



SUNDAY, 1 MARCH 2009

CALLING ON ALL FEDERATED FARMERS' MEMBERS

9AM-4PM (OR PART THEREOF)

WE NEED YOUR HELP

- parking cars,
- welcoming guests at the gate,
- guiding a walking group.

If you can help out please let us know. We can't be sure how many people will be turning up so the more hands we have on deck the better.

Parking: Cars will be directed to the farm with Federated Farmers' signage. Once they arrive we need to park them in A&P show style in a pre-designated paddock. Please come with a safety vest.

Welcoming guests once their car is parked: Everyone will come through the same gate. They need to be welcomed, given a name tag and linked into a group.

Guided walks: Every FARM DAY will have a guided walk around the farm. Groups will be kept to about 20 people. Each farm walk will last about one hour and there will be pre-arranged stops along the way. As a host your job will be to look after the group throughout the farm tour, tell some stories (not necessarily about this farm) and encourage the group to enjoy themselves. Your role is to be the face of farming. This is a great opportunity to build new friends in the non-farming community.

If you can help out please contact (by phone or email) either:
Edwin Newport, 03 522 4325 or ednewport@xtra.co.nz
Bronwyn Wilson 0800 327 646 or bwilson@fedfarm.org.nz



Nelson Federated Farmers' field day will be held at:

Parkes Farm



Your host: Ian & Sue Parkes

Punawai, 88 Valley Road, Wakefield

Ian and Sue Parkes run a sheep and beef property with a mix of hill country and flat land on the outskirts of Wakefield. Farming so close to Nelson meant that when they wanted to develop their business buying land wasn't an option. Land was being sold for prices far in excess of productive ability. This meant that they needed to intensify their existing business. They did this by harvesting rainfall on one part of the farm and storing it in a 2.5 hectare purpose built dam. The Parkes don't run more stock, but are now able to hold on to them longer and sell at heavy weights.

Nelson members who are able to help out, please ring Edwin Newport or Bronwyn Wilson and turn up at 9am on the 1st March.

This is not a 'wander at will' farm tour. The public will be met at the gate, put in to groups and escorted around the farm.

We need your help on the day to make FARM DAY a success. Please think about lending a hand.

To learn more about this farm and how you can help on the day, please phone or email either Edwin Newport or Bronwyn Wilson.

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JANUARY 2009

NELSON

FARM DAY

SUNDAY, 1ST MARCH 2009

Federated Farmers of New Zealand is holding the first New Zealand-wide open FARM DAY on Sunday 1st March. The Nelson province FARM DAY will be held at Ian and Sue Parkes, Wakefield.

Federated Farmers Nelson is pleased to be on board with FARM DAY. We aim to take this opportunity to share information with those who want to know more about farming and how it happens. New Zealand needs farmers and farmers need a good rapport with the rest of the community. It will be good to highlight the work that goes into the great products we produce from the land.

Our two take home messages from the day are simple and clear. We want people to remember that:

- New Zealand farmers grow healthy, safe food.
- New Zealand farmers care about the environment.

I am asking all members to hang page two of this flyer in a local shop, take it the local school, or pass it onto a non-farming friend.

We cannot run this day without your support. If you could help out, it would be great. It is clear that the more helpers on deck, the easier it will be to pull off a great event.



I hope to see you on 1st March.

Many thanks

Edwin Newport (Provincial President)



**FEDERATED
FARMERS**
OF NEW ZEALAND



FARMDAY

Discover the Country



SUNDAY, 1 MARCH 2009

Join us for a great day in the country, come and experience the sights, sounds and smells of farming.

WHERE:

Ian & Sue Parkes
Punawai, 88 Valley Road, Wakefield

TIME: 10am-3pm

Sign posted from Wakefield

RSVP: For all Farm Day events please phone:

07 838 2589 or email: admin@fedfarm.org.nz

ACTIVITIES:

- Farm walk
- Visit to water storage dam
- Sheep shearing demonstrations
- Lend a hand
- Tagging and weighing stock
- Pretend to be a sheep and walk through a freight truck.
- Fertiliser display
- Met a vet

Farm Day is a national agricultural event coordinated and hosted by Federated Farmers of New Zealand.