

WEEKLY ECONOMIC REPORT:

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Daily grass growth rates: Range 62 to 70 kg DM/ha/day.
 Average pasture cover: 2500 kg DM/ha.
 10 cm soil temperature: 20.5°C
 Rainfall (Hamilton)– Month to date: 20 mm. Dec 10 year Av 104 mm. Below average September/October rainfall. November has caught up some of the deficit.

Stock prices report:

Prime steers	\$2.616/kg
Prime bulls	\$2.540/kg
Boner Cows	\$1.959/kg
Store lambs	\$84.56
Feeder Calves	\$162.90
Weaner bulls to 101 to 120 kg	\$3.642/kg av \$400.00/head

Eczema spores will be on the rise as we get more puggy weather and the trash in the pasture increases under the high temperatures. It is best to start the zinc treatments early and ensure there is some protection.

Week commencing 21 December 2020

	This Week Nth Is	This Week Sth Is	Last Week Av	1 Year ago
18 kg YX Lamb (cents/kg)	\$6.45	\$6.50	\$6.47	\$8.32
21 kg Mutton (cents/kg)	\$4.55	\$4.70	\$4.62	\$5.95
P2 Steer (270 to 295 kg)	\$4.90	\$4.68	\$5.80	\$5.68
M Cow (160 to 195 kg)	\$3.60	\$3.55	\$3.57	\$4.55
Bull (270 to 295 kg)	\$4.90	\$4.65	\$4.77	\$5.82
Venison (60 kg AP Stag)	\$5.50	\$5.70	\$5.62	\$8.65
		Previous Week	1 year ago	2 yrs ago
Fine Crossbred Indicator price	\$2.23	\$2.23	\$ 3.52	\$ 4.05
Mid Micron Indicator price	\$7.29	\$7.29	\$10.39	\$16.40
Butter (NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 5875	\$ 5600	\$ 5850	\$5550
Skim Milk Powder (SMP NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 4125	\$ 4075	\$ 4350	\$2900
Whole Milk Powder (WMP NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 4500	\$ 4410	\$ 4750	\$3950
Cheddar Cheese (NZ \$ per tonne)	\$ 5450	\$ 5350	\$ 5950	\$4750
Casein (lactose casein NZ \$ per tonne)	\$10750	\$11725	\$12500	\$9950
US currency	\$0.713	\$0.710	\$0.660	\$0.682
Euro	\$0.582	\$0.584	\$0.594	\$0.595
Australian dollar	\$0.938	\$0.940	\$0.955	\$0.955

Finance: The NZ is continuing to firm against the US dollar. Not a good look for a recovering economy. NZ is officially out of the recession however much of the spending was fuelled by the government stimulation package.

Wool: The wool prices are a disaster.

Beef, Sheep & Venison schedules: The meat schedules are steady with only minor changes and inter-company adjustments for the coming Christmas period. Exporting remains difficult with shipping and container space a real problem. The demand for high quality meat cuts including venison are still only easy internationally. Manufacturing beef is in demand but the exchange rates are against the farmers!.

Dairy Prices: The g/DT lifted 1.3% across the offering. WMP was up 0.5%, SMP was up 1.2% and the butter commodities lifted by 6%. It was an excellent result to end the year on.

Need Help. If at any time you just want to talk about being isolated on your farm and to have a chat, just call me – no charges!!
 027-2872886. Rural Support Trust 0800-787-245. Lifeline 0800-543354. Crisis TXT – HELP (4357)

Take some time to relax over the Christmas and New Year period and try and enjoy the family. Stay safe on the roads look out for your mates. A good book to read is helpful – I am reading Trevor Bentley's history book - Pakeha Slaves, Maori Masters!!!

Quote: Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year. We will be back about the 9th January 2021.

Jim's Weekly Rant:

What a year it has been. Just a ranting reflection on some of the high-lights or perhaps the low-lights of the year.

- *We have seen how easily people are managed and even manipulated – let's be a team of 5 million!!! WE are getting like the North Koreans*
- *How a message or slogan of "Be Kind" became important to everyone as though it, somewhat new. I had thought many of us had always tried to be kind. I wondered at times if the true slogan was "Be Controlled".*
- *Covid-19 threw a curve ball at the world in 2020 and many of us are still asking for answers as to the actual numbers of deaths of people without co-morbidities*
- *Is it true that the US & some European doctors get an extra fee for recording a death of a person in a pandemic situation with the pandemic disease???*
- *Should have the researchers been looking for treatments and cures instead of rushing a vaccine? There appeared to be several treatments including Ivermectin, Hydroxychloroquine and Vit D.*
- *Was the government right to inject so much money into the economy and fuel the growing divide between the internal economy and the export sector (Rural)?*
- *How do the employees cope with the socialist agenda that has increased sick leave by 100% to 10 days per annum, especially when there is a number of employees who believe the sick days are as-of-right days off?*
- *How will lifting the minimum wage to \$20.00/hr increase productivity?*
- *Is it right for the government to buy private land to appease protest groups that even the older members of the iwi rejected. Have they opened up a new round of protests and Iwi settlements?*
- *How can Jacinda have confidence in Trevor Mallard as the speaker of the house when he has just cost the country \$340,000 & that was after Trevor's \$275,000 playground in parliament grounds.*
- *How can we have a climate emergency when there is none? But children live in poverty!!.*
- *How can David Parker introduce such draconian environmental legislation without proper consultation?*
- *How did a government decide that a 10' slope is the maximum to farm without consent & then redefine pugging?*
- *Should we put David Parker in stocks at the 2021 National Fieldays – to be ridiculed and showered with rotting food and mud from pugged pastures!?*
- *How can newspapers and TV be allowed to promote a political agenda? I understood they were to provide unbiased (well nearly) reporting on matters. Stuff media will not publish facts if they are not of their view.*
- *What if Donald Trump is right and wide-spread electoral fraud is found in the coming months???*
- *Have they thought how all the electric cars are going to be charged when the national grid only supplies 3 kw/Hr/house. We need 8kw/hr to each house to charge the electric cars. Massive infrastructural costs!!*
- *The proposed "Hate Speech" laws will be difficult to police as the context of a conversation can never be recreated. House of Lords has ruled that free speech is important than hate speech!*
- *Should we be worried about the trade bans on Australian goods going to China? Yes we should!!!*
- *Where are the nativity scenes reference to the Christ in Christmas in the media and the in the commercial sector?!! Has the left won the battle for us to believe in them and them alone???*

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Calf rearing is important for your future production – Check out the Bell-Booth "**Queen of Calves**" rearing plan. There is research data from Massey University measuring the benefits. They are clearly documented, and the long-term benefits are more production per cow and longevity of the animals!! Research has shown calves can be weaned approximately 22 days earlier when Queen of Calves is used. The early weaning saves milk and allows more milk to be sold!

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