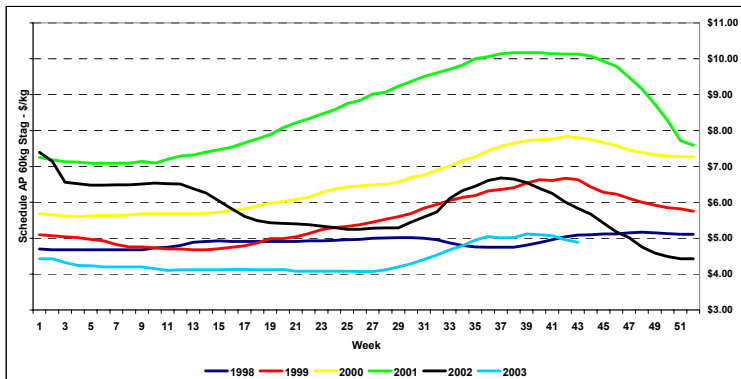


>>> VENISON SCHEDULE

This week (week 43): \$4.89 (down 7 cents from the previous week)
Down 28% on the 10 year average for this time of year (\$6.81)

*60kg AP Stag – Published National Average Schedule.
(Source: Agri-Fax)*



IN THIS ISSUE

- Cervena Review
- Grading Guidelines – Clarification
- German Economic Outlook
- Deer Industry News – Out Now
- Flatulence Tax Blown Off?
- AHB Director Elections
- Special Market Report – ANUGA
- National GM Roadshow

>>> VELVET

VELVET POOL PRICES

The season's first pool took place yesterday on small volume of less than 500kg. Indicative prices are set out below.

SA2	\$110
A1S	\$91
A2S	\$101
B2S	\$86

Wrightson Deer Velvet manager Philip Irwin comments:

- Opening prices on very small volumes are back 20-25% on last year, close to where last season ended, but it is still very early days
- There was a good number of tenders and competitive tendering.
- Buyers cite current movements as a factor in pricing.

FREE WEBSITE LISTING

If you would like your website listed on the links page of the Deer Industry New Zealand website please email your website address and a brief description to deernotes@deernz.org.

DEERESEARCH WEBSITE

The DEEResearch website now contains almost 1,000 deer related research papers, articles and reviews. Simple search tools make it easy to find and download the information you want. Check it out at <http://www.DEEResearch.org.nz> Call the Deer Industry New Zealand office if you require a reminder of your username and password – (04) 382 8626

>>> UPCOMING EVENTS

Gisborne Branch Visits	28 October
Visit to Te Pa Station and Jim Sanson's Deer Farm	
Canterbury MWI Monitor Farm Open Day	31 October
Latham's property, Little River, Banks Peninsula	
National Livestock Ltd Field Day at Maranoa Deer Farm	3 November
Programme begins at 1.30 pm at Maranoa Deer Farm, Takapau. The property is signposted from the Takapau turnoff. Dr Jimmy Suttie is the featured speaker.	

Deer Notes

Deer Farmers Environmental Awards – Farm Walk at Winners' Wayne and Tricia Aspin, 195 Hatton Road, RD 4, Waiuku : Winners of the premier 'Sir Peter and Fiona Lady Elworthy Environmental Award' The Aspins will be hosting a <u>Farm Walk</u> on their property on Wednesday 12 th November. Arrive from 11a.m.; bring your walking boots and your lunch, hot water provided. Following lunch the farm walk departs at 12 noon and returns at 3 pm. All Welcome. Directions: Allow 1 ¼ hours drive after leaving SH 1 South of Auckland. From Waiuku travel up the Awhitu Peninsula towards the Manukau Heads for 29Km. Just after Matakawau turn right at the Fire Station into Hatton Road. Proceed to the Aspins farm at 195 Hatton Road. E-mail: aspin@ps.gen.nz Phone: 09 235 1074	12 November
Cervena Review – Feedback due Closing date for submissions on the Cervena Review Discussion Document. The Discussion Document is available at http://www.deernz.org/?id=37#contentsection2063 , by emailing review@cervena.com or by calling the Deer Industry New Zealand office on (04) 382 8626.	14 November
Hawke's' Bay Branch Velvet Antler Competition	21 November
Waikato Branch Velvet Antler Competition	21 November
Waipa Branch Velvet Antler Competition	21 November
Wanganui Branch and North Island Velvet Antler Competition Contact Brian Shaw 06 342 6995 Viewing for North Island Competition from 2pm onwards	28 November
Antler Science and Product Technology Symposium – DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION Register before 28 November 2003 to receive discounted registration packages. See www.aspt2.co.nz , or contact Linda Murray by phone (03) 489 9011 or email linda.murray@agresearch.co.nz	28 November
Wairoa Branch Velvet Antler Competition	29 November
South Canterbury/North Otago Branch Velvet Antler Competition	29 November
Marlborough Branch Velvet Antler Competition	29 November
Taranaki Branch Velvet Antler Competition	4 December
National Velvet & Trophy Antler Competition Entries close - 5 December Velvet to be received at Wrightson Invercargill – 1.00pm, 7 December Judging Day – 8 December Awards Dinner – 9 December, velvet on display from 6.15 pm	9 December
World Veterinary Deer Congress, Queenstown For more information contact Sue Bastiaansen – ph (03) 756 9002, email bastiaansens@maf.govt.nz	21-24 February 2004
Antler Science and Product Technology Symposium Millennium Hotel, Queenstown. For registration information see www.aspt2.co.nz or email Linda.Murray@agresearch.co.nz , ph (03) 489 9011	24-27 February 2004
Mystery Creek National Field Days – Hamilton	16–19 June 2004
NZDFA Branch Chairmen's Meeting, Wairakei	21 June 2004
2004 Deer Industry Conference Including NZDFA AGM and Deer Industry New Zealand FGM	22-23 June 2004

>>> OTHER NEWS

Cervena Review

A Discussion Document seeking feedback as part of the Cervena Trust's review of the Cervena programme is available for all interested parties.

A copy of the Discussion Document is available on-line at <http://www.deernz.org/?id=37#contentsection2063>, by emailing review@cervena.com, or call the Deer Industry New Zealand office on (04) 382 8626.

All industry participants are invited to provide their feedback. Submissions are requested back as soon as possible, **but no later than 14 November**. Results from the review are expected to be reported at the end of the year.

Cervena Review Discussion Document available.

Feedback due in no later than 14 November.

Deer Notes

Grading Guidelines – Clarification

Enquiries have been received seeking clarification on the maximum top length permitted for SA grades (including SA1, SA2 and the new SA grade).

- The maximum top length for all SA grades is the same as the stick's circumference (the lesser of the circumference measurements at the two circumference measurement points).
- This has not changed since implemented in 1996/97.

Velvet Grading: Clarification on SA Grade top length

German Economic Outlook

There are signs Germany's economy may be on the verge of a consumer-led recovery but also questions as to whether increased consumer confidence will persist.

While German growth is still expected to fall short of 1% for the third year in a row, the forecast of 2% growth in 2004 now looks more achievable. Traditionally it is the export sector that has led Germany out of past recessions but this time the export sector is being hampered by the strong Euro.

Source: Newsletter of the NZ-German Business Association – see www.germantrade.co.nz

Possibly some good news for the German economy?

Deer Industry News – Out Now

If you can't wait for the hard copy version, the latest issue of Deer Industry News is available on-line at the following link: <http://www.deernz.org/?id=34>

It includes a feature on labour, skills and workforce issues and articles covering:

- Venison promotion in Europe and new products launched at ANUGA
- Velvet removal and welfare
- Environment Award winners
- Agriculture Emissions Research Levy
- Industry Consultation on GM
- Disease Surveillance
- Johne's Disease epidemiology study

Deer Industry News Issue 6 available on-line.

Flatulence Tax Blown Off?

As reported widely in the media, there have been positive and promising discussions between Ministers, the Primary Industry Council and the Pastoral Greenhouse Gas Research Consortium about the proposed Agriculture Emissions Research (AER) Levy.

Discussions have centred on the development of a science plan to meet the Government's objectives for an expanded industry-funded research programme that would deliver productivity benefits for farmers without the need for the proposed AER Levy. This science plan already largely exists in the Pastoral Greenhouse Gas Research Consortium (PGGRC) and is being extended with funding from new and existing members and matched by FRST. Research priorities are being added to those already under way, particularly research into nitrous oxide emissions.

The PGGRC is funded by Fonterra, Dairy Insight, DEEResearch, Meat New Zealand, and Wrightson. It has also received some public funds from the Foundation for Research, Science, and Technology. AgResearch is a member and science provider to the consortium. The New Zealand Fertiliser Manufacturers Research Association is also finalising its involvement in the consortium.

Consortium research may replace proposed Agriculture Emissions Research Levy

Deer Notes has it on good advice that 'Myrtle', the tractor that was driven up Parliament's steps in protest at the proposed flatulence tax, has a close connection with Waikato deer commentator Myrtle Snodgrass. A warning note to wannabe tractor-driving-protestors however - Myrtle's second trip to Wellington was to take its driver to Court!

Deer Notes

AHB Director Elections

John Dalziell and Andrew MacPherson have been reappointed to the Board of the Animal Health Board for further three year terms.

AHB Board Members appointed.

AHB Board Members are appointed by the AHB Representatives' Committee comprising representatives of:

- Dairy InSight
- Dairy Farmers of New Zealand (Federated Farmers)
- Deer Farmers' Association
- Deer Industry New Zealand
- Meat and Fibre section of Federated Farmers
- Local Government New Zealand
- Meat New Zealand.

The Terms of Reference of the Representatives' Committee are currently under review, but the appointment of AHB Board Members is currently one of the Committee's main responsibilities.

The Crown is expected to make two appointments to the Representatives' Committee in the near future as part of restructuring which saw the position of crown appointee to the AHB Board disestablished.

Special Market Report – ANUGA

Just back from the market yesterday, including 4 days at ANUGA the world's largest food trade show, Mark O'Connor and Mat Moyes are preparing a full report of their findings and developments in the market. This will be sent to all known deer farmers shortly.

Full market report including developments at ANUGA out soon.

National GM Roadshow

The Environmental Risk Management Authority (ERMA) is conducting a roadshow in November to allow interested people to meet members of ERMA and to discuss issues surrounding ERMA's management of GM.

Roadshow to discuss ERMA's Management of GM

The roadshows are broken into 4 sessions over 2 days to allow people with different levels of interest and information attend different sessions.

Details of scheduled meetings are set out below. A detailed programme and registration brochure can be downloaded from the ERMA website at the following link:

<http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/news-events/focus/gm-roadshow.asp>

Registration (apparently free) is necessary for some sessions at each meeting.

Hamilton Quality Hotel, 100 Garnett Avenue, Hamilton.	4-5 Nov
Auckland Centra, Cnr Kirkbride & Ascot Roads, Mangere.	6-7 Nov
Palmerston North Quality Hotel, 110 Fitzherbert Avenue, Palmerston North.	11-12 Nov
Wellington Convention Centre, 111 Wakefield Street, Wellington.	13-14 Nov
Christchurch Holiday Inn, 356 Oxford Terrace, Christchurch.	18-19 Nov
Dunedin Public Art Gallery, 30 The Octagon, Dunedin.	20-21 Nov

Deer Notes is published by Deer Industry New Zealand PO Box 10-702 Wellington, New Zealand	Tel: +64-4 382 8626 Fax: +64-4 382 9143 www.deernz.org www.velvet.org.nz www.nzvenison.com	While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of its content, Deer Notes alone is not to be substituted for direct advice on any matter addressed.	Deer Industry New Zealand is the operating name of the Game Industry Board.
---	--	--	---