



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 phone or email either:

Bob Milne, 03 738 0038 or bob.milne@xtra.co.nz

Bronwyn Wilson, 0800 327 646 or bwilson@fedfarm.org.nz



West Coast Federated Farmers field day will be held at:

Kotuku Dairy Farm



Your host: Shane Kelly, Farm Manager
Deep Creek Road, Bell Hill

Kotuku Dairy Farm is one of the Landcorp properties at Bell Hill. The farm has undergone significant development and re-contouring since being converted from sheep seven years ago.

All of the land, with the exception of remanent indigenous vegetation, has been turned upside down and sown in to highly producing pasture grasses. The entire property is under a Queen Elizabeth II conservation covenant and is currently planting up along stream edges and in wetland areas. Shane Kelly is the farm manager and has overseen the farm's development since the early stages of its conversion. This will be a great chance for non-farmers to visit a top producing dairy farm operating at peak performance.

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 contact either Bob Milne or Bronwyn Wilson.

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NEWSLETTER SPECIAL



JANUARY 2009

WEST COAST

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 West Coast province FARM DAY will be held at Landcorp's 'Kotuku' property, Bell Hill (ex Focus Farm).

Federated Farmers West Coast is looking forward to hosting FARM DAY. We think it is a great opportunity for farmers in our area to explain how we are using the land and managing the environment. As we know, farming has changed from a generation ago when many townfolk had some connection with the land. As modern farmers we run our businesses with best principles and this is often not realised by our urban cousins.

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

- New Zealand farmers grow healthy and safe food in a sustainable way.
- 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

Basil Meyer
Provincial President



**FEDERATED
FARMERS**
OF NEW ZEALAND



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

WHERE: Landcorp - Kotuku Dairy Farm
Deep Creek Road, Bell Hill

Sign posted from Rotomanu and Moana

TIME: 10am-3pm

RSVP: For all Farm Day events please phone:
07 838 2589 or email: admin@fedfarm.org.nz

ACTIVITIES:

- Farm walk
- Grass measuring using a plate measurer
- Milking

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