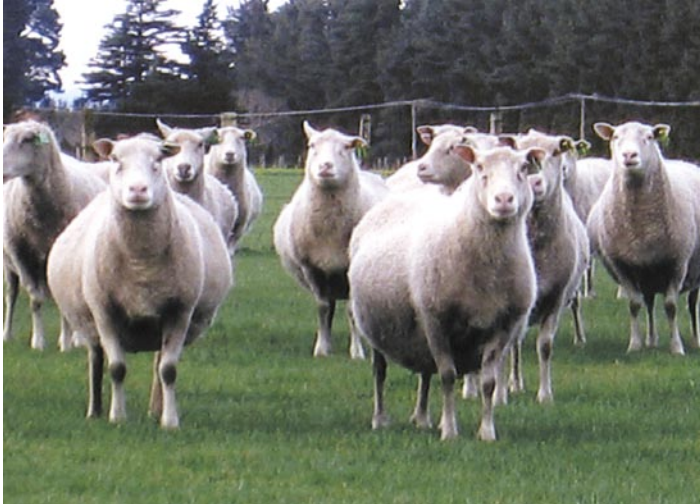


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LINKING FARMER PRODUCERS WITH END USERS



Curious, robust, intelligent Finn ewes with triplets aboard.
OSRS, August 2005

OSRS, OPEN DAYS, SPRING 2005

Saturday 29 October. Robert Carter, Kirikau Valley,
King Country

Tuesday 8 November. Robin Hilson, Burnside SH2,
Takapau

Thursday 24 November (New clients) and

Friday 25 November (Established clients). Colin
McDonald, Pope Rd, Tokanui, Southland

Each day will be similar, starting at 10am. Lunch will
be provided, also tea and coffee. A wide selection of
rams, ewes and lambs will be penned at each site.
Breeding flocks may be viewed.

These informal days are an opportunity to view stock,
talk farming, and ask questions.

Dean Williamson (Country-Wide) has moved to Auckland.
New Zealanders migration from south to north, rural to
urban continues. No doubt Dean's service to farmers will
still be excellent; but the move has surprised many.

Good luck Dean



Two of New Zealand's finest sights. Ruapehu and lots of
sheep.



Wild bees in the Paratu woolshed. Home grown honey.
January, 2005



Mating dorper ewes with April-May born lambs at foot. Seven
rams hassling a ewe. 'Burnside' 20 August, 2005

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What is this object? Answer, page 2. Bottom LHS column.

REARING MULTIPLE LAMBS

Rearing surplus multiple lambs makes good sense. Chris, Janet and Amy Gardner, who farm just outside Cambridge, last year had a scanning of 201% and ultimately finished with 169% lambs weaned. This is an excellent result close to the theoretical best for field lambing. They saved 100 extra lambs that would have normally been lost.

The Gardener's have perfected a system for rearing spare lambs that good shepherding has identified as weak. The losses of triplet and orphan lambs are minimized. Mismothered lambs or the weakest of triplets are bought back to the woolshed, where they are sprayed, given penicillin and then fed small quantities of colostrum up to 6 times daily. When the lambs are ok they are then taken to another pen and given access to fresh water and meal. Here they get 3 daily feeds of 300mls of colostrum. Pens are sprayed weekly with antibacterial spray. After 7-10 days the lambs, which are healthy, move on to a twice daily feed of 400mls of colostrum and have access to meal. After a further 7 days they are taken out to a paddock and fed 400mls of colostrum once per day. They have access to meal adlib. The lambs are weaned at 10kg body weight.

The biggest problem identified is abomasal bloat after the colostrum was finished. Bloat killed 10 lambs. Rearing costs were \$25.00 per head (excluding labour). Labour was minimal once the system was set up.

Profitability - Lambs averaged \$69.00 per head for the whole season. 100 orphans, whose value was only \$1.00 as a slinky, earned \$6900 at the cost of \$2500 for rearing.

Comment - "This system saves lambs which would otherwise die. All the assisted lambs are culled. Our breeding objective is to have every ewe rearing her twin lambs".

Chris Gardner

Prediction - Farmers are spending less time shepherding. Tough Finn Texel ewes are 'easy-care'. Time is available for lamb rearing systems. Within a decade large-scale lamb rearing of spare "multiples" will be common.



*Chris Gardner's lamb rearing system. Orphans feeding.
Cambridge. August, 2004*



*Robert Carter, mud and poles. Trying conditions have not stopped progress. Covered yards for ram selling.
Kirikau Valley, KC, August 2005*



*OSRS Finn Texel ewe hoggets joined to a highly facial excema tolerant ram.
Kirikau, OSRS West, May 2005*



The Wanganui River wanders through the King Country past pockets of easy-country encircled by steep hills. Very beautiful. Forgotten World Highway, Taumarunui, August 2005



King Country roads disappear into tight valleys, only to much later, reach a farm or two. Kakahi Road, Ohura, August 2005



*Spring in North Taranaki. Green grass and healthy Texel cross ewes.
Arthur and Marie Masters, Mangapapa, 17 August,*

A chip from Robin's jaw. 25 years ago Robin collided with a large hare while slowly driving a Honda 90. Robin felt like dying; the hare died. This fragment ruptured through the skin last month, without bleeding; as fresh as the day it was **chipped off the old block.**



Doris; Myrtle's friend. Robert Carter, OSRS West Meet Doris Ferguson, Myrtle's sister.

Doris became bored in her retirement at the Taumarunui Golf course and is now very happy as the One Stop Ram Shop West Lambulance.

Being very Scottish and nearly 60 years old she has some quite interesting views about the forthcoming election.

I asked her about her sister Myrtle's role as an election prop for Shane Ardern, National candidate for the King Country.

She said, "well of course Myrtle has let herself go a bit you know, lost her way really, but she was always one for the limelight!"

"Of course she had an affair with an Inter-National years ago but that was all hushed up". "She had to go up North for a while".

"Now she pops up again on the steps of parliament, really, she should be doing some proper work!" "I was shocked to see her colour these days, she could get a nice grey rinse put through".

I asked her who she would vote for and she said, "well I'm one for the family you know, I like the idea of the family assistance for young people getting started and the student loan thing too, and of course, what about the power supply thing that chap Bradford organised for National, what a travesty, to think I helped build those lines too!" "Oh gosh, it is so difficult, better vote for the women Clark I think, we have to stick together!"

Well isn't that amazing to think that out here in the rural heartland even the tractors are still wary of National!

Cheers, Robert

COMPLIANCE

Labour cannot claim to be part of New Zealand's economic success. The success happened in spite of Labour. Compliance costs introduced by Labour have really hurt the rural sector. Labour has shifted tasks to district and regional councils which require extra rates.

Labour compliance has created more bureaucracy. Pushes by the Labour government for walking track access, dog motels, and new rules for this and that has created an awful lot of paper work for farmers.

Productive jobs created by this are government few.

A MESSAGE FROM RA

"I have been trying to come home - but nobody is allowed to leave here".

There are some good things here, like lots of possums; some of whom I recognise. They climb trees and yell at me. I bark so loudly, now they're all deaf. Nobody comes to shoot the critters as guns are prohibited.

Robin, you suggested there would be plenty of grass to feed all the lambs which died, and you are right. So many lambs! There is a self-feeding, self-filling, self-cleaning cafeteria system available at all hours for the lambs.

Enough - except, I want to come home...

'This election thingy'

I've been thinking politicians stay around too long. Politicians get bossy and arrogant because they 'know' what's best. I reckon they should only be allowed two terms in parliament. For the first term they would be excited and bubbly, for the second they would be achieving. Then out, back into a productive job again. NZ only needs twenty politicians too.

Pay them well but allow no perks. Just a short exciting life in Wellington, then off.

(Remember Bill Clinton; two entertaining terms with plenty of mischief and ideas, then out. Just as well).

I heard Doris talking to Robert and felt she was a bit cranky and showing her age.

Not a modern Doris. National were twits but that's history. Now, they have a wise politically inexperienced leader. Ideal.

That 'Girls Only' party Labour doesn't know what sweating is, all theory and no life experience. They are so urban. Would Mrs. PM let me have access through her garden? Would she carbon tax me for methane released when I dug holes?

Ye gods, we'll have all girl bureaucracy next.

Robin, your parliament needs some political inexperience and common sense.

Tell Doris she needs to vote on Sunday 20 September and she should leave for Taumarunui some time on the 19th September.

I miss you all terribly, Ra

PS. Please plant a Rata over my earthy remains.



OSRS sign on SH2. Time for a change of government.

GREETINGS FROM SLOPE POINT

We have made it! Finally on the 1st of April we moved into our new house and onto the farm. Its not until you stop travelling up and down the countryside that you realise how much of a drag it has become, now we can stop and enjoy the surroundings.

Our house stands upon the top of a hill with an outlook over the Waipapa beach and shipping lanes.

The weather has caused some interesting comments from the builders, I believe it is one of the worst places in New Zealand to ... pour concrete, attach building paper and what's more attach the roof, not to mention the application of paint and the fixing of bricks and I would also hazard a guess there is more to mention!! Still it is hardly the fault of the brickie when he has just fixed all the windowsills up on the south side of the house and the ferocious rainstorm washes all the mortar out and he has to start all over again!

We have really enjoyed building, with the smooth flow and ease of running down to our very capable builder Barry Stewart who so gratefully sent us two very capable builders, Wiramu and Adam who lived out here 5 days a week and endured some very long hours. Thanks to our staff, who were a great help. Duncan who can turn his hand to just about anything, Ben, Nathan and John who helped fetch, carry and hold down. (Very special thank you to the staff at Countdown food Market who did very well out of the cook!!)

Sheds are beginning to work like farm sheds, fencing is on going and our ewes are challenging the old and admiring the new!! The arteries of the farm are taking shape and are great for the stock flow with grass production looking better all the time. As most will know crops have been an issue with it being so wet early in the season that many crops were late and then we were hit by the sudden hot and dry spell. Our own crops didn't get in till 27 January and then didn't strike till end of Feb. Thus being pretty typical of the area and resulting in a lot of very poor crops going to seed early and getting brown heart, still autumn was not too bad and grass growth has eased the feed crisis.

Its been a bit of a mission fitting in this year, since May last year we've managed to put up 2 large new sheds, with the supply of telephone and power 2.5 km's down the road, we also put in 50ha of new grass and 55ha of very poor crop! 850 bales of balage to go with the crop. Major bird strike on that using 35 rolls of tape and lots of hours to fix it!!

We have also slashed and burned 40 odd ha of gorse in the sand hills and got pasja and grass growing. Then with fencing, gates, subdivision and all the rest somewhere in there are rams and ewe lambs and who knows what happened to Christmas?

Ram season went well, although we had some moments with our rather elderly yards and load out. That's the next mission!

Its been great catching up on clients and hearing of their success, and to meet new people coming in.

Well, hope scanning has gone well for you all and that winter has been kind to you, lets hope for some nice settled weather for lambing over the coming season.

Well its that time again and we are off to get the ewes in for shearing so take care to one and all. *Colin & Dot.*



Colin and Dot McDonald's new home at Slope Point. Well sited to take advantage of the Catlins uniqueness.



Fenced off wetland with bush remanent. Forest bounces back quickly in Southland when livestock and possums are removed. Pope Rd, OSRS South



Huge quantities of materials have been used in the conversion of the new McDonald farm from 'character building rawness' to a productive unit.



Arterial lanes thread for kilometres to every part of this startling farm now. Every direction has a stunning view. Slope Point.



'Paratu' wetlands. Fenced and planted with hundreds of native plants; this should look terrific in five hundred years.

OSRS, August 2005

COAL

New Zealand has based itself so much on the burning of hydrocarbons in the form of petrol and gas that is politically unsavoury to look at the natural resources that we have in great quantity, coal.

New Zealand has 10 billion tonnes of recoverable coal, 1% of the world's total. If there is to be carbon trading the trade should be made available to the coal industry so that its CO₂ can be captured during combustion, condensed and stored as a liquid underground in oil or gas reservoirs. At present there are no belching coal burning stacks around. The CO₂ that comes out of the chimneys is quite invisible. If NZ were to use hydrogen as an energy source this can be extracted out of coal relatively easily now (the technique was developed in the 1930's).

Hydrogen extraction is possible with coal, which can not be mined. NZ's lignite reserves, which could be used for hydrogen extraction, are 50 times larger than that of the maui gas field. 85% of Australia's energy comes from coal. New Zealand gets 5% of its energy from coal but this could easily be 20% by 2015. *The industry says loud and clear, we can deal with CO₂.*

KAWHIA - OPARAU (KING COUNTRY)

Coastal areas without possum control programmes are easily recognized by the number of road-kill carcasses, (usually one per kilometre).

Inland bush areas have been targeted with spectacular success, no road-kills, vibrant bush recovery and greater bird life.

'Forest and Bird', August 2005. This magazine has a feature article about the proposal to form a 'six pack of parks' in the South Island high country. An easy read with glorious photo's; this article is mischievous.

The Stevenson family owns the lease of St James, one of the proposed parks. They have farmed there for decades. Recently they withdrew from the tenure process. The article suggests that they would be magnificent and generous if they sold the lease to DOC or to the National Heritage Fund as the Williamson family did with Birchwood.

How arrogant and insensitive of Forest and Bird. Labour's anti-farmer bias has been difficult enough for high country farmers to deal with, without this added pressure.

Farmers are the best custodians; they 'love' the land.



54 pig skins; a smelly fence.

Raekohua Rd, Tangarakau, Taranaki, 16 August, 2005

FIVE LINERS

- Newsletter 53. People enjoyed the colour. Many were very sad about Ra's death. Comments about Baja are frequent. One question asked was "when will OSRS be taking a trip of farmers down to Baja?"
- How to kill a conversation. Pass out OSRS/TMG newsletters. People cease talking and start reading.
- Teasers are very effective with hoggets and ewes. Their presence stimulates ovulation and produces a well defined lambing period. *'Use them'*
- With climate change and better growing conditions for grasses over winter a magnesium deficiency develops. Sheep get 'staggers'. Sleepy sickness is identified. In many instances a good dose of calci-mag will bring the sheep around because the sheep has **milk fever**.
- Why is it so necessary to have television in our courts? To see the anguish of the innocent and the convicted is not necessary. *What does it achieve?*
- The river Po has always had an interesting name. It has large quantities of cocaine in it that have been flushed down drains out of the bodies of Italians.
- Sad to see that birds and animals being blamed for the transmission of diseases to mankind, when humans are the biggest disease carriers in history.
- In the past 3500 years there have been just 230 years of peace throughout the civilised world. *'What an uncivilized world'*
- Yield grading will give an extra payment for carcasses with high meat yield but lesser payment for those with low yield . Nationally the sum paid by the processors to farmers will gross the same.
- Free trade between countries has just about run its course. No country is altruistic and will give advantages to other countries and massive disadvantage to itself.
- Fuel price increase. Bio diesels will rapidly become part of farming. Bio diesel is produced from crops.
- China is driving economic trends throughout the world. When China has hic-cups the rest of the world will follow. China, India and Russia have doubled the world's work force.
- Climate change is a natural phenomenon. Don't believe vested spin.
- Pollution is the problem of polluters who should be pressured to improve their act.
- Leptospirosis is a nasty disease that is carried by sheep, deer, cattle and pigs and can be passed to humans. It is widespread across the west coast of the north island. Sheep vaccinated against this disease show an immediate drop in animal health issues. The disease although present may have little effect if feed levels are kept up. Talk to your local vets about the issue, as it is a serious disease.
- Fixing a space craft. What a lot of fuss by the Americans! Russians have been fixing their spacecraft with threads of cotton and a needle for years. Russians are adaptable people.

BRINGING UP WWOOFERS.

The untimely death of the Rodeo. In our last newsletter 53 I wrote of the wwooflerisation of the rodeo by Sanne.

Shortly after, Sanne left for Holland. "No problem" we thought, the old rodeo just needs a bit of straightening a bit of panel beating. Mechanically it was still quite ok. However, we had not reckoned with the next two wwoofers. Stefan from Germany. Stefan was 6 feet 6 inches tall, a John Cleese build and run (remember Faulty Towers), but a face like Manuel (also in Faulty Towers). The other wwoofer at the time, Jan. A tall plump girl from England. No muscle tone (very soft) but a lovely natured girl who had led a very sheltered life.

One evening they called into Tarata on their way back to the wwoofery, which was just over the road, to collect provisions and tell me of their day's activities. Within 30 minutes on leaving they were back, weeping and wailing. Stefan had his head in his hands and he was sliding up and down the door - jamb saying "Oh Joy" it sounded like oh Choy, "so terrible, what we have done. "Please forgive", oh wail- wail - wail (now on his knees) - " so terrible we can not tell you". Jan was sobbing away incoherently.

So I said (thinking they must have had an accident on the road), "was anybody been killed?" "No - No" they cried.

"Was anybody injured?" I asked. " no oh no " they wailed. " did you run into an animal?" I was by now imagining all sorts of disasters "No, no not that", they replied, still weeping (Jan) and wailing (Stefan). "Well", I said "it can't be that dreadful". "No animal or person killed or injured what on earth happened?" Slowly the story came out, Jan still sobbing and Stefan with much gesticulation and clapping of hands over eyes, and much sliding up and down the door jamb onto his knees (not very Germanic I couldn't help thinking). The parking area at Tarata is a considerable distance from the house, and is separated from it by trees and shrubs. The drive itself is built up like a causeway, with trees growing right up the edge. It is narrow and winding, being only one vehicle wide.

Apparently, when Stefan and Jan returned to the Rodeo, they found they had left the lights on and the battery was flat. They knew I had jumper leads, "but Choy, we didn't want to disturb you when it was so late". In their wisdom they decided they'd push the Rodeo down the drive and jump in when it started. Of course, with the doors open and both of them pushing, when the Rodeo **did** start neither of them were able to jump in. **it was impossible to jump in!** So the Rodeo took off all by itself, navigating the drive, careering from side to side, doors flapping and hitting trees but pretty much sticking to the drive. It was in the groove, so to speak, and what's more being chased by two wwoofers. The Rodeo clattering on over the cattle stop, onto the road, smashed into concrete post at the gate, did a sharp left turn and came to an abrupt halt when it smacked into the bank and hit a concrete power pole.

"Thank you, God of Small Mercies". If it had gone straight ahead or to the right it would have carried on down a steep road and plunged into the Makaretu River several hundred feet below. Luckily, no one else was on the road.

Alas poor Rodeo; doors flapping, sides battered, front stove in, the tray with a big U in it, back window gone, and the tray itself rearranged forward into the cab; (we mustn't forget Sanne's contribution).

"Thank god" muttered our staff as none of them actually liked driving the rodeo anyway except for Robin and myself and the wwoofers. Robin as you probably realise is very fond of his old vehicles, (look at RAM4U) and I must admit I appreciated the Rodeo as it always **went**. Even after this last disaster, it still went, but we just couldn't get a warrant for it. Not the most comfortable of vehicles (no springs I think), but it was reliable. That is the most important thing for a **ute** to do, to **go** and not get **stuck**.

A wonderful UTE, a trusty friend finally reaching an untimely end. Sold at auction, with new \$150 registration, for \$100

Joy Gray



Neil Ambrose, a wwoofer from the UK has tried everything at OSRS, even pregnancy scanning ewe hoggets. He soon got the knack. 'Burnside' August, 2005



A huge room with a handful of people but OSH says 'tape over the extension cords'. DOC, Napier, 27 July, 2005



Norsewear Conservation Award. Left to Right: John Adams (DOC), Robin Hilson, Allan Rae (DOC), Wayne Russell (Norsewear). Looking at a block of bush, which became a QEI covenant in the 1980's. Te Pohue, 27 July, 2005



Creating Baja Takapau. Neale (UK wwoofer) helping Walter Cresswell (OSRS) mould a structure from recycled posts.



Baja Takapau (OSRS). These cacti are not prickly enough. 'Paratu' August 2005

MUFFIN

Muffin produced twins on the 17 August 2005.

Muffin was the most adored, most fed and cuddled mismothered lamb of all time. Muffin was a pure finn.

Three wwoofers, two German and one Dutch really looked after muffin. Sanne was a Dutch vet whose driving exploits were written about in newsletter 53.

All three girls nursed, loved, hugged and smooched over Muffin. Every email since August 2003 talks about Muffin.

Muffin survived the rigours of OSRS culling although she may have been saved by her plastic ear tag which had Muffin engraved on it. Mated in March 2005, scanned with twins in June. Muffin is now mother Muffin.

Sanne, you three girls did well rearing this lamb but why did you not pass on some of your mothering instincts? For the first time in 18 months Muffin has sought Peter (not her lambs). Her lambs were hopelessly lost but still well.

Now reunited with her twins she is the **only** ewe in a pen for mothering up.

Learn quickly Muffin, Sanne is not here - she is vetting in France. Your conspicuous eartag will not help you much more.



Muffin and her twin lambs.

OSRS, 25 August, 2005

FAREWELL TO PAT

Pat Neill from Te Hape Station is moving on after 28 years at Bennydale. Over the years staff at OSRS have learnt to respect the judgement of this fine farm manager. Pat's stock sense and ability to get that 'extra' out of a large flock is remarkable.

Thanks Pat and Betty for the numerous cups of tea, lively discussions and interesting farm tours.



These 600 Finn Texel hoggets from Bennydale were contract reared at Taihape. The owner is a BOP farmer. 72% are in lamb to terminal sires. Attractive hoggets which have excellent potential after being well cared for over winter.

Taihape, 15 August, 2005

OTHER PEOPLES MONEY. (OPM)

Meat & Wool NZ has 90 Staff. What do they do?

Farmers are to be levied (taxed) \$33 million over the coming season. Meat & Wool New Zealand will spend \$41 million. Why is not every dollar spent shown to be of benefit to the stake holders?

41% of the budget will be spent on on-farm research, development and information transfer. Nobody quibbles about the R&D expenditure, which is now well directed.

Research is usually long term but farmers are entitled to pay back ASAP. Previous boards, and this board have failed with 'information transfer' eg, the useless 'Meat & Wool' publication.

\$2.8 million for trade policy.

A Government task

\$6.3 million for sheep meat market development.

Having sold my trees to a processor I am not asked to finance his furniture exports. Why should farmers pay for market development?

*The meat processors fail or succeed by their ability to sell their product into markets they have developed. **This is a \$6.3 million subsidy for meat processors.***

Why not finance research into whether or not cattle **are** major polluters? (Is this not another Kyoto miscalculation?)

Why is there such an obsession with traceability, which is largely a sales gimmick, used by rival supermarkets?

Many farms bought over the last decade by city people and syndicates, have been sold for very considerable capital gain, back to farmers.

A great number of properties deteriorated when planted in trees (only to be cleared again) or were hopelessly mismanaged.

Wise vendors can trumpet their business acumen, when actually if they had farmed their rural land even reasonably well and kept up the maintenance they would have made a greater gain. They may even have made some **profit** over the years, by farming well.



Interviews. Anna Ricoy and Johanna Donvews, two agriculture students from France wanted information about changes in HB agriculture from 1960 to 2005.

July 2005.

Other interviews were given in August to reporters from 'Straight Furrow', 'Lifestyl e Farmer' and 'Hawke's Bay Today'.



Breakfast discussions are sociable and pleasant. However Robin Hilson and John Fagan hardly have time to eat because they exchange ideas so fast. Both have had a profound influence over each others business over the years.

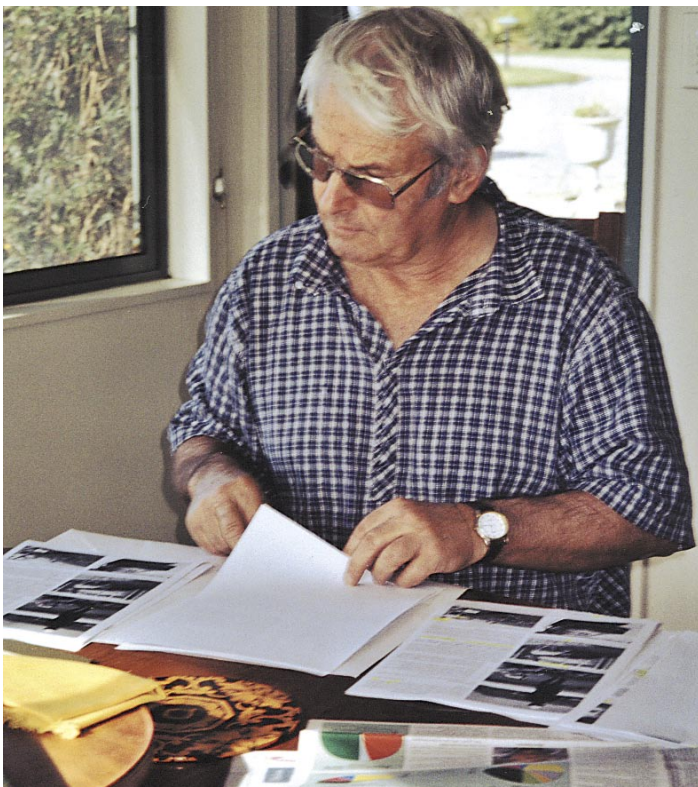
7am, Okauaku Station, Te Kuiti, 25 August, 2005

Newsletters are produced irregularly throughout the year as OSRS or TMG business warrants them. The objective is to be topical, accurate, provocative, with a splash of humour. Newsletters give portraits of farmer clients and their activities.

Photography is by Robin. Some photos are winkled from other sources. Robin is responsible for the format, design and editorial. Dot McDonald, Joy Gray, Chris Southgate and Robert Carter, all contribute articles.

Each publication differs. Technical details about printing and publishing create serious discussion with the staff of APN Print Central, Waipukurau. No publication is ignored after release. We analyse and look for ways to improve.

It is most surprising just where these newsletters are found both in NZ and overseas.



Check, check, check. Mistakes are so obvious after printing.



Confering again. Peter Kettle (OSRS, Stock Manager), Colin McDonald (OSRS South), Robert Carter (OSRS West), Robin Hilson (OSRS Hawke's Bay), Clare Callow (NZ Animal Breeding Trust Manager), Garry McLennan (OSRS Operations Manager). Considering the 'what if's', and exchanging thoughts and experience.
'Paratu' 23 June, 2005

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS FREQUENTLY

Is your farm ready to take up the initiatives and new trends established by OSRS right back in 1987?

Here are some of the facts that should not be forgotten..

- It is now possible and economically viable to have 3 lambings in 2 years from Finn - Texel - Dorper ewes.
- The scanning percentage of Finn Texel sheep is repeatable; in spite of seasonal climate variations.
- Grass growing is going to get easier especially as farmers move back to 'old' mixtures of the past. Climate change suits New Zealand grass growing.
- Specialist sheep farming is with us now and the processors want to be involved.
- Specialist finishers have contract farmers breeding large numbers of lambs throughout New Zealand already.
- It is now possible to rear the spare multiple lambs economically.
- Survival of multiple lambs is already ok in OSRS client flocks and will get better and better.
- Throughout New Zealand, OSRS lamb survival is superior to that of many other flocks using similar genetics.
- Bare bottomed rams have been available for years from OSRS and many clients have been selecting rams like this for a decade.
- Nationally, facial eczema tolerance is improving. Will Ovita provide the ultimate answer?

Take heed of these options and initiatives. It is now possible to plan your sheep production; have repeatable performance and best of all, produce more and be paid well for it. **The world wants sheep meat.**



Visitors. Two of these microlights just dropped in. Had a gossip, wound up the rubber band and tootled off. Perhaps 'Burnside' could become the Waipukurau International Airport.

August 2005