



North Canterbury FARM DAY Location One



**Our hosts are: Neville and Raewyn Tidey
Clinton Road, Greendale**

Neville and Raewyn Tidey milk 625 cows on their Greendale farm in the Selwyn District. The farm is 180 ha which they irrigate from two bores.

They have recently converted their herringbone milking shed into a rotary and have installed automatic cup removers so as to reduce the labour requirement.

Their Friesian-Jersey cross dairy herd sits in the top 5% of all herds across New Zealand and each cow averages about 480 kilos of milk solid a season.

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 these FARM DAYS a success. Please think about lending a hand.

To learn more about these farms and how you can help on the day, please phone or email:

**Linda Donnelly on 03 357 9450 or email
canterbury@fedfarm.org.nz**



North Canterbury FARM DAY Location Two:

Claxby



**Our hosts are: Richard and Margaret Spencer-Bower
Corner of Browns and South Eyre Road, Eyreton**

Claxby is one of the first farms established in the Waimakariri District and one of the few in the South Island that has remained in the same family since it was taken up in 1852.

The farm is 1000 ha and the Spencer-Bower's run 4000 sheep, 250 deer and 200 (+-) cattle. They also crop about 80 ha and lease another 250 ha out to someone else for cropping.

About 70 percent of the property is irrigated from deep wells and water taken directly out of the Waimakariri River at high flows.

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LOCAL VOICE NEWSLETTER SPECIAL

JANUARY 2009



NORTH CANTERBURY

FARM DAY SUNDAY, 1ST MARCH 2009

Federated Farmers is holding the first New Zealand-wide, open FARM DAY on Sunday March 1st. The North Canterbury province will have two FARM DAYS; Neville & Raewyn Tidey at Greendale, and Richard & Margaret Spencer-Bower at Eyrewell.

North Canterbury Federated Farmers is committed to enhancing rural-urban relationships and we see this as an excellent way to foster understanding. I've talked to many city community groups and I have always found them willing and keen to learn more about farming. This day in the country will be a great way for town people to talk to farmers. I believe we are one country with a common cause and that this is our chance to build positively onto our relationships.

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
- 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 to the local school, or pass it on to a non-farming friend.

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



I hope to see you on March 1st.
Many thanks

Chris Sundstrum
North Canterbury President

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 in to 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 the 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.

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03 357 9450 or email canterbury@fedfarm.org.nz.**



SUNDAY, 1 MARCH 2009



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

WHERE: Neville and Raewyn Tidey
Clinton Road, Greendale



Sign posted from:
Burnham and Charing Cross corner

TIME: 10am-3pm



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

ACTIVITIES:

- Farm walk
- Viewing the milking shed
- Underpass
- Irrigator and groundwater bores
- Weighing and drafting



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WHERE: Richard and Margaret Spencer-Bower
Corner of Browns and South Eyre Road,
Eyreton, Waimakariri



Sign posted from:
Tram Road

TIME: 10am-3pm

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ACTIVITIES:

- Farm walk
- Sheep shearing
- Working dogs
- Drafting
- Irrigation
- Mohair goats
- Sausage sizzle fundraiser for school water polo team



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