

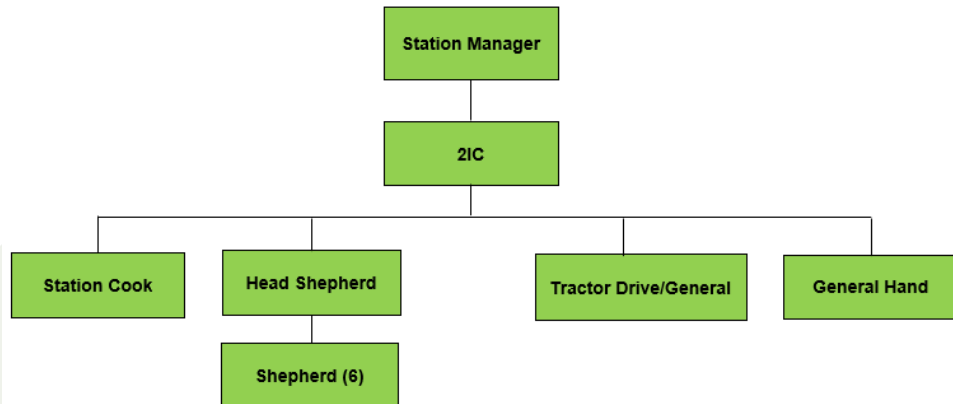
## Job Information Form

Job Opportunity:	Shepherd
Business Name:	Ohinewairua Station Ltd
Region:	Moawhango district, Taihape
Reports to:	Fraser Taylor – 2IC
Property Summary:	<p>Ohinewairua Station is a 7,500-hectare large-scale farming operation located on the Napier–Taihape Road in the Central North Island. The property is owned by longstanding family shareholders and features predominantly flat to rolling hill country. It adjoins the Waiouru Army Base, with the Kaimanawa Ranges in close proximity.</p> <p>The station carries approximately 50,000 stock units, running sheep, beef, and deer under a mixed breeding and finishing farming policy. This is a well-established and efficiently managed farming business, supported by extensive infrastructure across the property, including two metalled all-weather farm tracks providing access to the back of the station, along with robust farming systems and well-developed cropping plans.</p>
Position Overview:	<p>Ohinewairua Station employs a highly respected second-in-charge (2IC) who oversees livestock operations and manages the team on a day-to-day basis.</p> <p>As a Shepherd, you will be part of a team of six shepherds and will be expected to partake in all routine stock work, including mustering, stock movements, yard work, animal health, and handpiece work. You'll need 1–2 years' experience, and depending on your background, you may begin with a smaller team of two working dogs, progressing to a full team of up to six over time.</p> <p>You must enjoy working in a larger team, have strong communication skills and be willing to learn.</p> <p>Stockwork is primarily carried out using quad bikes and side-by-side vehicles. At certain times of the year, there is also the opportunity to use horses for mustering if desired. This role provides the best of both worlds; being part of a supportive team while also having the autonomy to work independently when needed.</p> <p>This is a fully found position, offering all meals while on duty, tidy single accommodation, internet access, and the opportunity to work within a supportive and well-structured team.</p>
Skills, Experience, and Attributes Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A minimum 1-2 years' experience.</li></ul>



- High level of stockmanship with a team of 2 - 6 working dogs (depending on experience).
- Work ethic/keenness to learn.
- Competent in setting up and using a handpiece.
- Good communication skills and a team player.
- A commitment to being safe at work.
- Organisational and time management skills.
- Current NZ Drivers licence (Restricted/Full).

#### Staff Structure:



#### Career Opportunities & Benefits:

- Great support systems in place with a management team who are willing to pass on knowledge and upskill their employees.
- Provides the opportunity to gain further responsibility.
- Farming a mixed land unit system.
- Opportunity to work within an inclusive farming environment, where there is the chance to further your skills and progress your knowledge.
- The business provides an excellent work culture and value their people.
- Opportunity to work on a largescale breeding and finishing operation, that has established some excellent infrastructure, it will give you the scale of mustering and some ownership with your tasks.
- The mustering on offer will enable you to fine tune your dog skills.

#### Lifestyle Information

##### Accommodation:

Accommodation is single quarters only; you have your own room with shared facilities. The position is fully found with 3 meals provided each working day by the Station Cook. The fully found also covers Wi-Fi and power.

##### Farm Location & Community Information:

Ohinewairua Station is based in the Moawhango district; there is a strong rural community with plenty of social happenings at the local hall. There is hunting and fishing locally with the ski fields only ¾ hour away.

It is a 30-minute drive to Taihape, with Hastings, Palmerston North, Taupo all within a 2-hour drive.



## Farm Information

Farm Area (total/effective):	7,500ha total, 5,500ha effective.
Contour:	Flats, rolling hill country and North Island high country
Soil Type:	Mainly volcanic ash with some pumice
Rainfall:	990ml/year
Subdivision/Fences:	All conventional fencing with some electric out riggers. The property does have larger paddocks but is sub-divided to suit the Stations location. There is some break feeding on the crops as required and 1000ha that is deer fenced.
Woolshed & Other Buildings:	<b>Front of Station</b> Main woolshed is a 10 stand, with night pen capacity for 1700 ewes with good yards. A good main set of cattle yards and load out facilities.  <b>Back of Station</b> There is a 5-stand woolshed with power and also a set of covered cattle yards. Additionally, there are 2 sets of sheep and cattle satellite yards on the Station. The main shearing is done at the front of the Station.
Weeds:	The Station is pretty clean apart from the usual thistles and some Manuka.
Water:	A quarter of the property has reticulated water the rest is made up of dams and creeks. The main river through the station has been fenced off.  Ohinewairua Station is part of a water testing group for the local region to test water arbitrariness flowing into the Moawhango river - the Station has successfully maintained a high level of water quality throughout this testing process.
Machinery:	2 Tractors, 1 side-by-side, quad bikes, spray equipment, topping mowers, grader blade, tip trailers, snow plough.
Tracks:	There are two main fully metalled tracks to the back of the property allowing access to the back yards and woolshed. Most of the property has good tracks throughout.



## Farm Policy & Systems

Production System	Semi Intensive – breeding and finishing property
Stock Policy - Breeds/Number:	<p>Sheep, Beef and Deer - Breeding and finishing operation</p> <p><b>Sheep – Romney's</b>  19,000 MA Ewes.  5500 Hoggets.  Replacements kept, rest finished or store season dependent.</p> <p><b>Cattle – Angus</b>  1250 MA Cows.  330 Replacement Heifers.  Finish about 350 cattle.  Some steers and heifers are sold prior to winter – season dependent finished on crops if available.</p> <p><b>Deer</b>  1400 Hinds.  350 replacement Hinds.  60 MA Velvet Stags.  R1 Spikers are put on crops and velveted, some of these go into the velvet herd.</p>
Maternal Policy:	Romney
Sheep – Mating/ Lambing/Weaning Dates:	<p>Ram out – mid April 5 &amp; 6 year ewes.  Ram out – 1st May MA ewes.</p> <p>Lambing – End August.  - Mid September.</p> <p>Early Lambs are weaned just before Christmas, the rest just after Christmas. The lambs are all shorn at this time.</p> <p>The ewes are shorn once a year in January.  The hoggets are shorn in October and then March and then fit in with the ewe shearing next time round.</p>
Cows – Mating/ Calving/Weaning Dates:	<p>Bull out – Mid January.  Calve – September.  Weaned in April – paddock weaned.</p>
Deer – Mating/Fawning/ Weaning:	<p>Stags out – February.  Fawning – through December.  Weaning – May.</p>



Animal Health  
Practices:

Best practice at all times.

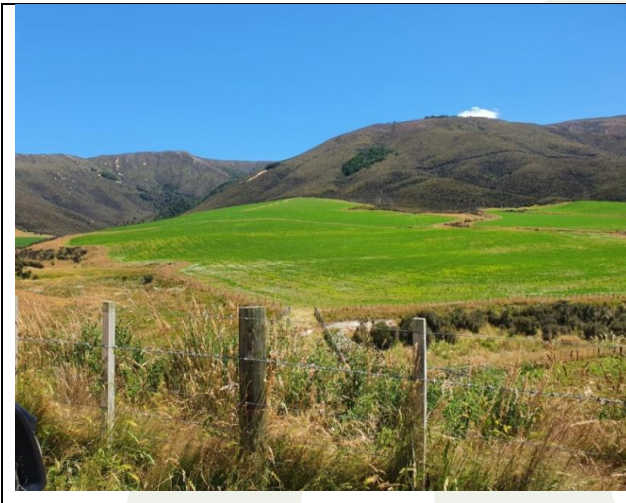
Cropping Policy:

110ha Lucerne, 2 paddocks used for baleage and the rest is used for lamb finishing.

There are winter crops of swedes and kale, which is under sown with a mix of oats, sunflower and clovers.

They are also using other crops with mixed species varieties, such as Dracon and radishes with chicory and plantain.

## Photos







## Map

