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The Future Farmer Programme

The Future Farmer programme is a 44 week training course offered by Agriculture New Zealand in partnership with Landcorp. The programme gives young people a good grounding in farming and prepares them for a career in the agricultural industry. Up to 16 Future Farmer students train on Landcorp's Aratiatia Station in Taupo each year. In the process they earn themselves a number of qualifications, including a National Certificate in Agriculture, (Level 3). Aratiatia Station is a 3,000 hectare property that performs highly as one of Landcorp's sheep and cattle breeding properties. It has a high performing ewe flock of around 10,000 with a five-year average lambing percentage of 151%. Its 2,000 beef cows have averaged 93% for the same period.

Future Farmer Students learn basic farm skills in ATVs and tractor driving, livestock husbandry, pasture management, machinery use and fencing; as well as farm safety and life skills. Agriculture New Zealand's qualified tutors provide theory and practical tuition. Landcorp's staff provide on-going supervision and guidance as Future Farmer students develop their farming skills. At the end of the year the students who meet Landcorp's standard are given the opportunity to apply for Farm Trainee positions with Landcorp, where they can gain experience on up to three farms over three years. Given Landcorp's scale and geographic spread, the opportunities for successful graduates of the Future Farmer programme are endless.

Programme Aims

As well as supporting students to help them gain the qualifications on offer, Agriculture New Zealand and Landcorp have a number of broader aims for the Future Farmer Programme.

We aim to:

- Develop the skills and confidence students need to set themselves up for a career in farming
- Provide students with a safe and supportive learning environment
- Develop student's self esteem and their motivation to succeed
- Improve the educational and life opportunities for our students
- Facilitate future career opportunities by introducing students to Landcorp as a potential employer
- Provide Landcorp and the agricultural industry with appropriately skilled farm staff



Timetable

February Orientation Week - Careers in Agriculture
Communication in the Workplace- Working Safely On-Farm
Landcorp Welcome
Introduction to Agrivehicles and Machinery

March Industry Overview
Calendar of Events for Sheep & Beef Farming Operations
First Aid
Animal Physiology

April Handling & Treating Livestock
Pastures

EASTER RECESS – 1 WEEK

May Livestock Feeding
Cropping

June Sheep Module
Fencing Skills

JUNE RECESS – 1 WEEK

July Wool Production - Activities & Hazards in the Woolshed
Livestock
Advanced Agrivehicles

August Shearing
Cattle Module

September Farm Calculations
Lambs and Lambing - Sheep Mating

SEPTEMBER RECESS – 2 WEEKS

October Sheep Reproduction, Sheep Breeding & Ram Selection
Agrichemicals

November Weeds - Plant Pests, Diseases & Disorders
Check and Report on Livestock

December Cattle Mating & Reproduction
Graduation

This timetable is a guide only and is subject to change.



Programme Structure

The Future Farmer programme is run over 44 weeks including scheduled recess breaks. An average training day is from 7.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday-Friday. One to two days each week will see students in the classroom, working through the timetable which has been developed to match the farming calendar, completing Unit Standards that contribute toward a National Certificate in Agriculture (Level 3) and developing life skills associated with written and verbal communication (literacy and numeracy).

Three to four days of the week are spent on Aratiatia Station putting the classroom learning into practice under the guidance and supervision of Aratiatia farm staff.

Progress Reports

Agriculture New Zealand staff have an approach which allows each individual's goals to be identified and achieved and ensures we meet the needs of students who require additional assistance with any aspect of their programme. Upon enrolment into the programme, students will be interviewed to assess their current skills, personal goals and individual needs. This assessment is used to formulate an individual learning plan for the student. The learning plan will be reviewed with the student monthly. At the end of each month students will be provided with a summary of:

- their achievements
- any issues or concerns that have been identified
- topics to be covered/assessed in the coming month

Student Support

Agriculture New Zealand's Programme Coordinator will work closely with students, farm sponsors and tutors to ensure students are supported during all aspects of the course.

Our staff maintain close relationships with local community support services and will refer students to these agencies if needed.



Fees and Enrolment

This course is approved for New Zealand Domestic Students, you may be eligible for a student allowance and/or student loan through Studylink. Contact us for details regarding eligibility to enrol and current course fees.

If you are under 18 you may not be eligible for a student allowance. Some 16 & 17 year olds may be eligible for an "Away from Home" allowance. For more information contact StudyLink on 0800 88 99 00 or visit www.studylink.govt.nz.

Accommodation

Accommodation is the responsibility of the student. Agriculture New Zealand will provide, a list of accommodation options, such as private board family or flats available to rent, for successful applicants to choose from.

Transport

Transport to and from the programme each day is the responsibility of the student.



Agriculture New Zealand

Agriculture New Zealand is a national multi-site Private Training Establishment. We are registered and accredited with the New Zealand Qualifications Authority to deliver approved training courses at levels 1-6 on the National Qualifications Framework. Agriculture New Zealand has been a specialist provider of quality agricultural and horticultural training since 1993. All of our agriculture programmes have been awarded the AgExcel Quality Mark which is endorsed by DairyNZ and Beef + Lamb New Zealand and recognises industry relevant, superior agricultural training.

Agriculture New Zealand is owned by PGG Wrightson, one of New Zealand's largest agribusinesses, which under various names has served the New Zealand farming industries for well over 100 years. We have skilled staff with qualifications and experience in adult learning and the appropriate discipline who operate out of our 16 permanent locations from Auckland to Invercargill. Our special relationship with farmers throughout New Zealand allows us to provide on-farm training in a commercial farming environment to our students.

Each year our skilled and qualified staff provide training to over 3000 learners throughout New Zealand. Much of the training is delivered in partnership with Telford (a division of Lincoln University), Aoraki Polytechnic and the Western Institute of Technology Taranaki (WITT). We provide training to Landcorp staff throughout New Zealand and deliver the formal training programme on Smedley Station – a long established training farm in the Hawkes Bay.

Agriculture New Zealand provides training for all stages of the agriculture or horticulture career ladder:

- Programmes for School Students – either in school or after school hours
- Full Time pre-employment programmes for people beginning their agricultural and horticultural careers
- Part-Time courses for lifestyle block owners; people employed or looking for a career in the agriculture or horticulture industries; anyone interested in extending their knowledge and skills in a particular interest area
- Farm workers and farm owners

Our full-time courses are ideal for people starting their agriculture or horticulture careers. These courses are offered at various sites throughout New Zealand:

- Future Farmer
- Destination Dairy
- Introductory Rural Skills (Agriculture and Horticulture)
- Fruit Production Cadetship

Our part-time courses provide flexible learning options for a wide range of people and include

- Go Organic
- Applied Organics
- Pasture and Livestock Management
- Riparian Revegetation
- Practical Horticulture
- Go Dairying
- Practical Farming for Small Blockholders
- National Certificates in Agriculture and Horticulture

If you want quality training, you want Agriculture New Zealand!



More Information

For more information about Agriculture New Zealand contact our National Office:
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TAUPO TIMES

Take on a Challenge and Live the Dream!



Hayley Parker, is now 20 years old, is working on Landcorp's Goudies Station.

Hayley Parker was a city girl living in Auckland, with dreams of farming and – one day – working on a sheep muster on horse back.

When she told her parents she wanted to do the Future Farming training programme through Agricultural New Zealand, they were a bit taken aback.

“I had no farming background. It was one of those dreams you have when you're a kid, but it never seemed possible.”

“But I got more interested in it and found out what sort of courses there were out there.” Hayley did a Gateway programme in Year 13 – and then found out about the Future Farming training programme. “When I left school, I didn't want to be stuck in a classroom all day – I wanted to do the practical work.”

Hayley spent the next year working four out of five days on Aratiatia Station in Taupo, which is jointly run by Agriculture New Zealand and Landcorp Farming Ltd.

The programme is a one year introduction to drystock farm skills, designed for school leavers and for those looking for a career in agriculture.

Students from a diverse range of backgrounds and ages are trained in a wide range of onfarm skills. Up to 14 students are selected each year and they will spend one day a week in class and four days a week on farm engaged in practical, hands-on learning. Students gain skills such as how to use equipment safely, feed budgeting, pasture analysis and stock health.

“We got all sorts of experience from tractor work, chainsaw skills, stock work; vaccinating, crutching, drenching and fencing – everything really.”

Hayley, now 20 years old, is working on Landcorp's Goudies Station – a sheep, beef and deer genetics farm which borders the Kiangaroo forest on Goudies Road accessed from Reporoa. “I am really happy. What I'm doing is what I love.”

“A dream of mine is to do a big muster on horse back with a good team of dogs.”

Agriculture New Zealand's qualified tutors provide theory and practical tuition while Landcorp's staff provide on-going supervision and guidance as students develop their farming skills. “You get thrown in the deep end,” says Hayley. “You're not eased into it – in a good way. It's good experience and there are always plenty of people you can ask for help.”

Programme coordinator Mark Goss says the Future Farmer programme is a catalyst to step up, take on a challenge and get into learning. “Our reputation as a high quality training programme means we interview a wide range of students from all over NZ, but what we are looking for is the desire to succeed in farming.”

At the end of the year, the students who meet Lancorp's criteria are given the opportunity to apply for farm trainee positions with Landcorp. Given Landcorp's scale and geographical spread, the opportunities for successful graduates of the Future Farmer programme are endless.

By Sheryl Brown



Employment with Landcorp Farming means working at the forefront of agricultural production in New Zealand. The Company's vision is to be, quite simply, the best agribusiness in the world and that is reflected in a commitment to best practice in everything we do!

To work with Landcorp means sharing that vision and taking on that commitment as part of a team. The Company facilitates this for every employee through an integrated set of programmes and people management systems.

Landcorp's on-going development strategy has provided many new employment opportunities for young people who seek an exciting career in agriculture. With 550+ staff and 1.6 million stock units of sheep, beef, deer and dairy across over 100 farms, Landcorp is by far the largest farmer in New Zealand.

Training more young people to be equipped with the skills that agriculture needs is essential for our Company, the industry, and the economic wealth of the country.

Run in conjunction with Agriculture New Zealand's qualified tutors and the on-job training on Landcorp farms, the Future Farmer Programme at Taupo is an ideal opportunity to commence a career in farming.

Chris Kelly
Chief Executive
Landcorp Farming Ltd



New Zealand's agricultural sector is well positioned for growth on the back of ever increasing global demand for safe food, driven by population expansion and a burgeoning middle class particularly in emerging economies.

While we are blessed with one of the world's best growing environments, we need to constantly remind ourselves that our true competitive advantage resides in the skill and knowledge of our people. That in effect, the heart of our industry is based on our 'kiwi expertise'.

The Future Farmer programme, a joint initiative of Agriculture New Zealand and Landcorp, represents a practical programme that helps improve on-farm human productivity. Landcorp remains committed to ongoing training for its staff and uses Agriculture New Zealand to provide much of this training.

As the leading advisor and supplier of services and products to New Zealand's farming sector, PGG Wrightson supports this programme whole heartedly. Personally, I would commend it to anyone with a genuine desire to learn.

George Gould
Managing Director

Don't delay ... step into YOUR future farming career now!

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