

Position Description

General Duties - Casual Shepherd

To apply for this role, please fill out the form here.

Title:	Casual Shepherd for Lambing beat	
Reporting to:	Stock Manager	
Location:	Mangaroa Farms, Whitemans Valley, Upper Hutt	
Date:	August 2024	

About Us

Mangaroa Farms is a resilient community food hub and education centre with 2000-acres of living laboratory for transitioning dairy and pine into regenerative agriculture and native forests.

Role Duties

The Casual Shepherd provides general assistance to the Stock Manager during the Lambing and Calving seasons, with a focus on lambing, calving and working with animals (including feeding and raising livestock), and other general farming operations over this busy period. The general duties of this position include:

Lambing Assistance:

- Monitor ewes during lambing to identify signs of labor and potential complications.
- Assist with the delivery of lambs, including manual assistance when necessary.
- Ensure that newborn lambs are healthy, dry, and nursing properly.
- Record birth details and any interventions for farm records.

Flock Monitoring:

- Regularly check on ewes and lambs to ensure their health and wellbeing.
- Identify and report any signs of illness, injury, or distress in the flock.
- Assist with the administration of medication and treatments as directed by the Stock Manager.

Feeding and Nutrition:

- Assist with feeding ewes and lambs, ensuring they receive adequate nutrition.
- Prepare and distribute supplementary feed for ewes, particularly those with multiple lambs or other special needs.

General Farm Duties:

- Maintain cleanliness and hygiene in lambing pens and barns.
- Assist with general farm maintenance and tasks as needed.



• Follow all farm safety protocols and procedures to ensure a safe working environment. As such, you are required to adhere to any relevant Health, Safety and Wellbeing policy or direction.

Attributes and Experience

Essential	Desired
Flexibility and adaptability	Proven problem solving skills and the ability to think quick
Working as a team	Basic knowledge of animal husbandry and farm practices
Previous farming experience with lambing experience	Your own trained sheep dogs
Comfortable working outdoors in all kinds of weather conditions and with manual work	Ability to work independently
Able to handle animals with confidence and patience	Can drive a manual vehicle
Strong observational skills and the ability to recognise signs of distress or illness in animals	

Specific Farm Details:

Here are some basic numbers on the scale of the farm project you will be working on:

Calves: 70 Sheep: 735

Expecting Lambs: 1100 Total area: 274.36ha Effective area: 270.06ha