Job Information Form

Job Opportunity:	Experienced Shepherd/2IC
Business Name:	Waytemore Farms Ltd – Auraki Station
Region:	Whanganui/Ruapehu District (Waimarino district)
Reports to:	Station Manager – Scott Browning
Property Summary:	Auraki Station is a family-owned sheep and beef operation located on the Paraparas in the Central North Island, between Whanganui and Raetihi. Spanning approximately 1,700 hectares, the property combines river flats with medium to steep hill country and provides a diverse farming environment. The business is in an exciting phase of development, with the current owners two years into a five-year infrastructure plan. Significant investment has already gone into new fencing, laneways, races and water systems, with further improvements continuing across the property. A strong fertiliser history and ongoing investment in pasture development provide a solid foundation for future growth. The farming operation is primarily focused on sheep and cattle breeding, with some store stock sold and a portion of stock finished on farm. The sheep flock is based around Romney genetics, with Suftex used as a terminal sire, while the cattle operation incorporates Charolais and Angus genetics. The focus moving forward is on producing high-quality stock, adding value through improved performance and progressively increasing the number of progeny finished on farm. With continued investment in infrastructure and a clear long-term direction, Auraki Station offers an opportunity to be part of a developing operation and play a key role in its ongoing success.
Position Overview:	As the Experienced Shepherd/2IC, you will be a key member of the farming team, working closely with the Station Manager to support the day-to-day running of the operation. Auraki Station are looking for someone with 2–3 years' experience as a senior member of a farming business, who is ready to take on greater responsibility. You will have plenty of responsibility and the opportunity to contribute ideas and be involved in discussions around the ongoing development of the business. When the Station Manager is off

	station, you will have the day to day responsibility, following the outlined plan. With a strong focus on stock management and performance, excellent stockmanship and a good understanding of animal health are essential. You will be confident mustering steep hill country and handling large mobs of sheep and cattle with a well-controlled team of working dogs. Can-Am's and horses are used for mustering, so good horse skills are also required. FarmIQ is currently used across the station, with further technology being introduced, so you will need to be progressive and comfortable embracing new technology and ways of working. This role will suit someone looking to progress their career, take on responsibility and be part of a developing farming operation. A positive attitude, strong work ethic and good sense of humour will be highly valued.
Skills, Experience, and Attributes Required:	• Strong stockmanship skills, confident with mustering on steep hill country, with a well-controlled team of working dogs. • A high level of care and understanding of animal health and welfare. • Computer savvy, with good attention to detail and a willingness to embrace technology. • Strong verbal and written communication skills. • Able to take responsibility for the day-to-day running of the station when the Station Manager is away. • Enjoys variety and is willing to complete general farm work and maintaining farm infrastructure. • A proactive approach, with the confidence to contribute ideas. • Strong commitment to Health & Safety, particularly when working across steep and challenging hill country. • Positive attitude, strong work ethic and a good sense of humour.
Staff Structure:	Station Manager Experienced Shepherd/2IC Casuals as required
Career Opportunities & Benefits:	• Supportive and inclusive farming environment, with experienced managers who are willing to share their knowledge and support your development. • Opportunity to take on responsibility and further develop your farming skills.

	• Opportunity to have genuine input into a developing business, with your ideas and experience encouraged. • Work within an operation investing heavily in infrastructure, including fencing, laneways, races and water systems. • Offers a good level of autonomy in your day-to-day work. • A strong work culture where people are valued and encouraged to develop and progress their careers. • Opportunity to build a long-term future within a business with clear plans for continued development and growth.
Partner Work Opportunities:	Depending on time of year, casual work on farm. With work locally on farms also. Whanganui and Ohakune are both within reach, providing access to a range of employment opportunities.

Lifestyle Information

Accommodation:	There is excellent accommodation available, it is fully insulated and double glazed with an open plan kitchen lounge area, with 3 bedrooms. There is a freestanding fire for heating and garage.
Farm Location & Community Information:	Located in the Central North Island, it is right on the doorstep to a range of outdoor activities, with hunting and fishing available locally. There is also skiing in the winter, along with tramping and plenty of sporting activities. There is a tarseal road to both Whanganui, 55 minutes and Raetihi, 20 minutes.
Schooling:	There are several primary school options in the area, including Kakatahi, Ohakune and Aberfeldy Primary Schools. Ruapehu College is the nearest secondary school, located approximately 30 minutes away in Ohakune.

Farm Information

Farm Area (total/effective):	1700ha 1600ha eff approx
Contour:	Some river flats, rolling to some steeper hill country.
Soil Type:	Strong Papa country, with some volcanic soils.
Rainfall:	1400-1600ml/annum – summer safe.
Subdivision/Fences:	The fences are conventional 7-8 wire batten, with an ongoing development in progress.

	Paddocks, sizes are varied with smaller paddocks closer to the woolshed some larger ones out on farm, with the largest being 100ha out the back. They are currently upgrading laneways on the property. The main part of the station is on one side of the road, with a small part across the road, with an underpass to get to the woolshed.
Woolshed & Other Buildings:	There is a 6-stand woolshed, with a good set of covered yards and good night pen capacity. There are 11 sets of satellite sheep yards over the property. A main set of cattle yards and a set of satellite cattle yards. There are good sheep and cattle handling equipment
Weeds:	Scrub, thistles – for the bulk of the spraying contractors are engaged. There will be some done internally by the team.
Water:	Currently they are installing a new water system for the whole property.
Machinery:	Canam, tractor with bucket and 5.5 tonne digger.
Tracks:	Farm is well track with ongoing development and upgrades done. Over winter the tracks can become slippery, this needs to be managed sensibly.

Farm Policy & Systems

Production System	Semi Intensive
Stock Policy - Breeds/Number:	12,000su – flexible farming policies whiles the development plan is implemented. 6,500 MA ewes 2,200 replacement ewe lambs 1,838 Two tooths All progeny sold store at this stage, looking to finish more in the future. Cattle 450 MA cows 120 Angus cows 120 MA Charolais 120 Replacement heifers Currently the Bull calves are steered and sold at the weaner market along with the remaining heifers – looking to retain and finish cattle progeny in the future
Maternal/Terminal Policy:	Maternal – Romney Terminal – Suftex

	Cattle – Angus & Charolais
Sheep – Mating/ Lambing/Weaning Dates:	Ram out – 1st April Terminal ewes go to a Suftex ram around the 7th of March
Cows – Mating/ Calving/Weaning Dates:	Steer calves sold store currently Bulls out 1st Dec to heifers and to mixed age cows on the 10th of January
Animal Health Practices:	Best practice animal health

Photos





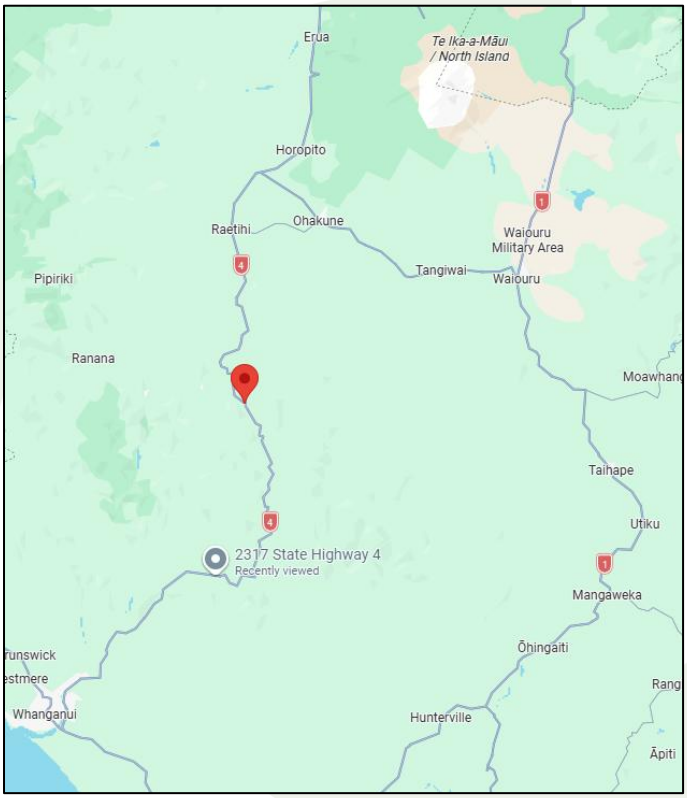








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Erua
Te Ika-a-Māui / North Island
Horopito
Raetihi
Ohakune
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