



# Paringa Livestock

## Biological & Sustainable Farming

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## ◉ Who is Paringa Livestock

- ◉ A Family Seedstock business
- ◉ We live off the land



- ◉ Applied biological farming practices for over 10 years
- ◉ 500 acres freehold; 4500 acres lease; 5 genetic partners; globally linked in NZ, North America and Europe



## Aim

- ◉ Economically and environmentally sustainable
- ◉ Good stewards of the land
- ◉ To be part of a community in a positive way
- ◉ Ethical food producers – part of

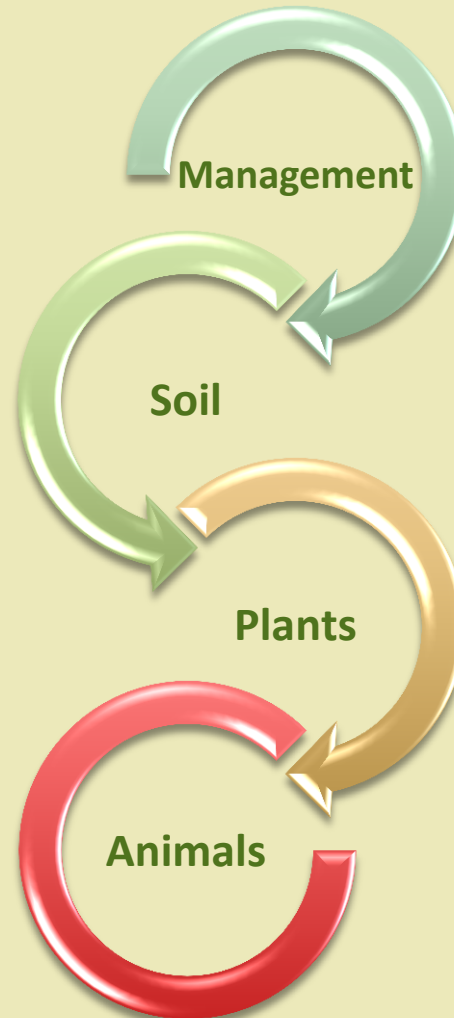


# How does it work?

- ⦿ Fence off all water ways and protect and improve existing native vegetation
- ⦿ Biological approach to soils – availability, improve soil carbon through ground cover and grazing
- ⦿ Best practice management - build a system that is resilient (flexible, partnerships & diverse)
- ⦿ Build a business that has value to our family, the environment and community.



# Management the key





## In Practice

- ◉ Our commitment to a best practice biological farming approach includes:
  - Consciously reducing our chemical inputs
  - Using natural based fertilizer instead of the traditional NPK
  - Fencing all waterways
  - Large scale revegetation and fencing off remnant areas
  - Applying rotational grazing to pastures and prefer longer term productive perennials rather than short term grasses whilst maximising ground cover at all times.



# Results

- ⦿ An increase in nutrient density and growth in our pastures
- ⦿ Improved soil and animal health
- ⦿ Greater water retention
- ⦿ Increased productivity





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# Take home message: Get the basics right

- ◉ Management the key – integrate soils, plant, water and genetics
- ◉ Grazing
- ◉ Soil balance/availability
- ◉ Business structure right – JV, leasing, partnerships
- ◉ Resilient systems – community, drought, floods, fires
- ◉ \$ Profit – must be profitable
- ◉ Size doesn't matter