

# FARMERS of the WEEK



## MOTUMATAI PASTORAL

Andy & Gemma Phillips and their two children farm "Motumatai Pastoral", a 580 hectare breeding/finishing summer dry property in Wainuioru, Wairarapa.

Gemma's family - the Skeets - first occupied the property in 1914 under the ballot system and the Phillips are the fourth generation to work the family farm.

In both 2011 and 2013 Andy and Gemma were finalists for the "Best of Breeds - Crossbreed" award in the Beef + Lamb New Zealand Golden Lamb Awards. The annual competition aims to find the most tender and tasty lamb in New Zealand.

The couple has recently undertaken a "farm plan" with the Regional Council which includes native bush, gorge and waterway retirement as well as erosion control planting.

The Phillips family supplies Cabernet Foods Ltd with prime Romney/Suffolk cross lambs.

