







5. Stop 2: Lowther Downs (Sheep & Beef)

5.1. Farm overview

Our farm aim is to profitably produce lamb, beef, wool, plus female breeding stock in sheep and male breeding stock in cattle. As well logs are produced for timber from a *Pinus radiata* plantation. Our objectives are to achieve this to a high standard in a long term sustainable way, by balancing inputs and outputs to produce quality pasture and hence high quality stock for sale.

The key challenges on our farm are:

1. To provide enough feed to stock over our cold winter period (i.e. June to September)
2. To carefully manage input costs to maximise production and still remain profitable, and
3. To keep our farming methods interesting, exciting and enjoyable for owners and staff.

