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Regional Finals Dates 2012

Otago/Southland:

Sunday 12th February – Balclutha

Tasman:

Saturday 18th February – Greymouth

Aorangi:

Saturday 25th February – Oamaru

East Coast:

Saturday 10th March – Carterton

Taranaki/Manawatu:

Monday 12th March – Taranaki

Waikato/Bay of Plenty:

Saturday 17th March – Hamilton

Northern:

Saturday 31st March - Waipu

Get your team of two together
and email
teenag@youngfarmers.co.nz for
your entry form

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THANKS!

OK, OK – Christmas is still about a month away; but this will be the last TAGlines for 2011! We hope all your exams have been going well and you've got some exciting plans for the summer holidays!

We want to say a **huge** thank you to everyone that's been involved in TeenAg this year; be it in a Club or in a Competition – it's been such a fantastic year and you've made it what it is; we're already getting excited about next year!

Here are some cool stats for you to show how much TeenAg has kicked butt in its first year: There are now 360 signed up TeenAg Members nationwide and over 20 Clubs! Not too shabby! Kudos needs to go to the East Coast Region – over 120 of our Members come from that Region alone – it's great to see you all getting so involved.

Thanks again for being part of something great – Merry Christmas from the TeenAg, Get Ahead and New Zealand Young Farmers team!





The inaugural World Young Shepherds Challenge was recently held in Oamaru with eleven countries taking part in a two day competition that was organised by New Zealand Young Farmers.

The teams were brought to NZ by Beef + Lamb New Zealand for the competition along with a week of farm tours, cultural experiences, business tours and of course to see some of our world famous scenery.

Christchurch City NZYF Club's Peter Klaassen was named World Young Shepherd at an awards dinner after two days of competitions. He achieved the highest marks after completing five challenges that tested everything from his ATV to fencing skills along with shearing and a theory based identification challenge. For his efforts he was awarded with the trophy and a \$15,000 international professional development scholarship.

Philip Derryman from England was second followed by Lachlan Charlton of Australia. Lachlan also won the shearing competition after impressing the judges with a mixture of speed and quality.

Peter took away more accolades when he and teammate Hamish Best (Massey University) won the Shepherd's Sprint (Agrisports style event) on day two. He was also part of the winning team in the Cross Country Challenge (quiz with a physical twist at Totara Estate) along with Daffydd Roberts (Wales), Thomas Gibson (Northern Ireland), and Gustavo Alonso and Gustavo Borgen from Argentina.



If you're a TeenAg Member then you should have recently received the brand new TagMAG. We hope you enjoyed it! If you have any feedback or requests for things you'd like to see in it – drop us a line: nicola.henderson@youngfarmers.co.nz

For the first edition we also sent the magazine to those that competed in the 2011 Competition. We didn't have addresses for a few of you – so if you didn't receive one get in touch and we'll get one in the post for you.

What the heck is TeenAg?

TeenAg is run alongside New Zealand Young Farmers – it's a network of Clubs throughout New Zealand, made up of young people who are interested in agriculture, or simply have a love of the land. TeenAg Clubs run all sorts of fun events and have access to awesome personal development opportunities. The TeenAg Competition also takes place around New Zealand from mid-February – if you've ever seen The National Bank Young Farmer Contest, it's a lot like that. You'll take part in all sorts of agricultural challenges while racing against your mates and hopefully learning something new.

Keen on starting a TeenAg Club? Give us a call at National Office on 03 303 3054 or 0508 247 4543 and we'll point you in the right direction.



Check us out on Facebook for all the latest info and events!

In2 the Field Online Mentors

Make sure you check out our Online Mentors – it's a great way to learn more about ag careers from young professionals in the ag industry.

It's pretty easy because you don't even have to leave your house! The Mentors are on **Facebook** – so all you need to do is friend them and get chatting. (Hey – we all need another excuse to spend more time on Facebook too, don't we!?)



Search: James B Getahead

James has a Masters of Applied Science from Lincoln University and is our On-farm Mentor. He's a dairy farm manager in Te Aroha, and has also worked as a farm consultant along with spending time overseas.



Search: Laura B Getahead

Laura has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from Lincoln University and currently works at AgResearch. So if you're keen on science, get in touch with Laura today!



Search: Mairi W Getahead

Mairi is another Lincoln graduate and has a Bachelor of Commerce (Agriculture). She's an Agri Manager at The National Bank and will be able to give you some insight into the world of Agri-business.



Get Ahead is...

...a one stop career programme aimed at secondary school students who are checking out a career in agriculture – for those who aren't aware of the opportunities available just yet; the best thing about the agriculture industry is its diversity.

Agriculture is not just about traditional on-farm roles; there are many opportunities in Agri-business and Agri-science sectors too. Everything from marketing to research science, dairy farming to rural banking – there really is something for everyone.

The Get Ahead career programme aims to demonstrate to students about these options through Experience Days that are held around the country followed up by the In2 the Field Mentor Programme where keen students get to learn from those in the know. The practical aspects of the programme are backed up through in-depth resources found on the Get Ahead website.

Experience Days

Te Awamutu - 27th March

Rotorua - 29th March

Auckland - 3rd April

Hawera - 1st May

Hawke's Bay - 8th May

Nelson - 11th May

Dunedin - 22nd May

Winton - 6th June

Christchurch - 14th June

Please note that the Christchurch day is 14th June – not the 11th as previously advertised



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Merry.
Christmas