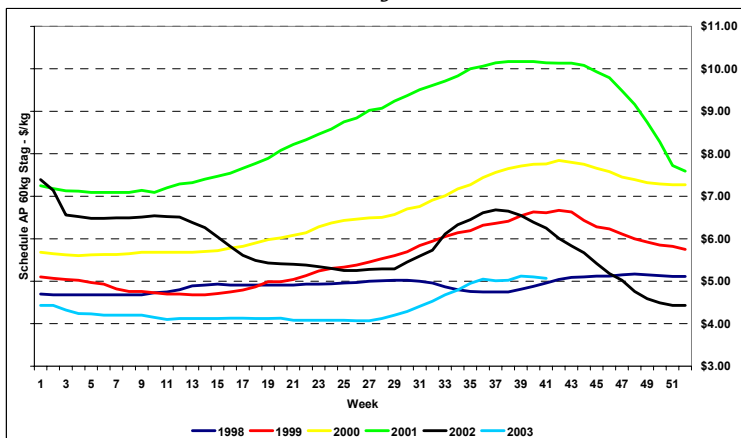


>>> VENISON SCHEDULE

This week (week 41): \$5.07 (down 3 cents from the previous week)
Down 27% on the 10 year average for this time of year (\$6.91)

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



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>>> UPCOMING EVENTS

Fallow Society AGM At Venison Packers, Feilding, 10.00 am	19 October
NZDFA Branch Chairmen's Meeting, Wellington Including DFA Executive Committee, Selection and Appointments Panel and producer nominate Deer Industry New Zealand Board Members	22-23 October
Gisborne Branch Visits Visit to Te Pa Station and Jim Sanson's Deer Farm	28 October
Canterbury MWI Monitor Farm Open Day Latham's property, Little River, Banks Peninsula	31 October
National Livestock Ltd Field Day at Maranoa Deer Farm Programme begins at 1.30 pm at Maranoa Deer Farm, Takapau. The property is signposted from the Takapau turnoff. Dr Jimmy Suttie is the featured speaker.	3 November
Deer Farmers Environmental Awards – Farm Walk at Winners' Wayne and Tricia Aspin, 195 Hatton Road, RD 4, Waiuku : Winners of the premier 'Sir Peter and Fiona Lady Elworthy Environmental Award' The Aspins will be hosting a <u>Farm Walk</u> on their property on Wednesday 12 th November. Arrive from 11a.m.; bring your walking boots and your lunch, hot water provided. Following lunch the farm walk departs at 12 noon and returns at 3 pm. All Welcome. Directions: Allow 1 ¼ hours drive after leaving SH 1 South of Auckland. From Waiuku travel up the Awhitu Peninsula towards the Manukau Heads for 29Km. Just after Matakawau turn right at the Fire Station into Hatton Road. Proceed to the Aspins farm at 195 Hatton Road. E-mail: aspin@ps.gen.nz Phone: 09 235 1074	12 November
Hawke's' Bay Branch Velvet Antler Competition	21 November
Waikato Branch Velvet Antler Competition	21 November
Waipa Branch Velvet Antler Competition	21 November

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Wanganui Branch and North Island Velvet Antler Competition Contact Brian Shaw 06 342 6995 Viewing for North Island Competition from 2pm onwards	28 November
Antler Science and Product Technology Symposium – DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION Register before 28 November 2003 to receive discounted registration packages. See www.aspt2.co.nz , or contact Linda Murray by phone (03) 489 9011 or email linda.murray@agresearch.co.nz	28 November
Wairoa Branch Velvet Antler Competition	29 November
South Canterbury/North Otago Branch Velvet Antler Competition	29 November
Marlborough Branch Velvet Antler Competition	2 December
Taranaki Branch Velvet Antler Competition	4 December
National Velvet & Trophy Antler Competition Entries close - 5 December Velvet to be received at Wrightson Invercargill – 1.00pm, 7 December Judging Day – 8 December Awards Dinner – 9 December, velvet on display from 6.15 pm	9 December
Wairarapa Branch Velvet Competition and Stag Walk Competition entry forms (Wairarapa Branch Members only) available from Ann Allen Ph 06 372 7706 and these must be completed and returned no later than 9 December Velvet must be lodged at Wrightson Velvet Pool no later than midday Wednesday 10 December clearly marked as being for the Wairarapa Branch Competition. Entered velvet available for viewing 4.00pm to 5.00 pm at Westbush Deer Stud BYO BBQ from 5.30 pm hosted by Tony Bayliss and Louise Walker, “Ngahere” Fire No. 17, Te Wharau/Tepurupuru Rd. Approx. 6 kms from the Gladstone/Masterton Road. On the left just after the Puketiro Rd turnoff. Please bring a bottle and plate.	13 December
New Zealand Elk/Wapiti National Velvet Competition Croydon Lodge, Gore (For accommodation at Croydon Lodge Phone (03) 208 9029) Tour of Elk/Wapiti farms on Sat or Sunday. For more information email Tom May at tom@mayfieldelk.com Book your discounted airfares now!	24 January 2004
Fiordland Branch Velvet Antler Competition 2 y/o & MA red and wapiti/elk	31 January 2004
Manawatu and Horowhenua/Wellington Branches' Velvet Antler Competition Spiker, 2 y/o, 3 y/o	1 February 2004
Wairarapa Branch Velvet Antler Competition National 2 y/o Competition and inaugural 2 y/o Hard Antler Competition	7 February 2004
World Veterinary Deer Congress, Queenstown For more information contact Sue Bastiaansen – ph (03) 756 9002, email bastiaansens@maf.govt.nz	21-24 February 2004
Antler Science and Product Technology Symposium Millennium Hotel, Queenstown. For registration information see www.aspt2.co.nz or email Linda.Murray@agresearch.co.nz , ph (03) 489 9011	24-27 February 2004
Deer Industry Association of Australia – Biennial Conference Mt Gambier, South Australia – for more information see www.diaa.org	16-18 April 2004
Mystery Creek National Field Days – Hamilton	16–19 June 2004
NZDFA Branch Chairmen's Meeting, Wairakei	21 June 2004
2004 Deer Industry Conference Including NZDFA AGM and Deer Industry New Zealand FGM	22-23 June 2004

>>> OTHER NEWS

Release of Revised DeerQA On-Farm and Transport Manuals

Deer Industry New Zealand, in consultation with the appropriate technical committees, has updated the DeerQA On-Farm and Transport Quality Assurance Programmes.

Controlled copies of the manuals have been issued as hard copies to appropriate industry representatives. Uncontrolled copies are available through the Deer Industry New Zealand web site in the Quality Assurance section – <http://www.deernz.org/?id=28>

As well as some changes made to bring the programmes into line with current practice, the On-Farm manual now includes a section on the Environment, while a complete new section in the Transport Manual describes the standards for the transport of stud and trophy stags.

Updated DeerQA Manuals available

On Farm: New Environment section

Transport: New section regarding the transport of stud and trophy stags

US Bio-terrorism Regulations

Significant changes to regulations covering the export of food and beverage products (and related industries) to the US are to take effect on December 12 this year.

These changes are a result of the US wanting to protect its country from the threat of bioterrorism through the food chain, and will affect not only food and beverage exporters like yourselves but your New Zealand suppliers and manufacturers and US agents.

The proposed changes require every food company that exports to the USA or every company that manufacturers or supplies goods to another company that exports to the US, to undertake mandatory registration with the Food and Drug Administration, with few exceptions. The changes also include your importer having to pre-notify imports' arrival at US ports and will require companies to keep specific records (with information available on request) for up to two years.

These regulations are being finalised this month, and will be enforced from Dec 12.

New Zealand Trade and Enterprise has put together a report detailing as much information as possible on the proposed regulations and how they will affect exporters and their suppliers. This is available as a PDF now at the following link: <http://www.nzte.govt.nz/common/files/fda-bioterrorism-regs.pdf>

New requirements for exports to the USA.

Cervena Review

Keep an eye out for a copy of the Cervena Review Discussion Document. This will be uploaded onto the Deer Industry New Zealand website in the next two weeks for interested parties to access, complete and return. Copies will be sent to all processing/exporting companies and the DFA Executive Committee and Branches as a matter of course.

Otherwise, register your interest in receiving a copy of the Discussion Document by sending your name, address and email address to MJ Loza: Email mi.loza@deernz.org, or fax (04) 382 9143.

Cervena Review Discussion Document available soon.

Send us your details if you want to be sent a copy of the Discussion Document.

New Downloads

The following materials have recently been added to industry websites for your information:

Latest Market Report (Oct 2003) <http://www.deernz.org/?id=114>
 Wairarapa Branch Newsletter <http://www.deernz.org/?id=35>
 Revised Velvet Grading Guidelines <http://www.deernz.org/?id=17>
 Updated DeerQA On-Farm Manual <http://www.deernz.org/?id=207>
 Updated DeerQA Transport Manual <http://www.deernz.org/?id=77>
 DEEResearch papers and updates <http://www.DEEResearch.org.nz>

Documents of interest for download.

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Primary Industry Council Kellogg Rural Leadership Programme – Applications Open
 Recognising that leadership would be a critical factor for the future performance of primary production in New Zealand, Lincoln University has been involved with the Rural Leadership programme since 1979 when the course was launched with a grant from the Kellogg Foundation, USA.

Applications to attend the 2004 PIC/Kellogg Rural Leadership Programme now open.

The Primary Industry Council and Lincoln University are co-operating to run the 20th Rural Leadership Course in 2004. The course is run in 3 phases:

1. Residential at Lincoln University, 26 January to 4 February 2004
2. Non-residential project work, February to November 2004
3. Residential at Lincoln University 22-24 November and in Wellington 25,26 November 2004

The course is open to people who have demonstrated a willingness to assume responsibility in public and rural affairs and have shown evidence of leadership potential.

Courses are limited to 24 participants chosen by a selection committee.

Applications close 7 November 2003.

Applications due in by 7 November 2003.

Application forms and more details are available from MJ Loza at Deer Industry New Zealand (Ph (04) 381 6012, mj.loza@deernz.org) or from Errol Costello at Lincoln University (Ph (03) 325 3832, email costelle@lincoln.ac.nz, or see <http://events.lincoln.ac.nz/kellogg> (note no www).

Excellent Response to Draft Code Of Welfare For Deer Farming

The code writing team is delighted at the response to their request for submissions to the draft code of welfare. A large number were received from a wide cross section of the deer industry. The interest this has created, along with the quality of the submissions received, shows that the completed document will truly be an "industry" code.

Code of Welfare for Deer Farming – good response so far, but even greater involvement will mean a better end-product.

Because of the interest generated, the deadline date for submissions was extended until the end of September to allow some DFA branches to respond.

The next step in this process is to coordinate and evaluate all the submissions and make the necessary additions and deletions based on science and best practice methods.

A lot more work is needed from the code writing team before a final draft is completed, and there may be a need to disseminate another draft to farmer constituents for input at some stage following this and before the final draft is submitted for scientific and legal review.

Following this, a submission for the consideration of NAWAC (National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee) will be made, comprising the draft code and evidence of industry consultation. NAWAC will then review the draft code, make changes as they see fit and issue the draft code for public consultation.

There is still time for deer industry people to make submissions and these should be forwarded to Janice Attrill at Deer Industry New Zealand as soon as possible.

Have your say!

For more information the revised DeerQA manuals or the draft code of welfare, contact: John Tacon, 027 242 2873, john.tacon@deernz.org or Janice Attrill, 04 381 6014, janice.attrill@deernz.org

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