

Job Information Form

Job Opportunity:	Shepherd – Full time permanent
Business Name:	Matapiro Station
Property Summary:	<p>Matapiro Station is a privately owned farming operation, 25 minutes to Napier or Hastings, in the sunny Hawke’s Bay farming district of Crownthorpe. This 2300ha Station is an iconic farming business that is successfully running a large-scale breeding and finishing operation. This is a high performing property with good farming policies and excellent infrastructure in place.</p> <p>Our clients are very proud of the Station, it’s history and it’s the achievements to date.</p>
Position Overview:	<p>This Shepherd position will work alongside the Stock Manager in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the property, where there will be variety in your workday involving stock and general work. Upon proving yourself there will be the opportunity to gain responsibility.</p> <p>Due to the scale of the property and the results they are currently achieving, you will have the opportunity to learn about finishing stock, while working closely with an excellent herd of breeding cows.</p> <p>You will also be involved in learning about pasture management and organising rotations, which will help you develop a strong understanding of animal health.</p> <p>If you are keen to progress your farming career and learn the finer details of finishing stock and enjoy working with an established herd of Angus breeding cows, then this role would be a good place to establish your knowledge.</p>
Skills, Experience, and Attributes Required:	<p>As well as a positive can-do attitude and initiative, and a passion for the industry, the successful applicant will come with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A high level of stockmanship and 2-3 working dogs under good control.• Enjoy working both autonomously and in a team environment, with an excellent work ethic.• Have an inquiring mind and a keenness to learn.• Accurate record keeping skills.• Good animal welfare knowledge and practice.• Adherence to health & safety policies.



Staff Structure:

- Fencing & general skills.
- Handpiece - crutching and dagging – there are two crutching conveyors set up in woolshed and the farm does all its own dagging.
- Drenching experience - through a conveyor system.

Farm Manager
Stock Manager
Shepherd - TBC
Tractor Driver
Fencer General
Casual staff as required during busy time

Career Opportunities & Benefits:

The opportunity to work within a highly structure business and learn how to fatten and finish stock to a high standard.

Partner Work Opportunities:

There may be the opportunity of some work on farm, they are happy to discuss. Napier and Hastings are an easy 25-minute drive where there are plenty of work opportunities.

Lifestyle Information
Accommodation:

Accommodation is a recently refurbished three-bedroom cottage.

Farm Location & Community Information:

The local area is Crownthorpe which is 27km from Hastings and 32km to Napier. There is a good community who are either farming or vineyard based.

Schooling:

Pukehamoamo Primary School is 8 km up away and there is a bus from the gate. There are plenty of high school options are in Hastings or Napier.

Farm Information
Farm Area (total/effective):

2300ha

Contour:

Flat to rolling hill country.

Soil Type:

Matapiro lime, stoney pumice.

Rainfall:

700-750ml per annum

Subdivision/Fences:

The property has excellent fencing, with good laneways – fences are made up of Conventional with some electrics. Paddocks are between 6ha-14ha.



Woolshed & Other Buildings:	There is an 8-stand woolshed, with large, covered yards. Both the sheep and cattle facilities are to a high standard. They are centrally located in the hub of the property.
Weeds:	Clean farm generally.
Water:	The property is fully reticulated.
Machinery:	There is a Tractor General, Matapiro Station owns its own ag gear. The tractor driver is responsible for this aspect of the farming operation and does the feeding out.
Tracks:	The property is easy rolling and no real need for tracks as it is all accessible.

Farm Policy & Systems

Production System	Intensive
Stock Policy – Breeds/Number:	<p><u>Sheep</u> 30,000-35,000 finishing lambs per year The winter lambs are on a 3-4 day rotation. The lambs start to come in early March and gone by October.</p> <p><u>Cattle</u> 1300 MA Breeding cows 500 R1 Heifers are put to the bull, 150 are kept as replacements and rest sold surplus in calf. The steers are weaned and sold as yearlings at 400kg. The heifers are finished to approximately 260kg.</p>
Cows – Mating/ Calving/Weaning Dates:	<p>Bull out - November Calving - August/September Weaned – February (paddock weaned) The cows are calved behind a wire and are on a daily shift, they are also feed 8kg DM and silage.</p>
Animal Health Practices:	<p>Best practice at all times. When the lambs arrive on farm, they are given a quarantine drench, a tonic, vaccination and a dip.</p>
Cropping Policy:	<p>100ha lucerne – put lambs on first and then 1 to 2 cuts are taken for lucerne silage. 50ha of maize for silage.</p>
Irrigation Systems:	There are two hard nose travelling irrigators that are looked after by the general, but you will need to understand how these work.



Photos



Map

