

CHAROLAIS BREEDERS NZ HERD TOUR 4WD SAFARI • 5th – 8th MARCH 2018

It's a well-kept secret but New Zealand is one of the best off road driving destinations in the world and certainly one of the most easily accessible. Imagine the clear fresh mountain air of the South Island high country, ever changing and stunning views, crystal clear mountain streams and off-road tracks you don't have to share with anyone else except possibly some livestock and the occasional stockman.

The azure blue water of the alpine lakes, the hardy fine-wool Merino sheep flocks, countless ranges of hills, some as emerald green as Ireland and others by way of contrast covered in waving tussock grasslands.

Get a feel for the working high-country farms and in the south, see the transition from the rock and the tawny brown of the high country as it gives way quite suddenly to the lush green bountiful pastures of Southland.

Options are self-drive own 4WD; self-drive hire or we will arrange for you to travel in a 4WD with someone (limited spaces available).

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HERD TOUR ITINERARY

4th MARCH

Meeting in Dunedin.

5.30 pm: Speights Brewery Tour and Dinner.

ACCOMMODATION:

Victoria Hotel \$200 or

Wains Hotel near Brewery \$135 or \$165 inc Breakfast.

5th MARCH

8.00am: Depart Dunedin (you will need to pick up your own morning tea) and drive to Rocklands Station cattle yards where you will meet Pete Aitken (General Manager) and he will talk about the station.

Drive over Dunstan Track and get onto Glen Ayr back country and travel through tussock blocks and arrive at woolshed for lunch.

Farm tour to view cattle and pivot development.

Travel to accommodation at either Ranfurly or Naseby.

6.00 pm to 7.30 pm: Indoor curling

Evening meal at Naseby.

6th MARCH

Travel from Ranfurly through the Onslow track to arrive at McDougall's and Pannett's Hereford stud approx. 2 ½ hrs.

ALLFLEX SPONSORED LUNCH at Millers Flat.

3.00pm (approx): On to Allan Roulston.

Travel to accommodation Rosebank Lodge. AGM & Dinner

7th MARCH

Travel to Jeff Farm (Salvation Army Farm) on Matura Clinton back road. Travel through Jeff Farm and on to Venlaw Station in Wyndham.

FUNDRAISING LUNCH.

Twin River Charolais and finishing up at 4.30pm

Either stay the night locally and visit the Penguin colony;

or fly out: **Closest Airports:** 60 min Invercargill, 2.5 hrs Queenstown, 2hrs Dunedin.

4WD vehicles may be hired if you want to drive yourself, or numbers permitting we can arrange a seat in another vehicle.

BEREAVEMENT JANICE MEIN

Jan Mein Simca Hills Charolais passed away on 5th July 2017, aged 79 years. Loved wife of Dave, and loving Mother to Porter, Tim, Kerry, and Karen. Loved Nana to Issie, and Kash. We will remember Jan as being very ahead of the pack with recording data and pedigrees. Simca Hills Genetics will feature forever in the NZ genetic Charolais Base. Simca Hills bred Charolais for over thirty years and have a good reputation for breeding good Charolais cattle. Especially in regard to structural soundness, growth rate and milking ability in females.

CHAROLAIS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAM

Charolais International voted unanimously at the 2017 Annual General Meeting to implement a Youth Program. Youth from various countries have traveled outside their borders in the past, but it was felt youth would benefit from meeting at a common location in the world annually for leadership and educational opportunities.

It is hoped that countries without youth programs may find this helpful to model start-up programs.

Countries with youth programs we will have opportunities to trade ideas to enhance their programs. Countries without youth programs are welcomed to host the Charolais International Youth Program providing they plan educational and social activities focusing on Charolais.

2018 CHAROLAIS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAM

The inaugural event will be held in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. Full details will be posted when available, but youth will arrive in Winnipeg, Manitoba, 22 July 2018. Helge and Candace By will be the hosts. It will be held in conjunction with the Canadian Charolais Youth Conference and Show. The eligible ages will be 18-22.

Charolais International is expanding its Youth Program and CBNZ would like to call for applications to the Canadian Charolais Youth Association Conference & Show July 22-30th 2018 delegates must be between 18-22 years of age.

Registration will include all transportation, rooms, meals and Canadian Charolais Youth Association Conference & Show Registration, there will also be tourist activities.

There is also an opportunity for two participants worldwide 23-30 years of age to work and help the Youth Coordinator.

Please send your CV to the Charolais Breeders NZ Office by 31st October 2107. If you are not a Breeding family Member you will need to also include two references we can contact. Some of the useful information which should be included, Showing experience, Cattle breeding interests.

REGISTRY REMINDER

SECTION SIX RULE 11

All Sires must be DNA profiled and have a Myophosphoraylase clear status before being transferred, **all calf registrations will require a sire DNA profile on record (May 2016). Including SNP Profile (September 2017).**

FAREWELL & THANKS

Lindsay Jones, genetics specialist, has retired and we wish him well and thank him for helping us shape the Kiwi Charolais.

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B+LNZ GENETICS BEEF PROGENY TEST



The Beef + Lamb New Zealand (B+LNZ) Genetics Beef Progeny Test is now coming to its fourth mating season, with carcass data from the rising two-year-old progeny is in. Charolais only had a hand full of calves for the first year.

The test involves mating a mix of New Zealand and international bulls (using AI) over about 2200 commercially-farmed cows and heifers each season. All progeny are tracked, with steers and cull heifers assessed on their carcass traits and replacement heifers tracked for their maternal characteristics.

The next round of field days will be of interest to Charolais breeders, we would encourage you to attend. Keep an eye out in your Beef + Lamb NZ calendar of events. If you want to put a bull forward for selection in 2018 please send Council the details.

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