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National Beef Herd Future Plan

- Herd currently: 26 cows; 12 rising 2yo heifers 4 weaner heifers; 1 weaner bull; 3 mature ET bulls; 5 rising 2yo bulls and 1 steer
- Role 3 fold:
 - Commercial herd improvement
 - Research & Development (R&D) productivity issues
 - Pasture development



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Artificial Insemination

- 18 NBH cows; 8 rising 3yo heifers Dec/Jan
- Semen: 4 Te Mania and 3 Lawson Angus high performance Breedplan EBV's
- 70 % pregnant to AI
- Similar programme this Dec/Jan
- Will AI rising 2yo heifers also







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Leasing & Sales

- 3 rising 5yo & 5 rising 2yo bulls to lease this Dec/Jan - get orders in
- Will be NBH cull cows and heifers for sale after preg. test. Possible NBH bull & female sale in November - prior to joining time
- Aiming to maintain total herd of 50 head
- In future years young AI bred bulls & heifers will be available for sale







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NBH Genetic Goal

- **Aim:** Produce 'All Blacks' that are fast growing, fast finishing and high yielding
- Ideally should achieve 5mm+ of fat under 2yo
- Cows must milk well-aim for weaners to av. above 220kg at weaning (6 months)
- NBH weaners 247kg this year at 6 months
- Hardiness gene important





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Key Aims of NBH

- Improve efficiency of beef production in commercial herds
- High quality bulls for leasing/sale
- High quality females for sale
- R&D aspects of reproductive failure
- Demonstrate grazing/pasture improvement
- R&D yield of saleable meat
- Teaching condition scoring and other techniques