

## Job Information Form

### Position Summary

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**Business Name:**

Mapuna Dairies

**Property Summary:**

Mapuna Dairies is part of a family-owned business. The property for this Contract Milker position is located in South Wairarapa 15 minutes from the bustling country towns of Featherston, Greytown and Martinborough. The unit runs 850 cows over 320ha and operates as a level 4 system. They grow their own maize and to support the farming operation they have ensured they have great infrastructure including a modern 60-bale rotary with cup removers, three pivot irrigators, and a feed pad.

The cows are wintered on a runoff block 30 minutes away and the replacement heifers have their own block 5km away. The bull calves are sent to Taranaki and are grown out to 100kg and sold.

The owners are supportive and will be on farm once a week in this capacity.

**Position Title:**

Contract Milker

**Position Overview:**

As the Contract Milker you will have previous exposure to large herd management within a high input operation and be fully responsible for the day-to-day farming operations.

This role will require you to have strong organisational and planning skills and a high level of feed and pasture management experience.

With the owners living off farm communication will be a key aspect, with strong reporting and recording skills. Understanding financial management and focusing on production is also important. They are looking for a person with a can-do attitude and strong initiative as there is the opportunity to increase production and establish yourself within this family business.

There is a person looking after the runoff blocks, but when the cows are there, you will be required to support them.

As the Contract Milker you will need to supply staff, motor bikes, calf rearing equipment, reels and standards. Employers will supply all the rubber-ware, pay the power & all shed running costs.

**Skills, Qualifications & Experience Required:**

- 5 years of dairy management, with exposure to large herds and high input systems.



- Strong grass management experience.
- Strong communication skills.
- Good computer skills, reporting and financial understanding.
- Analytical thinker with a can-do attitude.
- Relevant understanding of the different aspects of compliance (environment/HR/H&S).
- Good level of animal health abilities.

<b>Duration of Position:</b>	Full time permanent
<b>Proposed Start Date:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2024
<b>Staff Structure:</b>	Owners Contract Milker 3 staff full time. 1 part timer for calf rearing
<b>Career Opportunities &amp; Benefits:</b>	The opportunity to increase production and work within a supportive privately owned farming business.
<b>Partner Work Opportunities:</b>	There is work available on farm during busy times e.g. with calf rearing. The townships of Featherston, Martinborough and Greytown are all within 15-minutes. Wellington is 55 minutes away and Masterton is 30 minutes away.

## Lifestyle Information

<b>Accommodation:</b>	Accommodation is a tidy 3-bedroom home, with office and 2-bedroom sleepout. It has an open plan kitchen and dining area through an archway to the lounge with a deck. Heating is a Kent fire, with HRV system and heat pump in the hall. There is a small office with a double garage.  For your team there is another 3-bedroom home and a 2-bedroom home available.
<b>Farm Location &amp; Community Information:</b>	15 minutes to Greytown, Martinborough, Featherston. There is a very good local community with a well-supported rugby team.
<b>Schooling:</b>	There is a school bus at gate, with 2 primary schools within 5 km. In particular the Kahutara Primary School is very popular. There is a high school in Greytown or other options in Masterton or Wellington.



## Farm Information

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<b>Farm Area (total/effective):</b>	320ha
<b>Contour:</b>	Dead flat
<b>Soil Type:</b>	Silt, a bit of heavy clay under one of the pivots Can be wet in the winter.
<b>Annual Growth:</b>	Approx 14T
<b>Rainfall:</b>	900ml/annum
<b>Subdivision/Fences:</b>	Boundary fencing conventional 7/8 wire and all internal are all 2-wire electric.
<b>Shed Size &amp; Type:</b>	60 bale rotary shed with ACR, inshed feeding and milk metres in the shed.
<b>Plant &amp; Brand:</b>	Milfrost plant.
<b>Shed Wash:</b>	Normal wash down.
<b>Machinery:</b>	4 Tractors, mixer wagon provided and Bail feeders. As the Contract Milker you will supply the bikes.
<b>Calf Rearing Facilities:</b>	There are good calf rearing facilities, including a refurbished herringbone shed with 6 pens and another set of undercover yards with 8 pens that you can drive down the middle and feed out from. There is a separate bobby calf shed.
<b>Feed pad/in-shed feeding/trailer:</b>	There is a feedpad that holds 400 cows and there is inshed feeding for the cows.
<b>Other Buildings on Farm:</b>	2 haybarns, workshop and a couple little implement sheds.
<b>Water:</b>	Fully reticulated, high spec, water reticulated system.
<b>Races:</b>	All well raced, 3 main races going 1 way and another race goes off the other direction.



## Farm Policy & Systems

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<b>Production System</b>	System 4
<b>Cows - Breeds/Number:</b>	850 cows – Friesian X Run in 3 herds
<b>Young Stock Policy:</b>	Contract Milker between raises 150 – 180 replacement heifer calves. At Christmas they go to the runoff to grow out. Bull calves; have a week on farm and then they are picked up and sent to runoffs in Taranaki - they are all taken through to 100kgs.
<b>Winter Policy:</b>	All the cows go to the runoff blocks for the winter, for a minimum of 6 weeks. Runoff block is at the edge of Featherston 18km away, the young stock runoff block is 5km away.
<b>Mating Policy:</b>	6 weeks of AI and the bulls finish for 6 weeks. 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct mating, finish 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec bulls out
<b>Calving Dates:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Feeding Systems:</b>	Inshed and Feedpad Inshed – DDG dried distiller grain, maize grain. High protein Feedpad– mix of PK, tapioca, maize & grass silage.
<b>Animal Health Practices:</b>	South Wairarapa Vet, have a drench plan for the young stock, use multi minerals and they are blood tested twice a year.
<b>Cropping Policy:</b>	15ha of maize grown on farm – all for maize silage. 30-35ha of chicory for a summer crop.
<b>Effluent Systems:</b>	Effluent is pond and travelling irrigator, hooked up to harvest electronics with a 10-year consent approved. Effluent covers 65ha.
<b>Irrigation Systems:</b>	3 pivots, covers 200ha. Manual.
<b>Roster System:</b>	Roster is your own care – normally they are 6 on 2 off.
<b>Production – kgMS per ha:</b>	1400MS/ha
<b>Production – kgMS per cow:</b>	470MS/cow

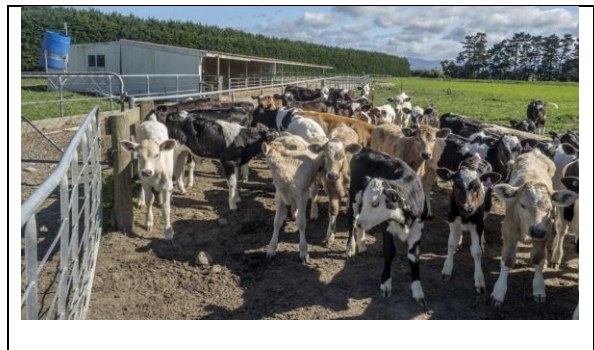
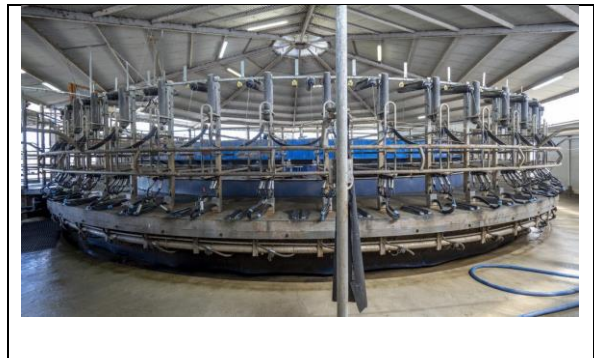


**PW/BW:** | BW 211  
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**SCC Average:** | 250,000 average.

**Photos**

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## Map

