

HEAD STOCKPERSON OR FARMING CONTRACTOR

An exciting opportunity has become available for either a head stockperson or farming contractor at North Chesthill Estate, Perthshire. Either role is challenging and requires the successful candidate to manage a livestock farming operation on the estate.

The Estates livestock enterprise comprises a flock of 950 ewes and a herd of 33 cows, running over approximately 2,662.06 ha (6,578 ac). The Estate owners are looking to either employ a head stockperson, or to hire a new contractor in a contract farming agreement, to look after the livestock enterprise.

A successful head stockperson will be responsible for the functional, strategic, and financial management of the livestock enterprise. The position requires the applicant to be resilient, forward thinking and collaborate effectively with the wider management team and other stakeholders.

A successful contractor will have sole responsibility for running the livestock enterprise on behalf of the estate and managing the relationship with the landowner. Good communication skills are essential. The contractor is expected to provide his/her own labour and machinery.

For both roles, excellent management skills, technical knowledge, and prior experience on a livestock farm are required with the job encompassing administrative and regulatory responsibilities, including the completion of government returns and subsidy applications, as well as timely and thorough financial planning and reporting.

The successful candidate should be highly accountable and driven, and should take the lead in the development of the long-term farm policy, working closely with the owners of the Estate to shape the operation. If the successful candidate is a stockperson, there may also be potential to take on a range of additional managerial responsibilities across the estate.

It is essential that the successful candidate is keen to explore new directions, drive developments, and has a dynamic and forward-looking approach to farm and estate management, all whilst maintaining a deep understanding of the environmental and political factors that impact the industry today.

For employees, a salary commensurate with the demands of the role and the experience of the successful applicant will be offered along with accommodation, if required. We welcome those seeking a contract farming arrangement to provide a draft budget for the livestock enterprise for consideration.

Please apply with a covering letter, CV and budget (if applicable) by email to Ian Hope:

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