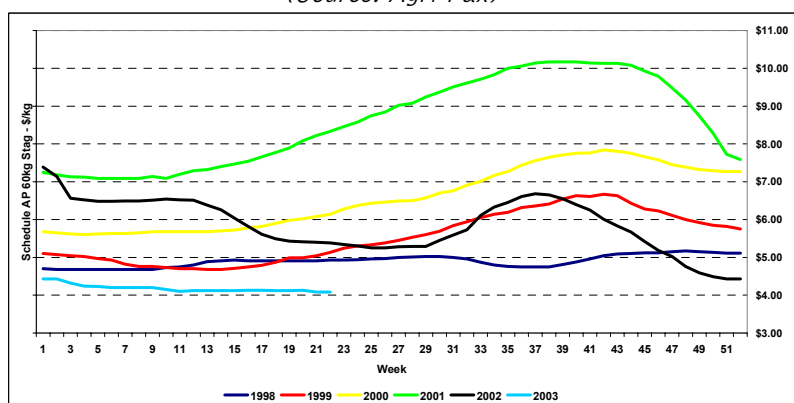


>>> VENISON SCHEDULE

This week (week 21): \$4.08 (no change from the previous week)
Down 30% on the 10 year average for this time of year (\$5.85)

*60kg AP Stag – Published National Average Schedule.
(Source: Agri-Fax)*



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>>> UPCOMING EVENTS

Deer Branch NZVA Annual Conference Copthorne Hotel, Queenstown.

25 to 27 June

Information and a registration form can be downloaded from the Deer Industry New Zealand website (<http://www.deernz.org/?id=37>) or for more information email Prof. Peter Wilson: P.R.Wilson@massey.ac.nz

2nd Antler Science and Product Technology Symposium, Millennium Hotel, Queenstown

25 - 27 February 2004

Presentations from NZ and international scientists covering basic antler science, removal, processing and efficacy trials. For more information see <http://www.aspt2.co.nz> or email mark.oconnor@deernz.org

>>> OTHER NEWS

SLICED ACCESS ANNOUNCED

One of the key successes announced at Deer Industry New Zealand's Formal General Meeting this week was the opening up of the Korean market for imports of sliced deer velvet. Access will be possible after 1 April next year. Deer Industry New Zealand has been working on this issue for more than 8 years.

While the door opens on 1 April 2004, more work is still required to agree inspection protocols and plant registration processes.

Deer Industry New Zealand issued a press release with further information and a copy of this release can be downloaded from: <http://www.deernz.org.nz/?id=265>

Access finally agreed for sliced velvet to Korea.

Deer Notes

OBITUARY - EDDY DE CLEENE

We sadly note the passing of one of our early pioneers in deer farming - Eddy De Cleene. From possum trapper and deerstalker to bushman, to deer farmer - one of the first. A real kiwi bloke who "out-crumped Crumpy" and would tackle anything. He had a real heart of gold and was generous to a fault. He was everyone's friend - a fact acknowledged by the very large attendance at his funeral, where all speakers were unanimous in recognising his generosity and his knowledge of the bush and its eco-system. - *Errol Croad, Chairman, DFA Executive Committee.*

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DEER METHANE RESEARCH UNDERWAY



<<<Deer wearing harnesses and halters for methane collection. Hinds were trained to wear this equipment prior to the trial and are reported to have adapted well to it, with grazing behaviour apparently normal. Photo courtesy of Natasha Swainson. Copyright.

Along with AgResearch, Massey University, MAF and Wrightson, DEEResearch is supporting research at Massey University by Dr Simone Hoskin and Masters student Natasha Swainson looking at methane emissions from farmed deer and the potential for forage herbs containing secondary compounds to reduce those emissions in a natural and sustainable way.

Results from the trial should be available at the end of August. In the meantime, a progress report on the trial can be downloaded from the DEEResearch website (<http://www.deeresearch.org.nz/project.asp?projectid=24>)

Research is underway at Massey University investigating the impact of different pastures and forage on methane emissions from deer.

MOYES REAPPOINTED

Current Deer Industry New Zealand Board Member Warren Moyes has been re-appointed to the Deer Industry New Zealand Board by the DFA Selection and Appointment Panel.

Mike Pattison also retained his position on the Board after his seat was put up for election a year ahead of its full term as one of the steps agreed as part of last year's restructuring. Mike's reappointment was uncontested.

Warren Moyes re-appointed to Deer Industry New Zealand Board.

KOREA MEDIA MONITORING ON-LINE

Newspaper, magazine and other Korean media reports are now available on the Deer Industry New Zealand website. These reports are provided (in English) by Trade New Zealand in Seoul fortnightly and cover issues relevant to New Zealand velvet including reports from the Korean Deer Breeders' Association ('KDBA'). The first set of two articles on the website covers access for sliced velvet and the KDBA's response.

Future media reports will be uploaded and will be available at the following link: <http://www.deernz.org.nz/?id=37#contentsection1898>

Korean newspaper and magazine articles of interest on-line

FGM PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Deer Industry New Zealand Formal General Meeting including the Chairman's and Executives' speeches will be mailed to all industry participants with the June issue of Deer Industry News. In the meantime, speeches and PowerPoint presentations can be downloaded from the Deer Industry New Zealand website at: <http://www.deernz.org/?id=37#contentsection1900>

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