

Kilamarup Farms
Boyup Brook and Kojonup WA

Junior Farmhand- Broadacre Sheep and Cropping Operation

Kilamarup Farms is a progressive growing mixed broadacre farming operation in the Boyup Brook and Kojonup Shires producing sustainable food and fibre. Our self-replacing sheep operation produces merino/suffolk cross prime lambs, merino's lambs, and wool. Our cropping program produces canola, barley, wheat, oats, and hay. We require an energetic and capable junior farmhand to work alongside the farm manager, 2IC and senior farmhand. The operation is a 50:50 split between cropping and livestock giving a variety of work throughout the year. The successful applicant will be based in Boyup Brook and will be responsible for assisting in executing the operational plan throughout the year.

General Duties

- Sheep handling throughout the year including mustering, drafting, drenching, feeding, culling, needling, marking, loading, tailing, ear marking, jetting, dipping and assisting with crutching and shearing operations.
- Fencing and assisting in infrastructure construction
- General repair and maintenance of plant and equipment
- Preparing paddocks for cropping
- Operating a spreader
- Operating an air seeder during the day (if competent and capable)
- Operating a chaser bin
- Assist other 3 workman on the farm with general duties

Specific Duties

Pre-Seeding/Shearing (Jan Feb March)

- Clean down harvesting equipment
- Assist with a 4 week Shearing operation
- Spreading lime and pasture fertiliser
- Preparing paddocks for cropping: raking stubbles, putting in fire breaks, pushing up dead trees and picking sticks
- Sheep feeding
- Assist with putting rams in for mating and pull out
- Fencing
- Summer weed control
- Assist with basic machinery maintenance

Jan and Feb Ideal summer holiday period for everyone on the farm (1-2 weeks each)

Seeding (April May)

- Sheep feeding
- Pre-lambing drenching
- Operating an air seeder for day shift
- Picking rocks and sticks

- Spreading fertiliser

Post Seeding/ Lamb Marking (June July August)

- Lamb marking crossbred lambs
- Spreading fertiliser
- Assist with infrastructure maintenance: Sheep yards, sheds, fence and houses
- Assist with infrastructure construction
- Spray firebreaks, edges, contours and around sheds, houses, and yards
- Repairs and maintenance in workshop on wet days

Ideal mid year winter holiday period for everyone on the farm (1-2 weeks each)

Lamb Marking/Crutching/ Jetting/Hay (Sept Oct)

- Lamb mark merino lambs
- Assist with crutching operation of all sheep: mustering, pushing up, wool sorting
- Repairs and maintenance in workshop on wet days and harvest preparation
- Fencing
- Assist in jetting all sheep for fly control
- Fencing
- Moving Hay
- Drenching and needling lambs

Harvest (Nov Dec)

- Pre-harvest maintenance of all harvest equipment
- Chaser Bin operation and some header driving (if capable and competent)
- Working and communicating closely with header and truck drivers
- Morning blowing down, monitoring, servicing and maintenance of all harvest machinery
- Escorting and moving field bins and harvesting equipment
- Loading grain trucks
- Help prepare for the shearing operation

Why Us?

- Progressive top 25% business
- Healthy work environment
- Variety of Work throughout the year
- Learning and PD opportunities: truck licence, chem cert, local field days and workshops, possibility to assist/look in to a cert 3 or 4 in Ag
- Access to an inhouse family sheep consultant and agronomist to assist with any questions and your learning.
- Modern Machinery and Infrastructure
- We are always adopting new technology and practices to improve efficiencies and quality
- Family owned and operated operation
- I WA based: 3hrs to Perth, 1hr 20m to Bunbury Busselton, 2hrs to Albany. (DIDO opportunities)

- Located 10km from Boyup Brook town a friendly vibrant community with modern facilities, 3 schools and multiple sporting clubs.

Requirements

- Can do attitude and a willingness to have a go
- Drivers licence
- Communication skills
- Ability to work in a team
- Ability to work independently
- Basic mechanical aptitude, experience and understanding
- Willing to learn

Be physically fit and in excellent health:

- This job can be physically strenuous (demanding) from time to time. You will be expected to be able to walk, climb, bend, kneel, lift, grip, grasp, push and pull various tools and equipment.
- You will need the ability to frequently lift, push and pull from 10–20 kilo's and occasionally more.
- This is a physical job that includes both indoor and outdoor work in all types of weather and temperature environments

Preferable/Favourable

- Experience operating a variety of heavy-duty machinery
- Technology skills: Phones, GPS systems, apps
- Livestock experience specifically sheep
- Fencing skills
- Heavy rigid or Mc truck licence
- Mechanical and auto electric skill
- Metal work skills

Package

- Based on experience and performance over probationary period
- Basic self-contained worker accommodation available on farm
- The position will require long hours and weekend work at peak times of the year and offer an excellent exposure to broadacre agribusiness.

Please contact Alex, Peter or Carolyn Reid to discuss we would love to have a chat!

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