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Phillips' Family Farm

New Zealand's agricultural heritage runs deep. The Phillips' family farm, operated by David and Jo, is on the verge of its 40th anniversary, after first getting their hands on the land in 1977.

Tucked away in the sunny Hawkes Bay just 25 km south of Havelock North, they are one of the first local farms to dive into the goat farming industry.

David maintains the traditional farm of sheep, a bovine dairy shed and managing the cropping block, while his daughter and son-in-law, Lydia and Sean Baty, help operate their new goat milking shed.

The 80-bale internal rotary operates similar to a cow shed with one distinct difference, size, specifically designed for goats. David sees the expansion into the goat industry as a succession plan, stating that it "provides the start of a nest egg for the next generation".

Having worked with Rural Fuel for over five years now, David has nothing but high praise. Maintaining a 6,000L diesel tank on site, the Phillips' farm requires prompt delivery when running low. "They're damn good, whenever I ring them they are out within hours", says David, "they go out of their way to help." David's choice to employ Rural Fuel was based on relationships and communication, along with Rural Fuel's commitment to its people and providing a convenient service.



CD Field Days Competition winner

Bruce Williams, Easthills
Farms Ltd

Hawkes Bay Sales
Representative Pat
Michaelsen presents
the winner of the prize
draw, Bruce from
Dannevirke, with the
Flight Centre voucher.



Did you know?

Cows have the ability to walk
upstairs but not down again.



Rural Fuel Website

The new Rural Fuel website is now live:
www.ruralfuel.co.nz. This site now
provides the information you need on any
device you're on.



Rural Fuel Marton Truckstop upgrade

Visit our recently upgraded Rural Fuel Truckstop,
located in the Rangitikei Truck & Diesel Yard, Kensington Road, Marton.

Health and Safety Brief

With the introduction of the Health and Safety at Work Act in April 2016, it is timely that we all review our worksite hazards and safety in the workplace.

The new Act has created a number of new requirements for us and has impacted the way incidents are reported to Worksafe. Our staff have been trained in the new Act which, among other things, requires us to record and report any damage caused to our vehicles while on any delivery site, including farms.

The operating requirements of our trucks are extremely high and heavily regulated so, if they are damaged while on your site, we may be obliged to report damage to Worksafe to investigate. With this in mind, we have considered how we can work together to avoid situations that could cause on-site damage.

Access ways

At this time of year it can be worthwhile to reassess the condition of site entryways and tracks. During the summer farm tracks may be stable and hazard free, but with winter upon us and the threat of waterlogged tracks on the horizon, it could be time to consider drainage and applying aggregate to them.

Entrance Path Clearance

Please take time a few times a year to check that the entrance path to your property is clear so that trucks are not damaged by overhanging branches or other obstructions. The clear path dimensions should be at least 3m across and 4m high in order to provide safe entry to your site.

Small Containers

We have often helped out customers by filling smaller portable containers with fuel after filling primary storage tanks. Although these containers are specifically designed to contain fuel products, they are not designed to be filled with the larger nozzle and higher pump rate from our trucks. These containers are unstable when being filled in this way and the higher flow rate compounds the risk of a spill from bubbling or blow back.

Fuel spills are reportable to Worksafe so, for everyone's safety, unfortunately we will no longer be able to fill these small portable containers from 30 September 2016.



The safety of our drivers, customers, the public and your workplace is paramount for us, as is the protection of the environment. Whilst we understand that this change in policy may cause some inconvenience, we believe these measures will help to reduce the chances of an incident occurring, which is in the best interests of everybody.

There are a number of downloadable documents and useful links on our website that may assist your on-site health and safety activities. These can be found at www.ruralfuel.co.nz

Please feel welcome to contact your Rural Fuel representative if you have any further questions or queries.



Rural Fuel stands tall at the Annual Forestry Awards 2016

Our small but dedicated Gisborne team won big at the seventh annual Eastland Wood Council Forestry Awards this year, picking up the Outstanding Regional Service Performance Award, sponsored by C3 Complete Cargo Care.

More than 520 people packed the Showgrounds Park Events Centre to honour and applaud the many who are involved in the industry.

"The team were proud to be recognised," says Rochelle Eade, one of our Gisborne Sales Reps. "Forestry is an important part of our customer base and we like to tailor our services to suit each individual customer." A large part of our success is also due to our skilled drivers Kerry Logan, Darian Stevens, Selwyn Hingston and Operations Supervisor / Driver Sean Hovell, along with our health and safety culture. Rural Fuel, like the forestry industry, have taken huge steps to ensure all aspects of their day to day operations exceed today's health and safety compliance standards.

We were also stoked to be there when Hikurangi Forest Farms' William 'Hoot' Knowles, who received the big one of the night –



Left to right: Sales Representatives Mark Kingsbeer, Rochelle Eade, Operations Supervisor Sean Hovel and C3 Ltd Central Regional Manager Matt Wakelin

the Eastland Wood Council Skilled Forestry Professional of the Year, as well as the Eastland Port Roading Excellence Award. Congratulations Hoot.

Rural Fuel Ltd has been operating in the East Coast region for the past 5 years. With 6 local staff, the company operates 3 field delivery tanker trucks to supply fuel and lubricants to many forestry contractors in the Gisborne - Wairoa area. Deliveries include locations such as Wharerata, Tauwhareparae, Whatatutu, TeKaraka, Ihungia, Mata and TePuia, traversing forestry roads in all weather conditions. Mark, Rochelle and the whole team would like to thank McCafferty Haulage Ltd for the nomination and congratulate Prue Younger and the team at Eastland Wood Council for putting on such a great night.

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