

"Making the DIFFerence"

DEER INDUSTRY FOCUS FARMS PROJECT

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South Canterbury / North Otago – WHITEROCK STATION

Next Field Day:
WHITEROCK STATION
WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2010 12.30PM

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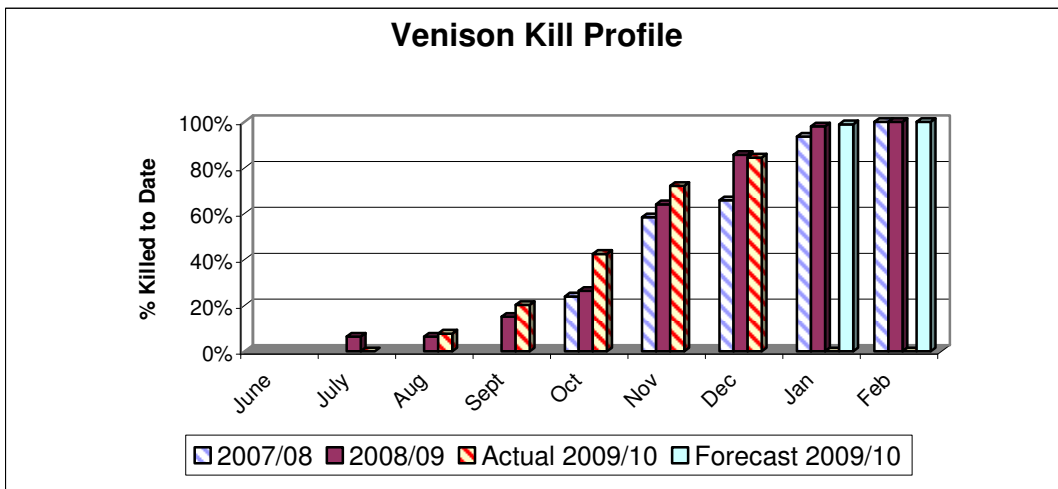
Nov/Dec Summary:

	Actual	Av.	Last Year		Actual	Last Mont	Last Year	
MONTHLY RAINFALL Dec to Dat	33	74	94	PASTURE COVER	1600	1500	1200	
RAINFALL TO DATE	758	726	678	Pasture Growth Paddocks	32			
				Pasture Growth Hill	6			
Dec-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	3	1650	1200	3.5	Set Stocked on Hill		
Br Hinds to Red Stag	310	3	930	1200	3.5	Set Stocked on Hill		
R2 Hinds to Spikers	200	3	600	1200	3.5	Set Stocked on Hill		
Total IC Hinds	1060							
Red Weaner Hinds	240	2.5	600	1200	3.5	On grass rotation		
Red Weaner Stags	119	2.5	298	1200	3.5	On grass rotation		
Wap X Wnr Stags						All Sold		
Wap X Wnr Hinds						All Sold		
R3 East Stags (AI)	11	4	44	1200	3.5	On grass rotation		
Sire Stags	40	4	160	1200	3.5	In Paddocks		
MA & R3 Heifers	252	12	3024	1500	5	Calved at 97%. Bulls out 4th Dec.		
R2 Heifers	58	12	696	1500	5	Calved at 98%. Bulls at 4th Dec		
R1 Heifers	72	10	720	1200	3.5	On River flats		
R1 Steers	80	10	800	1000	2.5	27 Steers sold Five Star @ 422kgLW		
Sire Bulls	6	10	60	1000	2.5	In Pdks		
TOTAL			9582					
FEED DEMAND (Actual kgDM/ha/day)		26.0		Pdks	6.0	Hill		
FORECAST PASTURE GROWTH Jan		15.0		Pdks	10.0	Hill		

- Despite relatively low rainfall for Nov and Dec Whiterock is still holding up well.
- Development of an oversown hill block last year has had a major impact on freeing up paddocks for silage & crops targeted for young stock in the autumn.
- Cows and calves have come down onto paddocks to control feed. Now back on hill with bulls.
- A mob of hinds/fawns will be brought down onto oversown block to control pasture quality in January.



- 85% of venison weaners have been killed to date with only 96 to kill in Jan/Feb.



- Ross has been flat out with Ag Work getting 38ha of winter feed, 30ha of summer rape, 24ha sown down into grass and 58ha taken out for silage. This is 65% of the paddock taken out over Oct/Nov and early Dec.
- Kale paddocks have been slow to establish with dry/cold conditions. Ross is on the look for insect damage in all the brassica crops.
- An experimental paddock of Winfred Rape/Red Clover and Plantain has been sown in a front dry corner 3.6ha. To be used by weaners in autumn.
- 12ha of silage on riverflat was sprayed with Glyphosate pre-harvest to maximise twitch kill. Rye-corn will be sown into this area in Jan.
- Weeds in the Fodder Beet have been very challenging. It has had four weed sprays to date. Plant population looks ok.

WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2010

WHITEROCK STATION FOCUS FARM FIELD DAY

from 12.30pm SHARP

BYO lunch prior to day

- 12.30pm Carbon & Farming – What is the State of Play?**
 - Carbon Footprint on Whiterock
 - Clayton Wallwork Manager, Carbon Farming Group
- 1.00pm Property Tour**
 Late Summer Hind Management
 Practical Environmental Management on Deer Farms
 - Otago Regional Council & ECAN Nicola McGrouther & Julia Crossman
- 3.00pm Afternoon Tea**
- 3.30pm Woolshed Presentation:**
 Financial Budget Update Ross & Sally Stevens & Nicky Hyslop
 Market Update Murray Behrent, Alliance Group Ltd.
- 4.30pm Finish** Refreshments kindly provided by South Canterbury Toyota

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