# NEWSLETTER 2010

Never written a newsletter in June before – so this is a first.

There has been lots happening and about to happen so the timing seemed right to get into it now!

A lot of people have been wondering what on earth Simon & Pascale are up to (ourselves included at times!) and we wanted to bring you up to speed with all our moves.

The sale of Turnberry Farm in Alfredton concluded in January as planned, with us retaining the Landcorp Lamb Supreme, Suffolk Supreme and Elite Coopworth Stud sheep.

They’re now all based at Linton, just out of Palmerston North, on a very steep hill country block we’re currently leasing.

There’s a fresh breeze in the air and we’re very excited to carry on pushing the boundaries with our genetics even though on a bit smaller scale this time.

The smaller number of sheep also means that we’re again running the whole operation as a family, which is very satisfying and means that we have our finger on the pulse! With the children now being at an age where they’re actively involved in the day to day farming it is again a true family affair!

Farming on this block of land is quite different to what we’ve been used to – when mustering sheep and you’re right up on top of the hill, you can see the skyline of Palmerston North and the Kapiti Coast!

It’s a beautiful view – you’ll see it when you come to select your rams later this year!

Mating is all but finished and appears to have gone well.

Without the constraints of quarantine criteria, we have been able to lease some top Sires and use this year. This obviously reduces the costs of introducing superior genetics into the flock significantly, as long as the risks are managed accordingly.

We’re seriously considering introducing Romney genetics again into our Coopworth flock next year. Reasons being that it’s such a big gene pool, there may be Sires that can give us a lift, especially in the areas of worm resistance and facial eczema tolerance.

We’re very interested to find out what your opinion is on this subject. Please let us know your thoughts – we’d very much appreciate to get some feedback, so we can all work together in achieving the best results.

We are still consistently featuring near the top on most traits within SIL, the challenge is to try and remain there!

But these are not the only exciting things happening at the moment:

Two years ago Pascale started to make us all drink a concentrated “superjuice” – MONAVIE - a blend of 19 fruit, based on the incredible Acai Berry from the Amazon. This juice has changed a lot of things for the better in our family - Luca’s eczema is gone; no hay-fever issues anymore and for me, someone who always had colds/flu’s, I haven’t had one since being on the juice; cholesterol is down; back pain’s gone . Others we know are getting relief from arthritis, gout, improved energy levels, sleeping better – the list goes on. After initially sharing the stuff, it has now become another business on its own, mainly run by Pascale. So we’re very excited with this new venture as well.

However, the grand finale is, we’re off travelling for 4 months as a family this winter! Something we always wanted to do – timing is right with Ben off to high school next year, so we decided to do it now. We will travel through Canada in a Campervan for 2 months, then have 2 months based in Switzerland with Pascales family and friends. The kids have never visited their second home country – so all very excited!

We’re leaving June 13th and will be back in NZ October 4th - right in time for lambing!

The last few weeks have been very busy getting organised – on the farm, in and around the house and also getting all accounts and records in – so we can go away with peace of mind that everything is in hand.

Hence the decision to enclose the Ram Order Forms with this newsletter, also to give you plenty of time to make decisions re ram purchases for next season.

If you have any questions or would like to have a talk please get in touch with Bill (06 3766664) or just email us (simon@carthewgenetics.co.nz or pascale@liveyourdreams.net.nz) and we’ll get back to you.

We wish everyone a kind winter and a fantastic start to spring and look forward to catching up later in the year.

Warm Regards

Bill, Simon, Pascale and family