


Checklist for a Farm Plan



A Farm Plan, or a Whole Farm Plan is the process of planning, design, and management, based on the natural resources and economic potential of a site. It is a good way of developing the background knowledge to be able to plan a sub-division, devise irrigation layouts, assess land capability and the potential of a farm.

A Farm Plan should use a scaled aerial map and include a range of site conditions (see list below) essential to describing farm assets and the proposed development.



Sheep	June 2004	June 2005
MA ewes	1257	1248
2 tooth ewes	309	492
Ewe Hogget's	410	366
Rams	12	17
Other	3	12
Total Sheep su	1779	2046

Cattle	June 2004	June 2005
MA Cows	82	85
R1yr Heifers	3	39
R2yr Bulls	3	1
R3yr Steers	130	35
Breeding Bulls	0	16
Total Cattle su	1104	919

Deer	June 2004	June 2005
MA Hinds	306	294
R1yr Hinds	125	125
R1yr Stags	147	125
MA Stags	8	7
Total Deer su	1047	974

Summary	June 2004	June 2005
Total Sheep su	1779	2046
Total Cattle su	1104	919
Total Deer su	1047	974
Total Stock Units	3930	3939
Sheep:Cattle:Deer	45:26:27	52:23:25
Stocking Rate (su/ha)	11.1	11.1

- Topography, main contours, ridgelines or steep rises.
- Soil conditions, including erosion sites, salinity.
- Existing native vegetation (trees, shrubs grasses and herbs).
- Indigenous plant species intended for rural landscaping and revegetation on the property.
- Wildlife habitat areas (includes rock outcrops).
- Pest plants/weed infestations.
- Pest animal habitats.
- Waterway/drainage networks and dams (current and proposed).
- The amount of water required and can be harvested for: domestic, stock, environmental, fire fighting and general farm uses.
- The surrounding land use e.g. cropping, dairy, grazing, urban/rural, mixed farming etc.
- The proposed future use of the land including potential impacts of on adjoining neighbours, water catchments, etc. Is there a Code of Practice?
- Existing and proposed buildings/structures including domestic areas.
- Access (including types of roads, dimensions) that accommodates farm activity/emergency vehicles?
- Existing and proposed fences.
- A detailed legend (including size of property in hectares)