supportive, with plenty of local activities.</p>
Position Overview:	<p>As the Experienced Shepherd you will be working closely with the Farm Manager in an inclusive farming environment. You will require a high level of communication skills and be able to work autonomously, when required. Along with the stockwork you will also need to complete general tasks such as R&M fencing and know your way around a handpiece.</p> <p>Along with a good level of stockmanship you will have the ability to handle young stock in a calm and quiet manner. Some experience with calving would be beneficial as they have a lovely herd of Angus cows. This role will require a team of 5 well controlled working dogs.</p> <p>AW Parson are looking for a positive self-starter, who would like to pick up more responsibility and take ownership of their tasks.</p>
Skills, Experience, and Attributes Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experienced stock person with a capable team of 5 working dogs.• Have an understanding of feed and pasture management.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good communication skills, highly organised and be able to work autonomously. • Strong understanding of compliance including H&S, and environmental awareness. • Good sense of local community and keenness to be involved.
Staff Structure:	Farm Manager Fixed Term - Experienced Shepherd Farm Supervisor/Public Trust Casuals and contractors as required
Career Opportunities & Benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great support systems in place with employers who are willing to pass on knowledge and upskill their employees. • Provides the opportunity to gain further responsibility. • Farming a mixed land unit system. • The employers provide an excellent work culture and value their people. • The opportunity to work with a high-quality genetic cow herd. • The mustering on offer will enable you to fine tune your dog skills. • Wallingford is a strong rural community with numerous social and school events close by.
Partner Work Opportunities:	There may be some casual work available on farm. Waipukurau is also 30 minutes away where there will be work opportunities.
Lifestyle Information	
Accommodation:	Tidy warm 3-bedroom home with health homes certification It has an open plan kitchen and lounge with Masport Woodburner. Outside the property is easy care with a garage.
Farm Location & Community Information:	Located 30 minutes from Waipukurau, this offers the opportunity to be part of an exceptional rural community. There is the Wallingford Hall (best dancing hall in HB) and the fire brigade alongside. Porangahau Beach is a short 20-minute drive away.
Schooling:	There is a primary school in Flemington with the school bus at the gate. There are playgroups at Flemington and Porangahau. There is a bus to Central Hawke's Bay College at Porangahau Road intersection.
Farm Information	
Farm Area (total/effective):	1089ha total 920ha effective (approx.). Small amount of native bush scattered throughout the property.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32ha – farm forestry total. • 24ha – Pines ready to be milled.
Contour:	Medium hill country to some steeper hill.
Soil Type:	<p>Wanstead Clay – good fertile country. Annual soil testing is completed, and the fertiliser plan is based on these results. Best practice.</p> <p>There is an airstrip on farm that the neighbouring farms also use.</p>
Rainfall:	1000ml/annum – there is a Regional Council rain gauge on farm.
Subdivision/Fences:	<p>The property is well sub-divided with approximately 80 paddocks. There is 40ha down the road broken into cells and used as a bull unit. The bull calves are taken down there and finished.</p>
Woolshed & Other Buildings:	<p>A 1985 4-stand Woolaway woolshed with hot water for the kitchen and showers and also a toilet.</p> <p>There is an adjoining pipe set of covered yards with a night pen capacity of 1800 full wool ewes. The woolshed and yards are in very good condition.</p> <p>In total the farm has 2 sets of covered sheep yards and 4 sets of satellite sheep yards.</p> <p>The farm also has 4 sets of cattle yards in total.</p> <p>There is a 4 bay implement shed where the tractor, work ute and quad bikes are kept.</p>
Water:	There are 3 large dams that gravity feed to water troughs on 2/3 of the farm. This is a good water supply with no issues during droughts.
Machinery:	<p>3 x Quads with roll bars, 90Hp JD tractor with front end loader and forks.</p> <p>2020 flat deck work ute.</p>
Tracks:	The farm is well tracked for ease of stock and quad bike movements.

Farm Policy & Systems

Production System	Semi Intensive
Stock Policy - Breeds/Number:	<p>Sheep and cattle – breeding and finishing.</p> <p>Sheep - Romney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3200 MA ewes



- 1000 hoggets wintered, mated.

Cattle - Angus

- 295 in calf cows. High genetic Angus herd.
- 270 R1 Mixed yearlings – heifers/bulls.

All males are kept entire and finished at 20 months of age.

Replacement yearling heifers are mated.

Maternal/Terminal Policy:

Maternal – Romney.

Terminal – Focus Prime.

Sheep – Mating/ Lambing/Weaning Dates:

Ram out – Terminal ewes 10 March.

Ram out – MA ewes - 1 April.

Ram out - Hoggets – between 1 - 7 May (to highest genetic Romney ram lamb).

Lambing – Starts mid-August.

Weaning – implementing a finishing programme. Good percentage of the lambs are gone prior to Christmas - either killed or stored.

Cows – Mating/ Calving/Weaning Dates:

Bull out 45 days - MA cows 10 November.

Bull out 38-40 days - Heifers 20 November (75% mated in first cycle).

Calved – 20 August with excellent calving percentage.

Wean – Pregnancy test and wean end January, early February.

Animal Health Practices:

There is a comprehensive annual animal health plan completed with Vet Services.

Cropping Policy:

25-30ha turned over for brassica, chicory and new grass (feed crops). This year 27ha of Brassica going in as drought protection for lamb finishing. Use contractors.

Photos



Map

