

Carrfields



Callum Dunnett

We are excited to contract the services of Callum Dunnett, Genetics Representative from Carrfields Livestock Ltd. Callum is a well-known face to us all. He is now directly supporting the marketing of our bulls and rams and helping CLL to provide support in ensuring a high level of purchasing support and liaison. We have had some great reports back from all our clients that he has contacted.

A big G'day to all. As I write this our Spring, or lack of it in the south, is making farming a bit trying at present. The weather has been wet and cool for at least two-three weeks and feed covers are under pressure. Having said that Canterbury apparently can do with rain - go figure!! I'm sure the moisture we are getting now will stand us in good stead later in the season. Meat products are at great levels at present, especially sheep meat, and I am convinced the natural products will attract premiums over the human generated fake meat!! It's unnatural to think meat doesn't come from an animal!! The ram hoggets and yearling bulls have handled the shift to Clutha Downs well and are doing as good as can be expected in this average Spring. Shane, as usual, is doing a great job with them. As stated I think natural meat will win out in the end and our breeds are at the premium end of this. Also I can see in my travels that Peters Genetic bred stock are handling the trying Spring well. So all the best for the new season ahead and here's hoping the environmental lobby don't take all the cream off the top of what I think will be a good income year!!

Regards, Brent Taylor (Rubber)



Left to right: Ben, James and Sharon McKeown, Merv and Dan Moore

A happy group of loyal South Canterbury clients in the sun at Teviot at ram selection time. These two families farm beside each other in the Totara Valley near Pleasant Point.

The Moores are long time clients which means they must be happy with results - going by the quality of their ewe hoggets I had the pleasure of viewing last Spring I can see why. They were exceptional - a real credit to Merv and Dan, and we would like to think Peters Genetics too!!

The McKeown's have been with us for the last few years and are really pleased with the improvement in their breeding flock. Sharon also does a mean whitebait Pattie!!

Brent Taylor - Carrfields



**Great mothering ability
- Clayton and Morgan at tagging time**



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2019 has been a difficult year for Trevor. He's hit a few head winds, but he is making great progress. He is strong and he will pull through this blood cancer that he's got. He has got lots of challenges in front of him. All his grandchildren have given him a massive lift to go forward - so that's number one, along with his lovely wife and all his fantastic children.

Businesswise, as some of you may know, I am moving aside, not that I really want to, but my health has encouraged me to slow down a bit and review what I'm doing day-to-day. Thankfully Clayton has been able to step into the breach and is leading the business. As you can see, we have got some big changes happening, as well as having moved all the stud operation and Shane from Teviot Valley back to Clutha Downs, Beaumont. The stud breeding ewes are still at Spylaw (Clayton and Jeannette) and Bullock Range (Morgan and Megan).

I am very happy with the big picture in that the sheep are sound for this time of year, despite the pretty dry autumn. Shane keeps me posted with stud reports and the most recent results makes me think we are definitely still on the right track. Hoping to see you at Ram Selling, talk later, **Trevor**



"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and *hang on*."
Franklin D. Roosevelt

Fall down seven times
Stand up eight
Japanese Proverb

Spylaw Farms



Peters Genetics has "Bounce-Back Ability"

Three generations - Josh, Trevor, Clayton



From a feast to a famine! We have gone from too much grass last spring to no grass this spring! (at least we won't have bearing problems or ewe deaths!).

With having so much grass last spring we were able to shut up balage paddocks early and get it made before it dried out. We ended up making double what we needed, which turned out to be a blessing when we couldn't get bulls away to the works in the Autumn.

Winter started off dryer than normal - it was great to be able to move the breaks without having to plough through the mud! But things started to turn to custard after the first snow with the 2tooths starting to abort their lambs with Brandenburg. So, with a few stressful days (as if everything else that was going on wasn't stressfully enough!) the 2tooth ewes were set stocked about 5 weeks early.

With the stud ewes we have done more DNA work and the 2tooths have now joined the 4tooth ewes in the DNA mob. This year was the first time we have done foetal aging with the DNA ewes at scanning time. This took a lot of concentrating from our Scanner Justin Meikle and Jeannette!

We welcome Hamish McNaughton - our new 2IC and his family along with Billy Blair to Spylaw Farms

Lyders Family

Stock Manager, Graham Kenny, and the dry ewe hoggets



The Lyders Family of Mount Stuart in the Waitahuna area are long time and loyal clients. The late Ross, Sonia and family, Jason and Janine and family along with long serving stock manager (43 years!!) Graham Kenny run Hebron-a 610ha effective sheep and beef property.

The farm carries 4200 Romney ewes, 1500 Romney ewe Hoggets, 120 Angus Mixed age cows and 40 Angus Heifer replacements. The flock consistently scans at 180% and lambs at 150%. 85% of the ewe hoggets are lambed. All lambing is unshepherded. Lamb kill weights are around the 18-18.5kg average. The cows all go to the Angus bull and like the ewes are hands off at calving time!! Steer and cull heifer calves are sold at weaning.

One reason for the easy care regime at Hebron is Jason and Janine also run a substantial contracting business - J.R.Lyders Contracting. They specialise in agricultural work, silage and hay making. The business employs 6 fulltime staff along with Jason - so there is never a dull moement in the operation. The

Lyders have always had a reputation for top stock and this is evident in the quality of the hoggets in the photo - easily 50kgs plus. It is a real feather in Peters Genetics cap that they use our rams and Angus bulls.

Mt Brown Halfbreds

This year the ewes went to the ram in great condition after a wet summer, which reflected in the scanning results , 190%.

Six-month weights and eye muscle scanning was slightly up on last year which is great.

Shearing of hoggets was great with wool holding up alright and averaging 23.5 micron.

Lambing has gone really well - we have had a great spell of weather in Central and now it's time for tailing.

So all in all it's been a good year and things are improving, looking forward to catching up with clients and future clients.

Stacey (Lowey) Anderson



CP Wool ACCOUNT SALES OF WOOL SOLD - Mt Brown

Lot No	Description	Bales	Greasy Net kg	Price		Gross \$ Amount	Buyer	Mic	SD Yield	VM	Col Y-Z
				Greasy	Clean						
553	1/2 HOG	8	1,320	1,210	1,640	15972.00	AMEN	23.8	73.8	0.2	0.7
554	1/2 HOG NKS/BKS	1	174	1,160	1,636	2018.40	MAS	22.9	70.9	0.2	0.8
Totals	Sold	9	1,494			17,990.40					

Enclosed is your Ram Order Form. Please fill in and return by 8th November, or submit online

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Not only do we produce top quality genetics for sheep and cattle, we also offer transport services. Our new truck driver, Rick Eagle, is taking our transport business by the horns and is eager to build on it and provide a high-quality service to other farmers and especially our clients. With two Hino 700 truck and trailer units on the road, one a dedicated stock unit and one dual purpose, we are able to tackle most jobs offering a competitive pricing structure.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any enquiries.

We look forward to working alongside you and your business.

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Market Trends

World dynamics are having a dramatic effect on all protein. The African swine fever is affecting up to 35% of the pig population in China
Australian drought continuing.
NZ lamb and sheep numbers at historic lows.

All of the above is having a material effect with prices at record levels.

All cuts of lamb are in strong demand from various world markets and we see prices remaining firm even when lamb flows commence in December.

Mutton into China is being sent as carcase or in six-way cuts and will remain firm at current levels through to Chinese New Year shipments.

Only co-products such as wool and pelts are struggling to show signs of improvement.

Murray Behrent, Alliance



Bull Sale

The bull sale was held again in June at Teviot. We wish to thank the Affleck family for allowing us to hold it here for the last time.

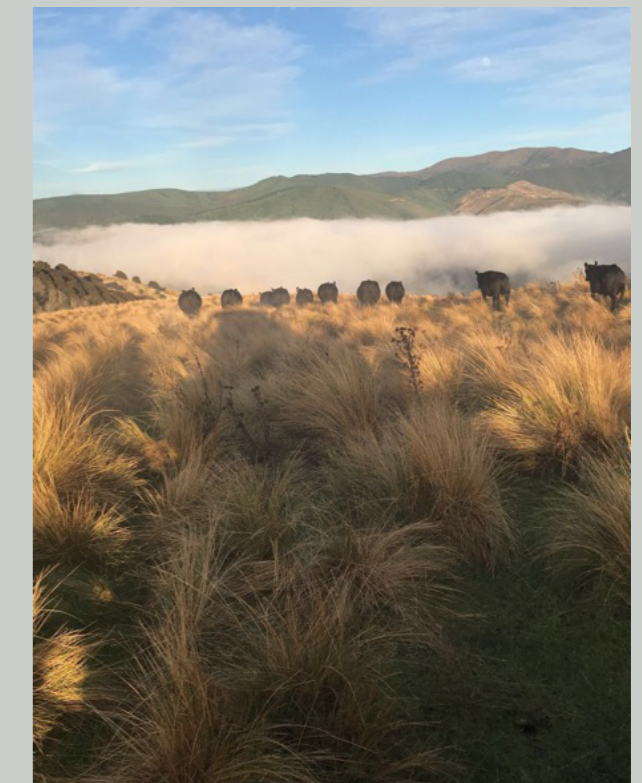
Yearling Bulls came through winter well and into a challenging climatical spring!!!!

Some new sires in our line up for this years sale in May.

With strong demand for yearling Angus Bulls we will be holding an on farm sale in October 2020.



Duncan & Melissa Steele from 'Langley Downs' Pleasant Point with boys Thomas, Henry and Charlie – Peters Angus Bull Sale 2019



First calving heifers heading to lower country for calving. Hill genetics proving their worth on undeveloped hill country