



QUICK FACTS

Rangitaiki Station is a Landcorp Farming property, situated on the Napier-Taupo Road, and managed by Sam Bunny.

The station's 8350 effective hectares are nearly all flat and carry 83,000 stock units.

The cow herd is made up of 1400 head of Angus mixed-age cows and 380 rising-one-year-old heifers.

At 700 metres above sea level, cold hard winters dictate much of the farm's policy.



RANGITAIKI STATION, TAUPO

The beef progeny test at Rangitaiki involves 400 of the cows and all 380 heifers. A range of Angus bulls are being used, in line with the station's breeding cow policy. In addition – with the large number of cows and heifers available – some were mated to Hereford and Stabiliser bulls, as alternative maternal breeds, and some cows were mated to Simmental bulls, as a terminal sire option. Rangitaiki Station manager Sam Bunny is overseeing the B+LNZ Genetics Beef Progeny Test on the property, the day-to-day logistics are handled by sheep and beef manager Kevin Stewart and finishing cattle stock manager Tracy Gage-Brown.

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“I WANT TO KNOW WHETHER MORE MONEY SPENT ON DECENT GENETICS PAYS OFF. ALSO – LONG TERM – OBSERVING WHETHER THE HEIFER REPLACEMENTS COMING THROUGH MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

SAM BUNNY, RANGITAIKI STATION MANAGER

