

Job Information Form

Job Opportunity:	Senior Stockperson
Business Name:	Stokman Angus
Region:	Waikite Valley, Rotorua
Reports to:	Mark & Jake Stokman
Property Summary:	Stokman Angus, is proudly family owned, this cattle stud is located in the picturesque Waikite Valley, just 40 minutes from Taupo & Rotorua. This 400ha property is home to a registered Angus herd with genetics dating back to 1923, when the original bloodlines were established in Montana, USA. Mark and Sherrie Stokman established the Stokman Angus stud in New Zealand in 1997, bringing in a handful of embryos and purchasing 5 angus cows with genetics traced back to Sherrie's family bloodline. Since then, the stud has grown to a herd of 420 registered cows, reflecting the family's commitment to breeding quality cattle and preserving their established genetics. The Stokman family have developed a well-established, well-equipped property with a strong focus on innovation and technology. They were among the early adopters of Halter and virtual fencing, embracing new technology to support efficient farm management. Beyond the stud, the family also run an event venue during the summer within their sale barn, set in a stunning position overlooking Lake Ohakuri.
Position Overview:	After 8 years, the current team member is moving on, creating an opportunity for a new Senior Stockperson to join this family-owned operation. Our clients are looking for someone who enjoys working with cattle, has an interest in genetics and is passionate about farming. You'll have to 2-3 years of farming experience, be confident handling cattle in both the paddock and the yards and be keen to embrace technology and new ways of working. Due to the virtual fencing, there is minimal dog work, the role does not require you to have dogs, but if you have 1-2 dogs, they will get work on the hills after calving. A sound understanding of general farm maintenance is essential, including fencing, water systems and other day-to-day farm tasks.



You'll be practical, proactive and comfortable rolling up your sleeves to get the job done.

This is a family operation, where teamwork and attitude are just as important as experience. You will need to be a motivated self-starter who can work independently as needed, someone who communicate well with others and contribute positively to the team. A good sense of humour, a willingness to learn and genuine enthusiasm for farming will see you fit in well. Generally, they work as a team, there is opportunity to develop more skills and take on further responsibility if keen.

Skills, Experience, and Attributes Required:

You will bring to this role:

- A high level of stockmanship and confident cattle-handling skills in both the paddock and yards.
- An enthusiasm for technology and a willingness to embrace tools such as Halter and other innovative farming systems.
- Strong observation skills and attention to detail, particularly when monitoring animal health trait recording and performance.
- The ability to work independently, use initiative and manage daily tasks with minimal supervision.
- A proactive, practical approach to problem-solving.
- Good organisational skills and the ability to prioritise tasks effectively.
- A strong work ethic, reliability and a genuine passion for farming.
- A willingness to learn, adapt and contribute ideas to improve farm systems and practices.

Staff Structure:

Mark & Jake Stokman - Owners
Sherrie Stokman – Admin/Venue Management
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Career Opportunities & Benefits:

- The opportunity to step into a senior role with increased responsibility and the ability to make a real contribution to the operation.
- The chance to work within a well-established Angus cattle stud with a strong focus on genetics and herd performance.
- An inclusive, supportive farming environment where you can continue to develop your skills, expand your knowledge and grow your career.
- A family-owned operation with a positive work culture where people are valued and their contributions recognised.
- The opportunity to work with modern farming technologies and innovative systems, including Halter.



- An exceptional location on the banks of Lake Ohakuri, halfway between Taupō and Rotorua, offering a fantastic rural lifestyle.
- The chance to be part of a close-knit team that values initiative, teamwork and a shared passion for farming.

Partner Work Opportunities:

If you have a partner that is looking for work opportunities, the property can offer additional work through its sale venue, which hosts a limited number of weddings, corporate events and other functions. Located on the banks of Lake Ohakuri, the property also features two accommodation pods and cabins used to host guests.

Lifestyle Information

Accommodation:

Accommodation is a lovely four-bedroom home boasting spectacular views and a spacious open-plan layout, with 2 bathrooms including an ensuite in the master bedroom. With a wood fire, heat pumps for heating. It is an easy-care garden with established trees. Along with a carport and garage. There are excellent dog motels at the house.

Farm Location & Community Information:

Waikite Valley is a great community and location, just 40 minutes to Rotorua and Taupo. The locals built and established a 8-hole golf course, along with the Waikite hot pools and squash club. Boating on the lake, geothermal water, kayaking, biking, hunting and fishing – this is a great place for outdoor activities.

Schooling:

Waikite Primary School is just 10 minutes away, with an excellent reputation and has classes up to year 8., there is a bus 2km down the road. At the primary school there is a bus to high schools in Rotorua. Next to the primary school there is a very good kindy.

Farm Information

Farm Area (total/effective):

400ha
Additional 30ha 15 minutes down the road, where Mark & Sherrie live.

Contour:

Flat to rolling country 30% and the rest medium hill.

Soil Type:

Volcanic, pumice soils – over the winter the cattle do well, there is no mud.

Rainfall:

1200ml per annum.

Subdivision/Fences:

Combination of excellent electric & conventional along with the use of virtual fencing, with Halter.



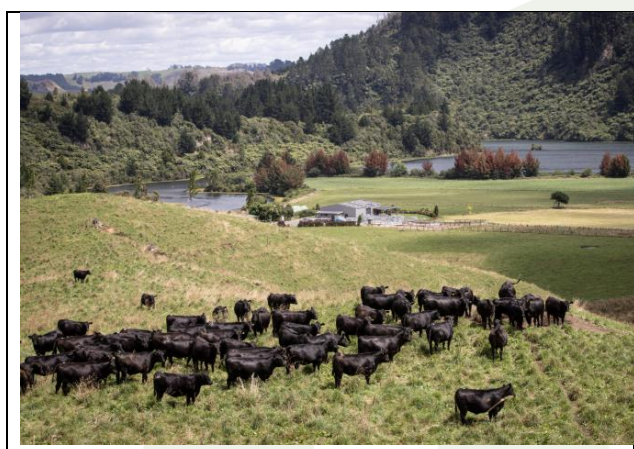
Woolshed & Other Buildings:	Cattle sale barn, also used as a wedding venue. 3 sets of excellent cattle yards, one of these is covered. Implement shed. Machinery workshop.
Water:	The farm is 2 bores and is fully reticulated with troughs throughout.
Machinery:	2 Canams, 3 x Two-wheelers, 2 tractors, post hole borer, post pounder, 3 bale feeders, fert spreader and cultivation equipment.
Tracks:	Good tracks over the whole property.

Farm Policy & Systems

Production System	Semi Intensive
Stock Policy – Breeds/Number:	Angus Cattle Stud 360 spring calving cows. 60 autumn calving cows. 100 Replacement heifers, calve as R2's. 75% of the cows are sync for 1 round of AI with follow up bulls going out the day after AI, the bulls are out for 2.5 cycles. Cull late cows. An annual bull sale is held in September, where 130 R1 bulls are sold as yearlings and 20 R1 heifers. The rest are sold as bull calves privately into the dairy and beef sector. The autumn born bull calves are sold the following autumn into the dairy sector.
Cows – Mating/ Calving/Weaning Dates:	AI - heifers, 20th October. AI - MA cows, 3rd November. Heifers calve - 21st July finished 1st October – behind virtual fence. MA cows calve – 10th August. Wean – March - yard wean for 3 days at most.
Animal Health Practices:	Best practice, work closely with the vet and have implemented strong animal health processes.
Cropping Policy:	40ha winter crop, swede and kale. Jake & Mark do the cropping.



Photos





Map

