

“Making the DIFFerence”

DEER INDUSTRY FOCUS FARMS PROJECT

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South Canterbury / North Otago – WHITEROCK STATION

Next Field Day:
WHITEROCK STATION
MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 12.30PM
See over page for details

Sept/Oct Summary:

	Actual	Av.	Last Year		Actual	Last Mont Last Year		
MONTHLY RAINFALL	125	125	89		PASTURE COVER	1500	1200 1700	
RAINFALL TO DATE	719	584	574		Pasture Growth Paddocks	40	20 10	
					Pasture Growth Hill	15	5	
Sept/Oct 09	STOCK NUMBERS & FEED DEMAND (Month End)			MINIMUM FEED COVER		STOCK COMMENTS	STOCK WEIGHTS	
	No.	kgDM/hd	TOTAL	kgDM/ha	cm/ha		Weight kgLW	LWG
Br Hinds to Wap Stag	550	2.5	1375	1200	3.5	Set Stocked on Hill		
Br Hinds to Red Stag	310	2.5	775	1200	3.5	Set Stocked on Hill		
R2 Hinds to Spikers	200	2.5	500	1200	3.5	Set Stocked on Hill		
Total IC Hinds	1060							
Red Weaner Hinds	240	2.5	600	1200	3.5	Sept: Transition Kale - Grass/Barley @ 200gms/day		
Red Weaner Stags	240	2.5	600	1200	3.5	Tops on Grass		
Wap X Wnr Stags		2.5	0	1200	3.5	All Sold		405gm/day
Wap X Wnr Hinds	189	2.5	473	1200	3.5	Tops on Grass		362gm/day
R3 East Stags (AI)	11	4	44	1200	3.5	On grass rotation + grain- Pdks		
Sire Stags	40	4	160	1200	3.5	In Paddocks		
MA & R3 Heifers	252	10	2520	1500	5	Calved on deer blks now taken out & calves marked		
R2 Heifers	58	10	580	1500	5	Calved on deer blks now taken out & calves marked		
R1 Heifers	72	9	648	1200	3.5	On River flats		
R1 Steers	107	9	963	1000	2.5	Sold bottom 25hd in Sept. On Gorge Flats		
Sire Bulls	6	10	60	1000	2.5	In Pdks		
TOTAL			9298					
FEED DEMAND (Actual kgDM/ha/day)			28.8	Pdks	5.5	Hill		
FORECAST PASTURE GROWTH			50.0	Pdks	25.0	Hill		
Kilograms Liveweight/Ha			286					

- The kind spring continues and Whiterock is looking great – both farm and stock.
- Ross has been busy getting paddocks sprayed out, worked, fertiliser etc for winter/summer feed crops. There are large areas out for new grass, fodder crops etc which has reduced options for making grass silage over and above the river terraces and oat/grass green chop. Higher yearling deer and cattle numbers are helping to keep up with growth.



- The Fodder Beet was sown on the 5th of October. Work prior to and around this crop was:
 - Ex Hunter/Crusader sprayed out 3l/ha Glyphosate 450 & 400ml/ha Versatil.
 - Fertiliser 400kg/ha mix of Borate, Crop 20, Kieserite, Pot Chloride, Salt. Lime 2.5T/ha.
 - Grubbed twice, maxi till once. Harrow cambridge rolled pre & post drill.
 - Precision drilled using Progressive Plant Solutions @ 100,000 plants/ha.
 - Sprayed with 2l/ha Norton + 150l/ha water post drill.
 - Now on crop watch for next spray.
 - Will be discussed in more detail at field day with Allister Moorehead of Agricom.
- 170 Tonne of Lime has gone on paddocks < 5.8 and Ammo 31 applied as maintenance fertiliser (no phosphate as Olsen P very high).
- The breeding hinds all got a copper/selenium (and Ross a boot or 2!!) prior to set stocking.
- All the yearling Wap X stags have been finished & starting on the tops of Wap x Hinds & Red Stags (weight drafted). The balance of venison yearlings received an Oxfen oral.
- The red yearling replacements have been given a Cydectin injection + multi-min.
- Spring indicative weaner growth rates have been 405gms/day for Wap Stags and 367gms/day for Wap Hinds. More weaner growth rates on the field day....
- The bottom 25 yearling steers were sold in September. While the spring cattle market relative to the autumn heights is subdued Ross & Sally still made \$100/hd or 13c/kgDM. In theory bugger all in it considering the cost of Kale BUT the kale was already in the ground & we needed mouths on to get through it.

MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

WHITEROCK STATION FOCUS FARM FIELD DAY

from 12.30pm SHARP

BYO lunch prior to day

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| 12.30pm | Deer Nutrition & Performance | Paul Stephenson, Nutritionist, Agricom |
| 1.00pm | Property Tour | |
| | Weaner Performance | |
| | Spring Ag Program & Dryland Options | Rebecca Rose, PGGWrightson |
| | Fodder Beet & Forage Crop Management | Allister Moorehead, Agricom |
| 3.00pm | Afternoon Tea | |
| 3.30pm | Woolshed Presentation | |
| | Z Tags & Gallagher's RFID Demonstration | |
| 4.30pm | Finish | Refreshments kindly provided by South Canterbury Toyota |

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