

## Job Information Form

Job Opportunity:	Shepherd
Business Name:	Rimanui Farms Ltd – Mangaohane Station
Region:	Central North Island
Reports to:	Station Manager
Business Summary:	<p>Rimanui Farms Limited is a largescale farming business operating sheep and beef cattle farms across the North Island and dairy farms in Canterbury.</p> <p>The business includes some of New Zealand's most iconic farms.</p>
Property Summary:	<p>Mangaohane Station is one of the three Rimanui Farms in the Central North Island, located between the Rangitikei River and the Ruahine Forest Park. Based approximately 50 minutes north-east of Taihape on the Taihape-Napier Road.</p> <p>The property spans 4,840ha, made up of 1,791ha of flats to rolling hills, 1,175ha of easy hill country, and 662ha of steeper terrain. This diverse mix has consistently carried over 40,000 stock units in recent winters, with a sheep-to-cattle ratio of around 66:34. The farming operation is based on 19,000 Romney ewes and 1,200 Angus cows.</p> <p>Over the last few years there has been a significant development programme put in place with infrastructure, including stock handling facilities, fencing and water scheme along with a cropping and re-grassing programme.</p>
Position Overview:	<p>Due to the Senior Shepherd obtaining a Head Shepherd position, Mangaohane Station is now seeking a Shepherd with 2–3 years of farming experience, ideally including time spent on hill country. This is a great opportunity to further develop your skills on a large-scale breeding and finishing station.</p> <p>There is a team of six shepherds, so being a strong team player is essential. You'll be expected to support and mentor junior team members, particularly in mustering and dog handling.</p>



As a more experienced shepherd, your primary focus will be stock work. You'll need a capable team of 4–6 working dogs for mustering large mobs of sheep and cattle, as well as for yard work.

Stock work is carried out using both bikes and horses. During the winter, you'll also have the opportunity to break in your own horse.

#### Skills, Experience, and Attributes Required:

- A safe operating mindset
- Good understanding of mustering and stock handling.
- Well controlled team of 4-6 working dogs.
- Experience on hill country preferred.
- Be able to communicate and work in a team.
- Have good attention to detail.
- Strong work ethic.

#### Staff Structure:

Station Manager  
Head Shepherd  
Senior Shepherd  
Shepherd – to be confirmed  
2 Junior Shepherds  
2 Fencer Generals  
Station-Cook

#### Career Opportunities & Benefits:

- Great support systems in place with manager and head shepherd who are willing to pass on knowledge and upskill their employees.
- Provides the opportunity to gain further responsibility.
- Opportunity to work within an inclusive farming environment, where there is the chance to further your skills and progress your knowledge.
- The farming business provides an excellent work culture and values their people.
- Opportunity to work on a largescale breeding & finishing operation, that has excellent infrastructure established.
- It will give you large scale mustering opportunities, enabling you to fine tune your dog skills.
- Some ownership with your tasks.

### Lifestyle Information

#### Accommodation:

This is a fully found position with accommodation in the single quarters. The cookhouse provides 3 meals daily.

#### Farm Location & Community Information:

The property is located 50 minutes north-east of Taihape, and 1.5 hours from Napier.

The Station bounds the Rangitikei River; there are plenty of opportunities for outdoor recreation with hunting and fishing on the doorstep. The station is 1 hour 30 minutes from the ski fields.

## Farm Information

Farm Area (total/effective):	4839ha total 4000ha eff
Contour:	This is a well-balanced property with a range of contours, rising to 1200 metres above sea level. There is some easy rolling country through to some steeper hill country.
Soil Type:	Predominately volcanic ash.
Rainfall:	800ml per annum
Subdivision/Fences:	Conventional 8 wire batten fences. In the areas that have been developed there are smaller paddocks from 5-10ha through to 100ha paddocks on the steeper more extensive areas.
Woolshed & Other Buildings:	8 stand woolshed, with an excellent set of covered yards, with a night pen capacity of 3,500 full wool ewes. At least 4 additional sets of satellite sheep yards on farm. A main set of cattle yards, plus one set cattle satellite yards.
Water:	Water is a mix of reticulated, dams and natural. There is an ongoing water development project for the station.
Machinery:	Quad, side-by-sides.
Tracks:	The station is well tracked, to allow good access to steeper areas of the property.

## Farm Policy & Systems

Production System	Semi Intensive/Extensive
Stock Policy - Breeds/Number:	Winters 40,000su carrying at 10.5 su/ha. 19,000 MA ewes. 1200 Angus cows.
Maternal/Terminal Policy:	Maternal - Romney. Terminal - Black face over the 5-year mouth ewes.
Sheep – Mating/ Lambing/Weaning Dates:	Ram out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terminal 5-year ewes – April 22<sup>nd</sup>.</li> </ul>

- MA – May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 2tooth – May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Hoggets – May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Lambing – starts in September through October.

Weaning – Terminals pre-Christmas, Maternal early January.

The station finishes around 60% prime lambs to works, 40% lambs sold store.

Cows – Mating/  
Calving/Weaning Dates:

1200 Angus Cows.

Bull out – January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Calving - starts early October

Weaning – April. Calves are yard wean, keeping 350 replacements heifers and the remaining heifers and all steers are finished.

Animal Health Practices:

Best practice, good animal health plan in place.

Cropping Policy:

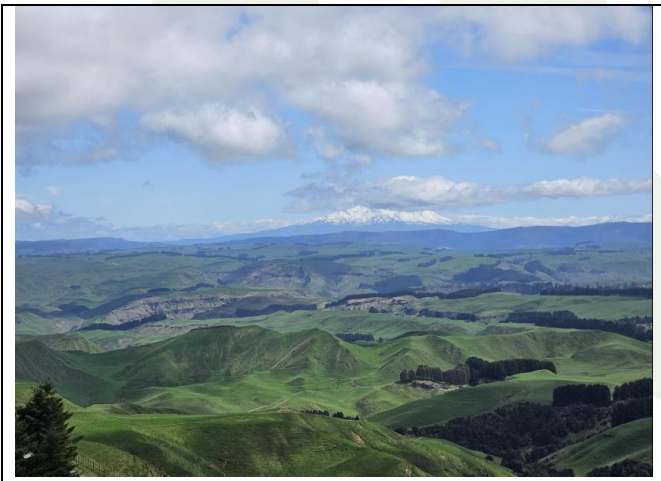
Kale and swedes, winter crop - 180ha.

Ewes, twin bearing ewes on brassicas for 40 days.

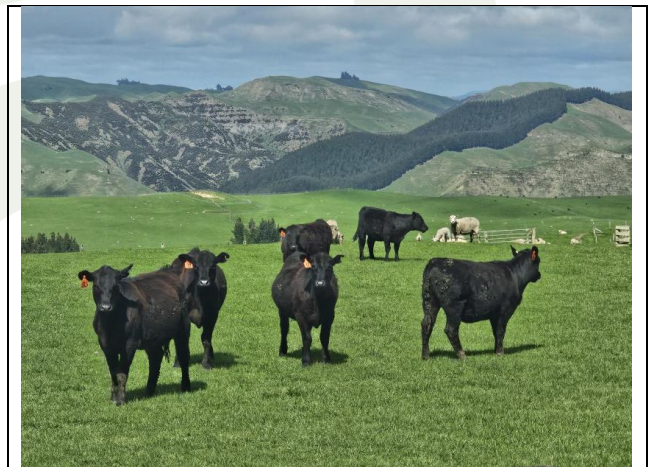
Weaners are wintered on crop.

Plantain for the summer – 600ha for lambs and hoggets.

## Photos







## Map

