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### Farm Report

As the 2012/13 production season draws to a close we reflect on a challenging but rewarding year for Te Uranga B2 Incorporation. While the final result in terms of farm productivity and the resulting financial bottom line will be less than planned due to the drought, we have still seen the farms progress forward in terms of land and asset development.

The dairy farms ended with total production of 270,871 kg of milksolids (MS) which was 13% down on the original target for the year. In comparison the last big drought in 2007/08 saw production only reach 237,000kg of milksolids so we can see that there has been progress in the way the farms are set up to deal with such events.

The period from late April to early June has been nothing short of spectacular and this has meant that all farms have experienced strong pasture growth and we have seen the farms recover to a position of grass on hand which is comparable to last winter. This puts all of the farms in a very strong position heading into the next financial year, something we did not think would be occurring a couple of months back. This will mean that the good couple of months, plus the conscious decisions made will see the effects of the drought largely contained to the 12/13 year which will be pleasing.

The farms are heading into their second year of the three year development programme which will see further improvements in their productive performance and the quality of the asset. The work completed to date is showing strong benefits and it will be pleasing in two years time to have the farms completely developed and generating strong returns.

We look forward to the year ahead with optimism given the state of the farms and the relatively stable market outlook for the year. This should mean strong returns from Upoko sheep and beef production and the dairy units will be able to capitalise on the \$7.00 / kg MS forecast.

*Darren McNae, Farm Consultant, AgFirst*

### Ahuwhenua Maori Farmer of Year 2013



A crowd of over 800 packed the Pettigrew Green Arena in Taradale, Hawkes Bay, for the announcement of the 2013 Ahuwhenua Maori Farmer of

the Year – Sheep and Beef Category. The finalists, Te Hape Station, Tarawera Station and Te Uranga B2's Upoko were awarded a medal. Traci Houpapa (Te Uranga B2 Chairman) received the Ahuwhenua Medal on behalf of the owners from a representative from Te Puni Kokiri.

The winner of the Ahuwhenua trophy was Te Awahohonu Forest Trust – Tarawera Station of Ngati Kahungunu.

### Share Register – Unpaid monies update

The Share Register Update Project has been going for 1 year now and I am pleased to report that through hard work and persistence and with the assistance from you, our owners, a 12% decrease in the total un-paid monies held by the Incorporation's been achieved, which is very exciting!

These monies are yours and provided you can prove your entitlement through succession and have a bank account Patricia can make the payments out to those entitled. I am also available to assist with the succession process through the Maori Land Court.

*.Alan Cockle, CoM, Mob: 02108115229*

## 22 Years On – Glenn Houpapa

A lot has transpired since receiving the Te Uranga B2 Putea Mātauranga in 1991. At that stage, I had no idea what would become of me or what I was setting out to achieve.

I had been made redundant from a local surveying firm and I applied for the putea to help cover the costs to study civil engineering in Wellington. Not only did I complete the training but the foothold I gained allowed me to grasp further opportunities both in career and education.

Now, some 20 years later, and with professional qualifications behind me, I have worked in a broad range of managerial roles, delivering major civil engineering projects both here in New Zealand and Australia.

Throughout my career I regularly reflect back to my upbringing; growing up on the farm, getting up early to feed out, appreciating the returns from a good day's work and never taking things for granted. That background, instilled by the values of my family, has helped me get me to where I am today. The putea was also critical to my success – coming at a time when I could have so easily decided to follow another path.

I strongly recommend education or training to anyone and as challenging as it may seem, the best time to do it is always now. It can seem such a big hurdle at first but time passes quickly and it remarkable how far much you can achieve. The gains you make now will have a big benefit to you in the future.

*Glenn Houpapa, Construction Manager / Shareholder Te Uranga B2 Inc.*

## This year's AGM – Sat 2 November

More and more owners have been coming to the AGMs so we have decided to make some changes to the day's events. These include a farm tour and

reports presented in the field and in the main woolshed. *More details in the Spring Panui.*

## Upoko Animal Audit – June 26



*Jack Valois whistling his dogs, you reckon, while rounding up sheep for 2013 Stock audit.*

This compulsory annual counting of animals on Upoko amounted to 7,023 sheep and 845 cattle. The audit was conducted by Jack Valois, Vaughan Rogers, Shane Scott and committee members Traci, Vonda and Alan.

## Farmers from Uruguay and Chile Visited Te



Uranga B2 farms this autumn while on a nationwide tour of New Zealand farms.

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