

Freestyle Note: Kia ora whanau – use this space to write a message, let your loved one know why you thought they'd be interested in this opportunity.

Agriculture – Farming & Shepherd



If you are aged 12-15 years old and want to take control of your life, then perhaps you could consider starting to prepare yourself for a rural lifestyle.

All around NZ there are all types of Junior or entry positions available on farms and farming stations.

The benefit in being a farm worker is that accommodation is usually provided. This means that you will have a safe and supportive home base.

The other factor with having accommodation provided is that it means that you can look for work anywhere around NZ.

Okay - yes, I'd like to work on a farm. But how do I prepare myself if I live in a town or city?

1. Some schools offer NZCEA Agriculture and or Horticulture programs. Look for these options when choosing NCEA subjects.
 - a. You can also study 'Farm Based Skills' – by distance from Telford Rural Polytechnic.
 - b. Talk to your school about this option & contact Telford or Te Kura Correspondence School.
2. If there is a local NZ Defence Cadet Core, then join. The reason you'd do this is because you'll be exposed to a whole range of experiences such as tramping and shooting that will all add to your skill set. Another valuable lesson you'll learn in the Cadets is self-discipline. & finally – it will look good on your CV.
3. Try and get **any** after-school or holiday job. Even it's a boring job that you don't like – do it & do it well. Why? Because by working hard you'll be: 1) earning some money. 2) Be able to write some 'work-history' into your CV & 3) If you do a good job, you will be able to ask that employer for a 'work reference.'
4. Set up a saving account at your Bank and start saving money. This way when your 15 years old you will have money to pay for some driving lessons and the driving license fees to.

Once you know what you want to do, 'keep your eye on the prize' & do everything you can to make your goal a reality.

To show you **what & where** you need to do to find a junior farm role, I looked in Trade Me Jobs under the job classification 'Agricultural, Fishing & Forestry & have attached 3 roles for you to take a look because this is the type of job that you will be searching for:

<p>Junior Shepherd Location: Central Hawke's Bay.</p> <p>Listed Nov 2018 Type Full time, Permanent</p> <p>Due to our current Junior Shepherd out growing the position and moving on, an opportunity for a keen junior shepherd has come up on our 1020 ha property. Located in beautiful Central Hawkes Bay.</p> <p>The successful applicant will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a keen attitude towards learning and developing their skills - a positive attitude towards health & safety - interest in developing a team of dogs - drivers license <p>The successful applicant will be working along-side an experienced Stock Manager and the Farm Owner. This would be an ideal opportunity for the right person to learn from a wealth of knowledge and start their career within the agriculture industry.</p> <p>Single accommodation is provided.</p>	<p>General Farm Worker Location: Waimakariri, Canterbury</p> <p>Listed Nov 2018 Type Full time, Permanent</p> <p>An opportunity exists for a hard working reliable and keen to learn individual to come and work along -ide the owner.</p> <p>Farm is located in Oxford running Sheep, Velvet Stags and Cattle with a small amount of arable crop.</p> <p>The job will involve Tractor driving with modern gear Stock work, sheep, deer and cattle Fencing Farm maintenance Training will be given to the right applicant</p> <p>Accommodation on farm, small 2-bedroom cottage</p>	<p>Junior Shepherd Location: Southland</p> <p>Listed Nov 2018 Type Full time, Permanent</p> <p>We have a junior shepherd position available. We are an intensive hill country property running approx. 21,000s.u. We are looking for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • someone who is passionate about stock and dogs- this position will start out with a general role and then develop into stock work/ shepherding • a "can do" positive attitude that is keen to learn and get a start with dogs and a farming career <p>*Dogs are not essential - help available to train / buy required dogs *Someone who can fit into a team and enjoys working with other people- good communicator</p> <p>There is good hunting onsite and a great local community with lots of sporting and social options.</p> <p>Shared single accommodation available.</p>
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So, let's look at the key 'attributes' that these 3 employers are looking for in these junior roles:

To have a shot at securing the work your looking for, you need to be:

- ✓ Positive
- ✓ Reliable
- ✓ Keen
- ✓ Have a 'can-do' attitude
- ✓ Hard-working

Dream + Plan = Do

