



Chrome Sheep Studs is looking for an enthusiastic passionate person to work with us in our commercial prime lamb & stud sheep enterprises. This is an opportunity to be involved in a progressive young modern farming team.

The successful applicant would need:

- Excellent livestock husbandry skills
- Own working dogs
- Experienced operating farm machinery

The successful applicant must be self motivated, have good communication skills, work with other staff & closely with owners. Remuneration is negotiable depending on experience & qualifications.

Business Background

Owners: Matt and Tanya Tonissen

Farm Size/Location

The operation is a family operated business currently employing an additional 2 full time staff members.

1074 Ha (including 30% leased country)

Our land is split over 2 blocks Glenleigh our leased block where we live (5km west of Hamilton) and Chrome which is about 10 km away (15km south west of Hamilton).

Livestock

Current carrying about 5,500 sheep including a self replacing flock of 1200 maternal stud ewes (Coopworth, Chromedale Maternal Composite and Perendale) and 550 Poll Dorset ewes. Weaner rams, ewe replacements and a commercial prime lamb producing ewe flock make up the balance of the sheep numbers. Through the use of EID technology and stud programs our stud sheep are all pedigree recorded and the latest advances in breeding technology have been utilised to accelerate our progress, including Embryo Transfer and AI programs. Our Annual ram sales are held in October and January each year. Sheep handling facilities feature a modern set of undercover yards at Chrome and a central laneway system.

Cropping

Approx 150 ha of autumn sown crops including Wheat and Canola.

100 - 150 ha of spring sown Brassica crops for finishing and growing out lambs. Pasture renovation, silage making and spraying make up the balance of the tractor work.

STATIONHAND POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Stationhand position is to assist with general farm duties associated with the whole farm business, working alongside each member of the team and report directly to the Livestock Overseer. On the job training will be provided as well as any other relevant short courses. A 3 bedroom cottage is available for successful applicant. Some after hours and weekend work may be required at odd times throughout the year.

Duties/ training provided in the following areas:

- Mustering and drenching
- Lamb marking
- Some Crutching
- Odd shed work may be required during shearing
- Sheep stud record collection including catch/ tag stud lambs at birth during lambing
- The use of RFID tags and equipment for sheep
- Supplementary feeding
- Fencing
- Pasture Management and establishment
- Grazing Management
- Livestock husbandry techniques
- Sowing
- Spraying
- Silage making
- Grain handling including maintenance of grain equipment, transport grain from field to storage
- Tractor and machinery operation
- Basic maintenance of equipment, such as vehicles, tractors, yards, machinery

Essential Skills/Attributes

- Attention to detail
- Good communication skills.
- Be able to work in a team environment
- Ability to give close attention to instructions.
- Self motivated, honest, reliable and strong work ethic
- Driver's Licence
- Be fit and healthy
- A willingness to learn and the desire to pursue a career in Agriculture
- Must have own working dogs
- Excellent livestock husbandry skills
- Experience operating farm machinery

Applications close 5th February 2016

Any queries can be directed to Matt on 0417 149 805

Please send a cover letter with resume clearly stating which position you are applying for, including two referees to:

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