

CASE STUDY – ROXBURGH DAIRIES

FARM INFORMATION

Owner/Operator:

Simon Chapman

Location:

Roxburgh Dairies, Mid Canterbury
under the gaze of Mt Somers.

Size:

1000 cows on 275 Hectares

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Simon Chapman, Roxburgh Dairies

Simon and his team took part in the FarmTune programme in 2016 and will soon be undergoing a refresher. Implementing the dairy farm focused LEAN management principles of FarmTune has made life easier at Roxburgh Dairies.

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For Roxburgh Dairies one of the biggest benefits has been the improved team communication which in turn has reduced frustrations and improved productivity. Fixing frustrations and engaging his staff has been important to Simon, particularly in dairying where staff can work long, tiring hours.

"We run a number of 'What's App' groups to make communication easy. The staff are listened to and even if we can't fix a problem we address it"

Another time and bottom line benefit Roxburgh Dairies is enjoying as a result of implementing FarmTune is the reduced milking times. By establishing clear Vat Wash and Milking Process procedures, the staff all know what to do and how to do it. The cowshed runs smoothly, freeing time for the staff to focus on other tasks.

Applying FarmTune's 6s principles to work areas has paid dividends on farm too. Eliminating waste through introducing defined areas and checklists have helped smooth daily life. "You need to spend the time to learn how to process map and how to identify opportunities for improvement. It takes a bit of effort but it's well worth it" says Simon. "If you want to eliminate unnecessary costs and frustration then FarmTune is the way to go".

Do you want to see your staff communicate better and become more organised? This is a programme that will help develop team culture and behaviours to focus on continuous improvement and better, safer work. To find out more, or to register your interest in the next FarmTune series of workshops visit www.dairynz.co.nz/farmtune



Take waste out of your business, empower your staff and grow your bottom line with FarmTune, the LEAN Management Programme for Dairy Farmers.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Built on the principles of LEAN FarmTune is proven system developed by DairyNZ for farmers that gives you the tools to learn how to:

- Sharpen Your Operation
- Find the Opportunities
- Identify and Eliminate Waste
- Improve Health and Safety
- Streamline Milking Times
- Eliminate Frustration
- Engage and Empower Your Team
- Improve Team Communication

FarmTune courses are delivered by trained and accredited FarmTune consultants. The workshops engage you and your farm team to practically learn and implement LEAN farm management.

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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Over a 3 month programme of 7 half day workshops your farm team will learn:

WORKSHOP 1: FINDING THE OPPORTUNITY (OFI)

- Introduction to LEAN Thinking
- Establish the Why?
- Waste
- Value Stream Mapping
- Identifying Opportunities
- Toolbox Meetings

WORKSHOP 2: PROBLEM SOLVING

- OFI Management
- Defining the Problem
- Identifying Root Cause
- People Problems
- Prioritising OFI

WORKSHOPS 3 AND 4: IMPLEMENTING SOLUTIONS

- Value Adding Solutions
- Future State VSM
- Checkpoints and Checklists
- Standard Operating Procedures
- Visual Controls
- Process Controls Summary

WORKSHOPS 5 AND 6: EMBEDDING THE BEHAVIOURS

- Workplace Solutions
- 6S Planning
- 6S Implementation
- 6S Audit

WORKSHOP 7: SUSTAINING PROGRESS

- Continuous Improvement Culture
- Roll Out Plan
- 6S Audits
- Toolbox Meetings

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