



## K-State Master of Agribusiness 4th International Agribusiness Tour: New Zealand & Australia April 16 - May 1, 2010

Meals included indicated by: (B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner)

### Auckland - Queenstown, New Zealand

#### Sunday, April 18, Arrive Auckland

(- L D) After clearing airport customs you will be met by your NZ guide. A short tour of the City of Sails, then take the rest of the day to relax after the long flight. Dinner at the hotel.

#### Monday, April 19, Hamilton - Rotorua

(B - D) Meet with Fonterra then head south of the city to the productive Waikato farming province. Travel to nearby Cambridge to visit an organic Kiwifruit orchard. Here you will see and hear about the production of this signature export crop.

Continue on to Morrinsville to visit a 700 cow dairy farm which is pasture based but with significant supplementation from maize silage, grown on the property. Continue to Rotorua, renowned for its Maori culture and interesting thermal activity. This evening, enjoy a Maori Hangi for an insight into our native culture with accompanying musical entertainment.



### Estimated Trip Rates:

Double Occupancy Rate:  
Single = \$4,950\* Couple = \$9,900\*  
Single Occupancy Rate = \$5,600\*

\*These are based on current estimates and exchange rates. Trip costs will be paid in local currencies and the final cost will depend on the number of travelers and exchange rates.

**We will begin collecting a \$600 Deposit on August 1st, 2009** (due by November 1) to help us determine the number of travelers. Group size will be limited to around 30 with reservations on a first-come, first-serve basis.

#### Cost Breakdown:

- **Registration:** \$3,555 covers in-country logistics, hotel/motel rooms, entrance fees for special events, & most meals for double occupancy.
- **International Airfare:** \$1,395 per person, includes flights from West Coast to Auckland, New Zealand, internal flights in New Zealand & Australia, and from Brisbane, Australia to West Coast. *We have secured a limited number of seats at this special group rate.*

#### Additional Expenses:

- Each traveler is responsible for transportation from local origin to West Coast and from West Coast to local origin. If you choose not to join the group flights, you will be responsible for reservations on all flights.
- Visa charge: Approximately \$20 per person to get an ETA (Electronic Travel Authority) for Australia
- Additional meals, souvenirs & personal items
- Optional trip insurance

#### Tuesday, April 20, Rotorua - Palmerston North

(B L -) Visit the Te Puia thermal area where you can see boiling mud pools and spouting geysers. Visit a deer farm near Taupo for an insight into how red deer are farmed in NZ for their antler velvet and venison. An early lunch snack then continue south across volcanic plateau to Palmerston

North. Visit a beef (1,000) and lamb (10,000 plus) finishing property near Fielding. (This was until recently a Monitor farm for Meat NZ – used for trials and extension purposes).

#### Wednesday, April 21, Palmerston North - Christchurch

This morning visit Massey University, then agribusiness visits in Palmerston North or Wellington. Evening flight to Christchurch.

#### Thursday, April 22, Christchurch - Mackenzie Country

(B L D) Visit Lincoln University. Meet with Professor Keith Woodford and other academic staff. Tour the University's modern irrigated dairy farm, which also is used for extension and co-operative applied research with partner organizations. Agribusiness meetings such as with Ravensdown Fertiliser co-op.

Continue south across the Plains to Mid Canterbury, the principal grain growing and cropping area of New Zealand. Visit an arable farm, which also finishes lambs on greenfeed and crop residues. After a tour and farm lunch continue across Burkes Pass and past the beautiful blue hydro lakes of Tekapo and Pukaki to Twizel in the heart of the Mackenzie Country. Here you can see views of our highest mountains



in the Mount Cook National Park.

**Friday, April 23, Mackenzie Country - Queenstown**

(B L D) Travel south this morning to Lake Hawea to visit a high country sheep and cattle station, in a picturesque location with panoramic views of the lake and surrounding mountains.

This is the home of thousands of fine woolled Merino sheep and Hereford cattle.

After time observing the stock and hearing about the management of this farm, enjoy lunch then continue south to Cromwell where you will make a brief stop at an apple and summer fruit orchard.

Then on to Queenstown, via the historic town of Arrowtown. Arrive in Queenstown. This evening travel by an aerial gondola to Bobs Peak for a “Farewell Dinner” with spectacular views of the surrounding countryside.



**Saturday, April 24, Queenstown - Sydney, Australia**

(B-) Free time this morning for shopping or enjoying some of the optional activities, such as jet boating or a lake cruise. Early afternoon transfer to airport in time for a flight departing for Sydney, Australia.

**Sydney - SE Queensland, Australia**

**Saturday, April 24, Arrive Sydney**

( - - D) Arrive into Sydney International airport from New Zealand. Upon completion of Customs and Immigration formalities, you are met by your Quadrant AgTour Manager and agricultural/agribusiness specialist. There will be a sightseeing tour of the city this evening concluding with a welcome dinner at Darling Harbour restaurant, which is within walking distance of your hotel.



**Sunday, April 25, Sydney**

(BL-) Today is ANZAC day – when the nation commemorates the fallen in past wars. There will be an opportunity to watch the parades prior to taking a city and beaches tour taking in the historic ‘Rocks’ area at the southern end of the Harbour Bridge, the fashionable Eastern Suburbs, and famous Bondi Beach. On returning to the city you are taken for a luncheon cruise on the magnificent Sydney Harbour. This afternoon is free for you explore the city on your own – perhaps a walk around the world famous Opera House, or a trip to the top of Sydney Tower. This evening is free for you to find the restaurant or pub of your choice for dinner.

**Monday, April 26, Sydney - Canberra**

(B L -) After breakfast in the hotel restaurant, travel south to Canberra – the National Capital - designed by American architect – Walter Burley Griffin. Lunch will be at Regatta Point, where there is an interesting display of the development of the National Capital. The rest of the day is spent sightseeing in and around Canberra. There will be a guided tour of Parliament House, with an explanation on the system of government, including the Constitutional Monarchy and the two houses of parliament.



**Tuesday, April 27, Canberra - Brisbane**

(B - -) Breakfast in hotel restaurant – with presentation from a representative of the National Farmers Federation and some of the peak commodity councils based in Canberra to. To be followed by a visit to the US Embassy (subject to approval) for meeting and discussion with the Agricultural Attaché.

Later in the morning you are taken to the Canberra Airport for midday flight to Brisbane – the sub-tropical capital of the state of Queensland.

On arrival in Brisbane you travel to the modern Port of Brisbane facilities at the mouth of the Brisbane River. After a guided tour there will be a chance to hold discussions with personnel from Grain Corp – the company responsible for handling the storage and shipments of bulk grains in Eastern Australia.

Returning towards the city you visit the facilities of either Dunavant Enterprises or the Queensland



Cotton Corporation, both are major ginner and marketer of cotton, with commercial interests in the United States. After presentations and discussions you arrive at your city accommodation and check-in for overnight.

**Wednesday, April 28, Brisbane - Toowoomba**

(B – D) Today you check out after breakfast, and travel by coach through the fertile Lockyer Valley to the regional city of Toowoomba, and continue on to the Darling Downs, one of Australia’s most prized farming areas.



Your first visit is to a beef feedlot, finishing cattle for both the longfed

Japanese market, and the shortfed domestic markets. After inspection of the facilities and a drive through the pens with the manager, you visit the Jondaryan Centre for a traditional Aussie Bush Lunch, and some insight into the early days of settlement in the area. Later, you continue to the cropping areas around Clifton, and visit a leading cotton farm for an inspection of the water harvesting and cropping practices as well as discussions with the owners.

Later you return to Toowoomba and check into hotel for overnight accommodation. Your dinner guest this evening will be a representative of the Condamine Catchment Management Association, and discussions will concentrate on the development within Australia of Integrated Catchment Management - a philosophy for achieving long term sustainable use of land, water and related biological resources. It aims to coordinate the activities of landholders, community groups, industry groups and all spheres of government within a river catchment.

**Thursday, April 29, Toowoomba - Kingaroy**

(B - D) This morning visits will concentrate on the horticultural industries, with a visit to Australia’s largest vegetable seedling nursery which has developed breakthrough quality for babyleaf salad production and processing. Also west of Toowoomba you will visit the company that pioneered mechanical broccoli harvesting (also grow onions) and in Toowoomba they have a



processing plant for fresh cut broccoli & cauliflower tops.

Another visit will be to florists & flower growers which includes 10,000sq m of highly efficient hydroponic farm specializing in gerberas and chrysanthemums. After lunch

(own cost) we travel north into the Burnett region and meet a pork industry consultant and visit piggery facilities – with due regard to quarantine restrictions. Later meet up with farm host families and accompany them to their homes for overnight on typical Australian farm. Farm Stay.

**Australia**

Agriculture industries in Australia are comprised of a wide variety of crops, horticulture, viticulture, dairy, fiber, fisheries and livestock. The beef industry is the biggest agricultural enterprise with more than 60% of Australian beef exported primarily to the United States and Japan. Despite the harsh agricultural environment susceptible to drought, dryland salinity and acidity of soils, Australia is one of world’s major exporters of agricultural products.

**Friday, April 30, Kingaroy - Sunshine Coast**

(B L D) We gather mid-morning and travel in an easterly direction towards the coast.

Near Gympie you visit one of the largest pineapple farms in Australia – prior to having a ‘Red Claw’ lunch at a large fish farming complex.

During the afternoon you visit a Brahman and Charbray cattle stud owned by a Councillor with the Australian Brahman Breeders Association. Later you continue south into the highly productive fruit growing area of the Sunshine Coast hinterland, where you will visit a sub-tropical fruit orchard and nursery allowing inspection of production techniques in this environment. Later you continue to a beach-side motel for the final night in Australia and a farewell dinner.



**Saturday, May 1, Sunshine Coast - USA**

(B – -) Morning transfer to Brisbane Airport to connect with international flight back to USA—as you cross the International Date Line—you arrive before leaving Australia!

**For more information about the trip, or to register, go to [www.mab.ksu.edu](http://www.mab.ksu.edu), or contact Mary Bowen at [mjbowen@ksu.edu](mailto:mjbowen@ksu.edu) and 785-532-4435.**